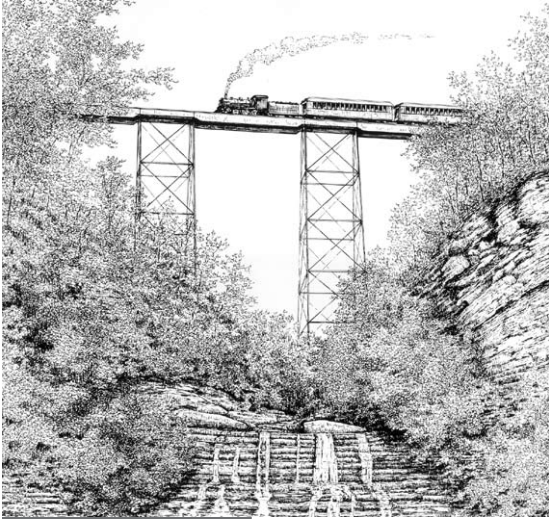


The "Riney-B" Express

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The Riney-B was a regional railroad line that ran through Jessamine County in the early 1900s. Today the scattered remnants of the old railroad remind us of the county's economic progress and our connection to the world. Read more about the Riney-B at www.georgewdean.com

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County News from 4th District Magistrate George Dean

WHEN I WAS first elected in 1994, I saw a need to create ways to keep residents of the 4th District aware of county issues and government services. Shortly after, I began

publishing this newsletter. Over the years, I have worked to develop other mechanisms, to improve communications by establishing my own website and supporting the development of the Jessamine County Government website and the Jessamine Matters newsletter. Remember that these sites: georgewdean.com and jessamineco.com are available for your convenience.

North End Sewer Project Nearing Construction Stage

Progress continues to be made towards installation of sewers in Tates Creek Estates and the Mobile Home Parks on Ashgrove Road. Funding for the project was finalized in 2005. The engineering plans are done, and acquisition of easements should be completed in a matter of weeks. I have been told by Jessamine South Elkhorn officials that as soon as these easements are completed, the project will be bid and construction contracts awarded.

Construction should begin sometime this summer, with completion 12-18 months later. I know many residents of the area are as anxious as I am to see trenches dug and pipes laid. I will continue doing everything I can to expedite the project.



Funding from the State will support several new water lines and upgrades in the Fourth District. Photo courtesy Dix Pipeline Co.

Other Public Works Projects

The City of Nicholasville is progressing on its sewer project for city residents and businesses north of the Connemara Golf Course. This project will serve Catnip Hill Road east of the railroad, and U.S. 27 north to Kohl's Department Store. It includes Bluegrass Industrial Park, businesses on Park Central Drive, and the Windmill Mobile Home Park. The City is currently identifying areas where easements are needed, and acquisition is underway. It is anticipated that the project will be bid mid summer with construction to begin early this fall.

Jessamine Rural Water District #1 has awarded the contract for installation of new lines along Vince Road, and a line extension to the end of Marshall Branch Road. Construction should begin in a few weeks. This project is made possible by funding from the State Government. Rep. Bob Damron was instrumental in getting those funds included in the 2004-05 state budget. Jessamine #1 is currently working on plans and easements to replace lines along Vince and Groggins Ferry Road, from the Marshall Branch road intersection to the new water tower on U.S. 27. This was also made possible by additional funding in the 2006-07 state budget. Rep. Damron, with the support of Senator Buford, was also able to acquire funding for the City of Nicholasville to provide service to a portion of the 4th District that is still without water.

This includes part of Union Mill Road, Old Railroad and Bethany Road between Logana and the bridge at Hickman Creek. According to Tom Calkins, Nicholasville Director of Utilities, the Union Mill phase of the project should be bid later this spring with construction in early summer. Bids and construction of Bethany and Old Railroad phases of the project will probably occur in the fall.

Other 4th District and County News

Plans Made for Youth Sports Complex

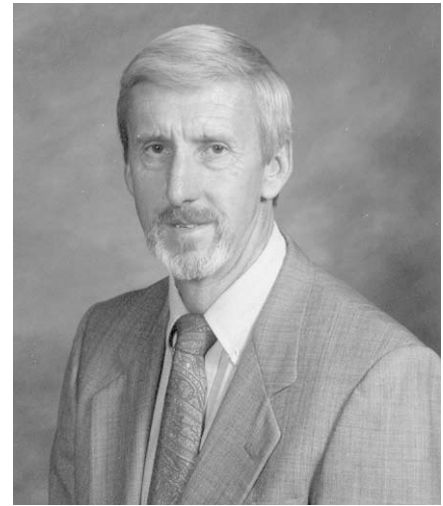
Engineers are drafting plans for development of the John Priest Sports Complex on Union Mill Road. Last year the county purchased approximately 40 acres behind East Jessamine High School. The land will be home to the Kentucky NFL Hall of Fame with plans for a youth sports stadium, soccer and other athletic fields.

Nicholasville Annexation

Last year, I reported on the annexation by the City of Nicholasville of approximately 1100 acres located between Bluegrass Industrial Park and the Fayette County line. This included Brannon Crossing, several properties fronting on U.S. 27 on the east side of the highway, and approximately 500 acres on the north side of Ashgrove Road. Additional annexation has occurred since my last newsletter. 50 acres of land north of the Plantation Golf Course was taken into the city limits and rezoned highway commercial. Toyota on Nicholasville has purchased about 15 acres of that property for a new car showroom and dealership. An additional ten acres between the Chinese Christian Church and Brannon Crossing has also been annexed. According to the Jessamine Journal it will be the new location for Man of War Ford which is currently next to Fayette Mall in Lexington.

Land Purchased for New Schools

The Jessamine County School Board recently purchased 85 acres of land on Union Mill Road for two new schools. The board plans on constructing a new middle school in the near future, followed in a few years, by



Magistrate George W. Dean was elected to his first term in November, 1993. George Dean represents the 4th District of Jessamine County, which includes the Marble Creek area and Northeast Nicholasville. He is a lifelong resident and full-time farmer in Jessamine County. In addition to his many government responsibilities, George is actively involved in numerous civic groups. Read more at www.georgewdean.com

an elementary school. The location of the schools will be south of Union Mill Road at the intersection of Orchard Drive.

Road Improvements to be Made

The Kentucky State Transportation Cabinet recently announced, as part of its Rural Secondary Road Aid Program, plans to make safety improvements to a curve on East Hickman Road near Tates Creek Road. Cost of the project is estimated to be \$200,000.00. Logana Road is also scheduled to be repaved by the transportation cabinet sometime next year.

New Dam to be Constructed at Lock 9

Construction will begin this spring on a new dam across the Kentucky River at Lock 9. The structure will take two years to complete. A tremendous amount of equipment and materials will be delivered by truck for this project. Residents living on Camp Daniel Boone Road., or near Spears, need to use caution when driving in the area.



Originally constructed in 1924, Kentucky River Lock and Dam #9 near Valley View is slated for a major upgrade beginning this Spring.

Jessamine History Notes: Spears

I expanded my newsletter in 2005 to include a section devoted to sites or persons that have influenced history in our section of the county. This edition will showcase the community of Spears and the old store at the corner of Newman Road.

The Community of Spears was established in the early 1800's at the junction of what is currently Bates Creek, Union Mill, Spears and Newman Roads. It was originally named Spearsville for John Spears, an early settler in the area. It is bisected by Bates Creek Road which is also the boundary of Jessamine and Fayette Counties. It is one of the few rural communities that have been able to maintain its unique character and economic vitality. A rarity in today's fast paced society is the existence of country stores. Spears has the distinction of having not one, but two that have been able to survive and profit economically over the years. Ernie's, at the corner of Newman Rd., is one of only three country stores remaining in business in Jessamine County. Even though Ernie's store building is a much newer structure than the other Spears store, its history goes back well over a hundred years. The picture above shows the store as it appeared in the late 1940's. At that time, it was owned and operated by Jim Tudor, then later by his son in law, Lane Purcell. The men on horseback are Lloyd and Peck Cosby. The old farm truck belonged to Ben Gab-

bard. The original store building burned in the early 70's, and was rebuilt by Don Gray. As one can see, life in Spears has not always been as fast paced as it is today. Even without the hustle and bustle of today, Spears has always had a lot to offer residents of the area. In earlier times, it was home to an additional store, two churches, a blacksmith shop, and a school with grades 1 through 12. It was also home to three doctors. If you have the time, I would encourage you to take a nostalgic drive to Spears, and visit Ernie's or the Country Store. The food is great, and the people are friendly.

The old store at the intersection of Bates Creek and Newman Road in Spears.



Photo Courtesy of Ernie Demoss.

Upcoming Events in Jessamine County

- Ichthus Music Festival Ichthus Camp Grounds.....June 14-16
- Relay for Life West Jessamine Middle School.....June 22
- Kentucky Wine and Vine Festival..... Downtown Nicholasville.....May 10-12
- 400 Mile U.S. 68 Across Kentucky Sale.... Ichthus Camp GroundJune 1-2
- Jessamine County Fair Fairgrounds at City County ParkJuly -9-14
- Wilmore Home Town Yard SaleJuly 7
- Camp Nelson 5 k Cross Country Run..... Camp Nelson Heritage ParkJune 16
- High Bridge Home Coming Festival High Bridge ParkAugust 17-19
- J.D. Crowe Bluegrass Festival Ichthus Camp GroundAug. 30-Sept 1
- Paul Sawyer Drama High Bridge ParkSept. 21-22
- Camp Nelson Living History Camp Nelson Heritage ParkSeptember 8-9
- Wilmore Arts and Crafts Festival Downtown WilmoreOctober 7
- Christmas Tree Lighting..... Nicholasville.....November 30
- Old Fashion Musical Christmas..... Downtown WilmoreDecember 1

County Wide Cleanup March 24-31

The County Wide Cleanup will be held the week of March 24-31. Residents are encouraged to take their trash and debris to the county garage, between 7:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., the week of cleanup. The county garage is located at the road dept. beside the City County Park, on Longview Drive. There will be no charge for disposal during that week. A fee will be charged for tires. Brush and storm debris will not be picked up or accepted at the county garage. Residents who are handicapped, or unable to deliver



Do a little spring cleaning and take advantage of the County Wide Clean Up.

items to the road dept., may call 885-5281 to arrange pickup. The road dept has scheduled pickup of trash and debris in Tates Creek Estates and Ashgrove Mobile Home Parks on Thursday and Friday, March 29-30. Pickups will also be made in other areas during cleanup week. Please have your items out prior to pickup times. For more information about the cleanup or other environmental programs, call 881-4465. Nicholasville residents call Gary Goldey @ city hall 885-1121.

How to contact George Dean

As always do not hesitate to contact me regarding county issues or problems that I may be able to assist you with. My home phone number is 885-4285. My pager number is 275-2614. You can also contact me by e-mail: g.w.dean@usa.net. My web-site address is www.georgewdean.com. The County Government is also on line with a website at: www.jessamineco.com.

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