

Four fires extinguished

Four fires, two of which were in cars, were extinguished by the Mt. Vernon Volunteer Fire Department during the week.

A car belonging to Robert Phelps was destroyed by fire on Cleff Rock Road at Pongo on Dec. 27. The fire started after the car backfired through the carburetor.

Fire Chief John Cox, on his way to Lexington, extinguished a fire in a car owned by Ralph Powell of the Red Hill area. The car was on I-75 north of the Renfro Valley interchange. There was

some damage.

The department made a second call within a few days to the home of Randall Vanhook on Barnett Road on Christmas Day to extinguish a flue fire. The flue had been repaired after a previous fire several days ago.

It took two trips before a fire was extinguished in a garbage dumpster at Pine Hill on Dec. 26 and Dec. 27. It was the same garbage that had been dumped on the ground to be put out, but re-caught.

Rockcastle River was proposed again. It was not to be, again.

September

Livingston Homecoming was successful and well attended. A \$9,000 garbage bill was handed fiscal court. It was to be one of many. Bones were found by David Mason in Red Hill area. Charles E. Richmond was shot to death on Conway Hollow Road. William K. Bullen asked Circuit Court for an injunction to prevent Bear Garbage from collecting in Mt. Vernon. Judge Venters rejected the request.

October

Mayor Roland Mullins notified the city council he would move out of the city and resign on Dec. 8. The guessing game of a replacement for the mayor began. More complaints filed by Bullen

over garbage. Bee charged that Bullen franchise questionable. Shooting claims life of Randall Adams. Hundred of youngsters and many oldersters rode the last passenger train through Rockcastle. U.K. Medical Center said the county owed a \$71,000 bill. A new Family Dollar Store was announced for Westgate. The Mt. Vernon City Council chose Crawford and Crawford, engineers of Burnside, to oversee the city's \$300,000 water project.

November

Joe Lambert, Rudolph Burdette, Sen. Wendell Ford were the voters choices in the general election. Rains began early in the month and was to continue off and on through November. Judge McGuire dismissed seven drunk driving cases. Magistrates surprised at the \$97,160 price tag for

county jail renovation that was urged by state. Renfro Valley barndances came back under Lair family ownership. Dr. Rudolph Burdette honored by local farmers. Asbestos in the courthouse had to be removed the state said. Tobacco sales opened lower.

December

City employees bid Mayor Roland Mullins farwell. Fiscal Court voted to include cities in the county's garbage plan. Fiscal court voted to borrow money for jail renovation. Mrs. Elizabeth Baker was appointed mayor of Mt. Vernon by the city council. Santa Claus came to Mt. Vernon and Brothead. Judge Venters voided Bullen's city garbage franchise. Fiscal court interviewed garbage coordinator applicants. Sons charged in murder of their father. John Dillingham. Bee Garbage got a privilege license in Mt. Vernon

"Fiscal Court" Cont. from Front

cities to be involved." Bishop explained, "But we must get this program started."

He suggested the cities have representatives at all planning sessions to discuss costs and other details.

Actually, that official notice to the cities informing them that within a year, if necessary, the cities will be part of the county's solid waste program is being composed. That was clear at a meeting of the fiscal court Dec. 23 when the court asked County Attorney James H. Lambeth to draw up a letter to send to the three cities.

The court will designate someone to sign the letter before, or at the next court meeting on Jan. 6.

Mayor Baker confirmed she would designate someone to attend the meeting to represent the city and cooperate with the court.

The city may have its own solid waste problem soon. Bill Harby, a representative of Schimpeler-Corradino Associates of Louisville, told the council the city must make plans to transport dry sludge from the remodeled and expanded city sewer plant to an authorized landfill, if not in the county, then outside the county.

He said sludge removal had to be done regularly and the council should begin thinking about where to put it. He said it was no small undertaking.

The council discussed the Lake Linville boat dock at the meeting with current leasee Jimmy Hale whose contract expires Dec. 31, but who has until March to inform the city of his intentions to renew or give up the dock.

Hale told the council he would like to renew the lease.

Councilman Weint told there would have to be some changes in operations at the lake, and more details written up concerning operations before a decision is made by the council.

Murders, wrecks and garbage big news of 1986

Cont. from front

Council. Fiscal Court, like all government bodies, got zapped by insurance premiums. Gallif Craig retired from Cumberland Valley Area Development District after 17 years. Spout Spring got a new look, and the first draft of a garbage plan went to the fiscal court.

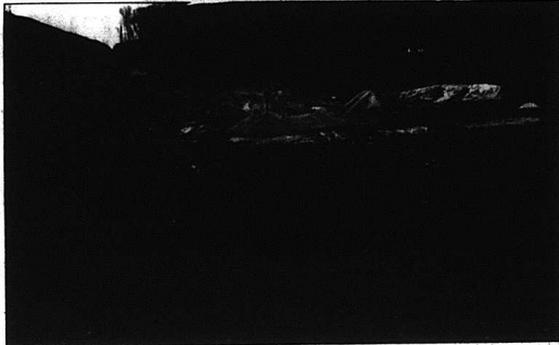
May

Mt. Vernon Police Commission grumbled over city's failure to act on suggestions. Livingston's impressive new housing for the elderly was well underway. A Negro cemetery on Richmond Street in Mt. Vernon was cleaned by volunteers. A final garbage plan got fiscal court approval. County agriculture agencies moved from the courthouse to the old Western Auto building. Drought conditions caught up with Rockcastle and a too-big blast damaged houses near the new Mt. Vernon bypass. Death claimed R.H. Hamm. On May 27, the signal was in the news when fire damaged the building in Mt. Vernon. Attorney Joseph Lambert won the primary for a chance at a seat on the Kentucky Supreme Court. He also won in November.

ries. Mt. Vernon Council began its planned annexation. Mark Bray was honored for heroism by the city, and later, by the governor. It was a hot, hot July but 6,000 turned out for Old Joe Clark's Bluegrass Festival at Renfro Valley. U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell visited Mt. Vernon, and Billy Riddle retired from teaching and coaching after 22 years. Brothead 1986-87 budget was lower than the 1985-86. The Arts Council plan was scheduled and the election campaign began. Tommy B. Burdette was shot to death on Conway Hollow Road.

August

A hassle over ownership of Lake Linville road (Oak Hill Road) began. Later, it was found it belonged to the county, not Mt. Vernon. The city started filling in an area on East Main Street to build a new fire station. The school budget was set at \$6 million. Some Livingston residents opposed garbage collection in their city under the county plan. Miss Ruth McFerron died at her home, and a hay lift started in the county. Fire destroyed Willailla Feed and Supply. Natalie Pybas was chosen Miss Rockcastle. A dam on the



Work slows on by-pass . . .

Work is progressing much slower these days on the Mt. Vernon by-pass mainly due to weather. Some rock crushing is still going on. The by-pass is scheduled to be finished this year.

June

First rumor that the Seaboard railroad would abandon the line from Rockcastle Industrial park to Lebanon was heard. When and if, still remained a question at year's end. Several hundred turned out for an auto show at Renfro Valley. The county budget went over the million dollar mark. Former State Representative Harold DeMarcus died and Martha Wesley, Rockcastle 4-H agent left for her new post in Versailles. Former Rockcastle Attorney Edwin R. Denney died unexpectedly in Lexington. The fiscal court decided to use some of its state road money (\$423,000) for administrative and salary purposes.

July

Magistrates raised their sala-

"Tobacco" Cont. from Front

do most of the work yourself and don't have any bad luck like the '83 drought and so on. I think that most tobacco farmers know that," he said.

Tobacco markets will re-open on January 5th and when it is all said and done Rockcastle County farmers will have sold almost 2.5 million pounds of leaf, which will generate approximately 4 million dollars for this county. While that sounds like a lot and is, it is a far cry from three years ago when the same tobacco farmers would have brought nearly 6 million dollars into the county.

"That fact has affected every one and not just the farmer," Ballinger said. "When you take two million dollars income from a county, our size it hurts," he said. As far as leasing tobacco for next year goes, Ballinger thinks that most people will only pay around 50 cents a pound for the right to use someone else's card but he said that could vary from 40 cents a pound in some cases to 55 in others.

"Annexation" Cont. from Front

show Bend and Town Hill. Along U.S. 25 south property includes McGuire Subdivision. Save-a-lot market. Holiday Motel, loq houses. Chevron and Gulf service stations. Superior Food Market. Peacock property and Boone Trail Restaurant. Eaton's property. Rockcastle Auto Parts. Hasty property and various homes.

This list does not include all the property. Some property may be only partially in the city limits. To repeat, persons interested should consult the map at city hall.

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