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County Field Day

President Designates Farm Safety Week; Says Ag. Third Most Hazardous Industry

President Nixon, in signing a proclamation designating July 20-26 as Farm Safety Week, noted that although American agriculture has made great strides in production it nevertheless remains the nation's third most hazardous industry.

Pipeline Construction Progresses Rapidly

"Kentucky Gas Transmission Corporation is making rapid progress in pipeline construction this summer," according to F. H. Smith of M. O. Oliver, division superintendent. The weather has generally been favorable, with few heavy rains to slow construction, Mr. Smith said. The company's biggest project involves the laying of 24 miles of 30 inch transmission line in two sections in Montgomery, Nicholas and Robertson Counties at a cost of \$4.4 million. The new line will enable the company to increase its deliveries to Cincinnati Gas and Electric Co. and other wholesale customers. Among the towns served by these customers are Owensboro, Samburg, Mr. Sterling, Carlisle and Mt. Olivet. Overall construction is about 75 percent completed, Mr. Smith said. The pipeline now is working on a crossing under the Licking River. The line was given a special "hazard" rating because it will be installed in a trench 10 feet deep. In addition, it will be protected automatically by an electrical system to retard any future corrosion, before the pipeline is placed in operation. It will undergo a hydrostatic test. It will be tested at a much greater pressure than the pressure of the gas it will carry. In this manner any weak areas are easily spotted and repaired. The interior of the pipeline will be sandblasted to clean it and remove moisture. Welds which joined the sections of pipe, were inspected by X-rays, much in the same manner X-rays are used to check on parts of the human body. The gas company has had numerous construction inspectors on site to make sure that each stage of the construction was carried out correctly. Mr. Smith said. He added that the pipe was selected before the pipe was manufactured to ensure the pipeline to meet its operating requirements.

Three Carlisle Teams In District Tourney

Carlisle Golf, Blue Grass Tennis, and Blue Grass Industries have teams entered in a double elimination district slow pitch softball tournament being played at the Nicholas County Recreational Field.

Caravan of Cars To Visit Carlisle

A caravan of cars (purpose 100) plan to visit Carlisle Saturday, July 19, at 4:40 p.m. The purpose of the caravan will be to announce the Carlisle 1970th Anniversary Celebration which will be held at Carlisle. The Caravan will have Carlisle Bill Miller as driver. Charles Switzer and Mrs. Prentice Burgen of Owensboro, Kentucky, will be in the caravan. It will be led by Troop 1000 of the Boy Scouts of America. Members of each town to be visited are: Madisonville, Tova Bunch, Palomoto, Bluegrass, Germantown, Mt. Olivet, Carlisle, Millersburg, Paris and Georgetown in that order.

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Effort To Avoid \$5 Million Deficit Prompts Medicaid Changes Effective July 1

FRANKFORT, Ky. — In an effort to save the state's Medicaid Program from a possible \$5 million deficit this fiscal year, Economic Security Commissioner Marshall DeLoach announced recent proposed changes in the program were effective July 1. The Kentucky Medical Advisory Council at its quarterly meeting approved the changes aimed at getting the most for the Medicaid dollar in areas where the recipients will suffer the least. "We carefully weighed the needs of the nearly 500,000 Kentuckians eligible for Medicaid before affecting the changes. All of the action being indicated reflects the one overriding desire of this department to preserve

and strengthen our Medical Assistance Program."

The changes stem from the discovery earlier this year that the Medicaid Program operated under its cost \$2 million during fiscal 1969, instead of the \$3 million budgeted. DeLoach also said the changes were designed to curb abuses in the program ran through education and control measures.

The changes recommended by the administering departments of Economic Security (DES) and Health include:

1. Medicaid recipients will be issued medical record cards for physicians to record each visit in an effort to inform doctors of patients' recent visits to other physicians.
2. A doctor will be paid for only two consecutive visits per patient per year. Payments for these "workings" was previously unlimited. DeLoach said this will result in better utilization of physician services.
3. The medical review of hospital patients will take place after seven days, with an additional 14 days authorized stay possible. The change does not affect the 21 day hospital emergency coverage provided under Medicaid.
4. Quarterly statements of services rendered will be mailed by the department of Economic Security to each Medicaid recipient, so the recipient can

cross-check the benefits he has received against his own records and report the same to the state.

5. Heads of families with dependent children who qualify for Medicaid will be required to document their unemployment status monthly with their public assistance office. Instead of being required to document their "tag-time" during which unauthorized services can be rendered.
6. All persons who receive payments from which ordinary payroll deductions are made will be considered "employed" and will not be eligible for Medicaid.

The time during which a recipient

may remain in a nursing home after certification that skilled nursing care no longer is necessary is reduced from 30 to 20 days during which the patient's relocation will be arranged.

The Health Department recommended certain "low priority drugs," costing \$1.5 million during fiscal 1969, be removed from the approved drug list, and that two new drug-antiglaucoma ophthalmic solutions and oral anti-fungal venereal medicine for children, be added at an estimated cost of \$250,000.

No final decisions have yet been reached on which, if any, of the drugs will be eliminated from the list.

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essing the extent of overutilization of "outside" care of the program by recipients "and outside."

The department is studying a report by State Auditor James Thompson that revealed "unnecessary duplication of services" in the program. DeLoach pointed out a program of education is underway to inform recipients of the proper use of medical services.

In signing on a pilot basis in Powell, Caldwell and Russell Counties, recipients will be invited to meet with local welfare workers to discuss the Medicaid Program.

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Soil Conservation Cooperators To Meet

The Nicholas and Robertson County Soil Conservation Districts will have their annual cooperative meeting and field day at the Blue Grass State Park, 10 miles east of Paducah, Saturday, July 19. The meeting will be held at the park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The annual report will be made and honor awards and Master Conservationists Awards will be presented at the meeting.

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