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## Kentucky's fuel shortage more severe than expected

The long-predicted and long-feared energy crisis has already become a reality for many Kentuckians as the state's first cold wave has resulted in fuel shortages for many homes and businesses.

The state Office for Mandatory Allocation of the Kentucky Energy Council has received hundreds of calls asking for help since they began their allocation efforts Nov. 1.

Damon Harrison, chairman of the Kentucky Energy Council, described the situation in the office as "chaotic" and laid the blame partially on "either Federal inaction or dilatory action."

The state office is supposed to process the requests and recommendations to the federal office assigned to Kentucky. The regional federal office in Atlanta, Ga. has not yet begun effective operation, and in the meantime, the state office must take care of the problem, Harrison said.

The problem is that the federal government miscalculated Kentucky's needs and the seriousness of the shortage in the state, he said. The state is free to allocate only 10 percent of its total fuel supply but at this point state officials are

not sure what this supply is. It is known however that the supply is significantly lower than last year's.

Suppliers and distributors have been told to supply their customers at the same levels as they did at this time in 1972. But, most distributors and suppliers don't have as much fuel available as they did last year. Warm, wet weather last fall delayed the need for fuel until December. The weather also prevented farmers from doing much work. Therefore, fuel needs were not as high last year as they are now.

The increased need and the decreased supply have led to a critical situation for many people who, under the allocation regulations, will not be eligible for fuel until next month or later. Right now the allocation office is "trying desperately to take care of home heating and farming needs on a day-to-day basis until the federal government office becomes operational for longer range allocations."

A spokesman for the State Mandatory Allocation Office said. John Stapleton, director of the state Office for Mandatory Allocation says, "Our allocation system operates on a priority listing. We respond immediately

by phone to those with critical shortages of home heating fuel and fuel for farm uses. In other situations considered to be less critical, we require them to submit an application for allocation." These forms are supposed to be supplied by the federal office but the state office is having to print their own for the time being.

Another spokesman for the office stressed that the state is doing "everything possible in a very severe situation to make sure that no one suffers from a lack of fuel. Effective coordination is difficult at this time but everyone will be taken care of eventually. In the meantime all we can ask is that people be patient and conserve the fuel they have."

Stapleton says that the immediate problem will ease somewhat when people who did not buy fuel until last December become eligible for fuel allocation.

Kentucky's total energy situation is not as serious as that of many states because our abundant coal reserves are used for the generation of electricity. Electricity is in good supply but a sudden increase in the use of this source of energy could also lead to shortages, he said.

But, Stapleton warned that even though allocation may alleviate the crisis situation somewhat, a real fuel shortage does exist and Kentuckians should expect to face it the remainder of the winter.

For assistance contact: John Stapleton, Director of Office of Mandatory Fuel Allocation, Room 2320, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Ky. 40601, Phone 502-564-4270.



Mother of God choral club in concert at Mother of God Church, Covington.

## Shrine to present Mother of God Choral Concert Sunday, December 9

The Mother of God Choral Club, a 30-year musical tradition in Northern Kentucky, will present a concert of traditional and contemporary music at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 3:30 p.m.

Under the direction of Karl Litzensmayer, the Choral Club appeared in Covington this fall before a capacity audience with an impressive presentation of Mozart's "Requiem." The Club won distinction at Indiana University music competitions, the Chicago

Mass Festival, and was heard on WKCY radio's "Hour of Truth."

Mr. Litzensmayer has been associated with the Mother of God Choral Club since 1957 and has been musical director since 1968. He has directed the Villa Madonna Academy Choral Club in Covington since 1972.

Following the concert, dinner will be served in the Church hall by advance reservation only. The concert and dinner will be open to the public and will be part of the feastday celebration of the

patrons of the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe-Building Fund of the Shrine.

Admission to the concert is \$1.00 by advance ticket or by payment on admission. Dinner reservations must be made by Dec. 1, accompanied by payment of \$3.00 per person. Reservations may be made in writing to the Shrine, Mrs. Charles Campy (285-5353) is reservations chairman.

## Annual Thanksgiving Service Nov. 21

The annual Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Nicholas County Ministerial Association, will be held at the Moorefield United Methodist Church on Wednesday, Nov. 21, at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Harold Rife of the Carlisle Christian Church will be the speaker. Rev. Howard Livingston, host pastor, and also the Ministerial Association's new president, invites all to attend.

## Rotary sponsors Pancake Fry Saturday

The Carlisle Rotary Club will hold a Pancake Fry Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

It will be held at the corner of Main and Locust Streets in the Alabrum Building. Door prizes will be given away. The cost of the breakfast will be \$1.00.

## Barnett named City Fire Chief; Fire Department problems aired

Bobby Barnett was named City Fire Chief by the unanimous vote of City Council Monday night at its regular meeting. The vote was 5-0 with Don Smith abstaining. His salary will be \$300 per year. He replaces Kenneth Ishmael.

Fire Department problems were discussed at length, in light of the state insurance inspector's letter to the City recommending improvements necessary to keep the City's present insurance rate of Grade 7. The letter stated that if improvements are not made, the City runs the risk of being classified Grade 10—"unprotected"—which will raise insurance rates of all residents.

Barnett was authorized by a 5-0 vote to hire up to 16 volunteer firemen. The City is supposed to have a minimum of 12

presently, but only has 10. He was also urged to set up another fire school as soon as possible. At the recent local fire show, eight firemen attended all hours, but the state requires that 12 firemen attend an annual fire school. That this school did not meet the state requirement.

Council voted unanimously to change six to eight fire hydrants yearly starting with the outdated ones on Main Street in 1974. Barnett was asked to see that hydrants are flushed regularly and the flow checked. He was also told to see that bushes were removed from around fire plugs. One particularly staid was one in Kennedy Heights.

In other business, Glenn Bowles was hired as a full-time policeman at a salary of \$10,000. Please turn to page 12.



Mrs. Doran, director of Morehead State University's Personal Development Institute, and Mrs. Carolyn Flatt, PDI instructor, congratulate two Nicholas county students for completing a Personal Enrichment Program for high school students at MSU. From left are Mrs. Doran, Judy Hunter, Carla Hunt and Mrs. Flatt. The Personal Development Institute, founded by Mrs. Doran in 1968, has received national attention for its innovative approach to personal development. Mrs. Doran is the wife of the MSU president.

## SURVEY IMPLIES

### Nicholas county a strong market for major appliances

NEW YORK—Nicholas county has become a strong market for cars and for major household appliances, the latest figures show.

Local families, despite the restraints imposed by higher taxes and by the skyrocketing cost of living, have been spending a considerable part of their disposable income for such luxuries and for better living generally.

It has been going for the purchase of food freezers, air conditioners, new cars, stereos, TV sets and other big-ticket items.

As a result the proportion of local families who have been acquiring such equipment or have been replacing their older models with new ones has been on the rise.

The findings are detailed in the new County and City Data Book, released by the Department of Commerce. It covers all sections of the county.

In Nicholas county, one set of figures shows the total number of family households, the ones with air conditioners constitute 15 percent. The ratio in 1960 was 3 percent.

Similarly, there has been a marked increase in the number of food freezers in the area. The proportion of homes that are equipped at the present time is listed as 41 percent, as against the 1960 figure of 26 percent.

The survey has also taken count of the telephone in residential use. It finds that household units that have telephone service amount to 78 percent. By way of comparison, in 1960 it was 57 percent.

The increase in the number of cars in operation in Nicholas county is another indicator of the rising standard of living in the area.

The government's figures show that the proportion of local families with one or more cars has reached 84 percent, an increase over the prior total of 81 percent.

Compared with a possible maximum rating of 400, which would apply if every family had at least one car, the local population score is 219. Its 1960 score was 167.

The survey indicates that the acquisition of household appliances and other durables is directly related to income, and that when income rises, as it has been doing locally, people tend to spend more in that direction.

## Temperance speaks

Dr. Debert Batts, Executive Director of the Nicholas League of Kentucky, will be in Nicholas county for speaking engagements this weekend. The former pastor of the Carlisle Baptist Church will preach at 7 p.m. worship service at the Carlisle United Methodist Church on Sunday.

He will give the temperance education lectures to the students at both Nicholas County Schools on Monday. The Temperance League work is sponsored by donations from churches throughout the state.

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## Berry wins City vote recount

A recount of votes in the City Council race between Oliver Veach Berry and Earl Marshall was held Tuesday night in the County Clerk's office.

The recount resulted in Mr. Berry being certified the winner with 27 votes to Mr. Marshall's 21. The difference was noted in the "write-up" votes.

Mr. Berry, whose name appeared on the ballot, lost by one vote to Mr. Marshall a writer and candidate in the original count.

The recount was made in four city precincts: Mayers Office, Engine House, Mathias and City Building, and involved four voting machines.

announcements and notices. Farmers might also want to check at the County Office to be sure which AGES Community they are in.

Nominates for ASC Community Committees are listed below by communities. In the mail election, those with the three largest number of votes will be elected community committeemen, the next two highest will be alternates. The nominees are:

Community "A"—Headquarters and Bartsville: Bobby Brady, E. V. Deaney, Matthew D. Kennedy, James Livingston, Clyde Miller, and Bobby Webb.

Community "B"—Elizaville and Myers: Bill Goad, R. M. Hildreth Jr., Phil Hillock, Carl Lecher, H. Clay Mann, and Herbert McClanahan.

Community "C"—Morefield and East Union: Jack Becker, S.S. Lyons Jr., James Platt, Willie Lee Taber, Cliff Vico, and J.S. Wilson.

Community "D"—Carlisle and Parks: Lowell Muller, Harold Leflon, Kasha Ruffitt, Harvey Wagoner, Rube Williams, and James N. Wood.

Farmers are reminded that the ballots must be postmarked or returned to the County Office by Dec. 1.

MAIL HOLIDAY  
Due to a mail holiday next Thursday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day, rural readers and other mail subscribers will receive their Mercury a day later. The Carlisle Mercury office will be closed all day Thanksgiving Day.