Rep. Adrian Arnold comments on first year in state legislature

by Shannon Payne

As the 1974 session of the General Assembly came to an end last week, Rep. Adrian Arnold, D-Mt. Sterling, discussed some of his accomplishments, disappointments, and experiences as a freshman legislator.

"I have found my first term as state representative to be a rewarding and educational experience," Arnold said. "Although this session may not have been an outstanding one, it has been productive. Many good minor pieces of legislation have been passed."

Arnold, who represents Bath, Montgomery, Nicholas, and part of Fleming counties, says that at the beginning of the legislative session, there is little pressure, "but as the working days become fewer the pressure builds, until the last week of the session when the pressure is tremendous."

"There are too many bills and too little time to give proper attention to them," Arnold said. The last week of the session the General Assembly had to cram 470 bills into three legislative workdays.

"It's difficult during the last few days to know what bills are getting through, and how they've been amended," said Arnold. "We just don't have enough time near the end of the session to examine the long-range effects of a legislative proposal, and that is why so many bad bills get passed us."

"When I vote, I try to weigh the effects of a bill, with the need for a new law," Arnold said. "No legislator agrees completely with any piece of legislation, but he weighs the pros and cons before he votes."

"One thing I have learned is that legislation is passed by inches, not by leaps and bounds," he said. "Good legislation cannot be passed quickly, because it must be studied thoroughly."

Arnold feels that an important function of the legislature is stopping bad bills. "I don't think the legislature is meant to grind out bills," he said. "When the legislature moves too fast, bad bills get through."

Arnold recommends a split session to give legislators more time to study bills, without costing taxpayers more money for an extended session. "We could perhaps meet for 20 or 30 days for introducing bills and debate, and then meet another 20 or 30 days for debate and passage of bills," he said.

Although many people contact legislators concerning bills that may affect them, Rep. Arnold says that he doesn't hear from enough of his constituents concerning legislation of interest to them.

"Many times I only hear from those people who may be adversely affected by a certain bill," he said. "Even though the bill may be in the public interest, they are unaware of it, and I fail to hear from them."

"When we are considering 50-80 bills a day, it is impossible for me to contact every group, a particular bill could affect, but I am very grateful to all the people who contacted me," Arnold said.

Arnold indicated that lobbyists play an important part in the legislative process. "They aren't just a bunch of men standing outside the House chamber, with a handfull of money for your vote, as some people think." Many persons were in Frankfort this session to lobby in the public interest. "They are often a good source of information concerning a bill," he said.

Most of the confusion and debate during the last days of the session, concerned passage of a no-fault automobile insurance bill. The bill, which does not become law until July, 1976, will give Kentuckians a choice, as to whether they want no-fault injury coverage or not, and will make liability insurance mandatory in Kentucky.

The legislature passed a revised penal code for Kentucky, which restores the death penalty for certain specified crimes. "I think this will be a deterrent to violent crimes," Arnold said. "Most of my mail concerned reviving the death penalty and abortion legislation." The legislature passed an abortion bill, which complied with the recent Supreme Court abortion decision.

Rep. Arnold was active in getting two strip mine control bills out of the Agriculture and Natural Resources committee (of which he is a member) and passed by the House. "These bills should help landowners and control the deterioration of the land," Arnold said.

Arnold was successful in passing two other bills he introduced. HB 92 adds three new purebred breeds of cattle to the Kentucky Nationals Show and Sale. This act will promote and improve the cattle industry of Kentucky.

Another act HB 443 will be beneficial to the residents of small towns and rural areas as this legislation allows dentists and dental specialists to practice in at least three locations.

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Lillian M. Davis, deceased
Elmer Otis Davis, Executor
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Date of Appointment March 7, 1974

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Robert Fisher, Executor
Carlisle, Kentucky
Date of Appointment March 13, 1974

Herman Fryman, deceased
Flora D. Fryman, Executrix
Route 1 Carlisle, Kentucky
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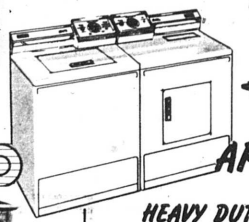

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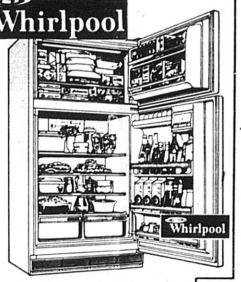

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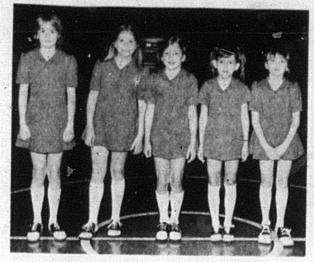

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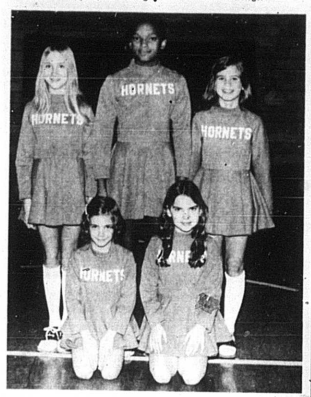

Hornets cheerleaders are bottom row, Amy Fuller and Melissa Mitchell. Top row, l to r, Mona Pryor, Clarnita Williams and Angie Wilson. Sponsors for the Hornets squad are Mrs. Harvey Wilson and Mrs. Paul Pryor.

PROCLAMATION
By The
Judge of Nicholas County
and
Mayor of Carlisle

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WHEREAS, The Kentucky Extension Homemakers Association, which includes the Nicholas County Association, has compiled a "Kentucky Treasure Trail Booklet" containing a county-by-county listing of cultural art activities and places throughout our commonwealth; and,

WHEREAS, In preparing for our Bicentennial Celebration, it is indeed appropriate that our county publicize and promote historical sites of interest; and,

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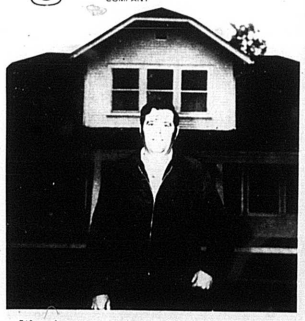

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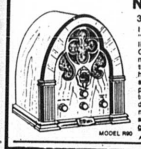

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