Obituaries

MRS. JAMES E. ROWLAND

Mrs. Trylla Collins Rowland, 67, widow of James E. Rowland, 2050 Garden Spring Drive, Lexington, died Tuesday, April 30, 1974 at Good Samaritan Hospital.

She was a native of Paris, daughter of the late A.B. and Jennie Lowe Collins and was a member of Antioch Christian Church. She had been housemother at Good Samaritan School of Nursing.

Survivors is a daughter, Mrs. James C. Gragg, Lexington; brother, A.B. Collins Jr., Frankfort; sister, Mrs. Helen Clark, Cincinnati, Ohio; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Mrs. Rowland was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Rubel Williams of Nicholas county.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at the Antioch Christian Church with Rev. Carl Ham officiating. Burial in the Paris Cemetery.

Casketbearers: Gilbert Clifford, Dr. Logan Gragg Jr., Harriel Gudgell, Shelby Odgen, Don Wilson, Warren Willmott.

Switch to metric system on horizon

Thomas Jefferson wanted it, John Quincy Adams proposed it, the British have adopted it, and the U.S. Congress currently is studying it—with that kind of moving force, it appears inevitable that Kentucky and the rest of America will some day adopt the metric system of measurements.

George L. Johnson, director of the state Department of Agriculture's Division of Weights and Measures, explained recently that the proposed conversion to the metric system is necessary for American industry to compete in the world marketplace.

The United States is the last major power in the world still using the old English system of measurements. Ironically, the British Commonwealth nations began a 10-year switch to the metric system in 1965 with completion scheduled for next year.

Johnson said that the conversion, if approved by Congress, will take about 10 years, but steps must be taken soon, or American products won't be in line with their metric system competitors.

Since American products use parts measured in traditional inches, feet, pints, quarts and other units of the old English system, it is difficult to replace them in a world marketplace that is almost entirely on the metric system.

Devised in France in 1799 the metric system bases all weights and measurements on units of 10. Variations are calculated by moving the decimal point.

For example, the millimeter is the smallest unit of linear measurement, with 10 equaling a centimeter and 10 centimeters making a decimeter—the equivalent of just under four inches.

Ten decimeters add up to a meter and 1,000 meters form a kilometer. Generally speaking, meters would replace yards and kilometers miles in linear measurement.

The changes also extend to liquid and dry measurements with liters replacing quarts, hectoliters bushels, and grams grains, etc.

One of the advantages of the metric system is its uniformity in graduation of units of ten from, say, the tiny millimeter to the two-thirds of a mile long kilometer.

Johnson said that after the initial growing pains, conversion to the metric system will be a boon to Kentucky's economy. "Some of the biggest problems at the outset will be the conversion of tool and die sizes, scales, gas pumps and other measuring instruments," he noted.

Kentucky, with agriculture, coal and distilling among its chief industries, probably wouldn't feel the conversion crunch as much as states that depend chiefly on manufacturing, Johnson said, although as Kentucky's manufacturing sector grows, this will become a major factor also. A change from bushels of crops to the metric hectoliter or from a metric ton of coal to its current equivalent of 2,204 pounds isn't as drastic as a machine manufacturer changing all of his equipment sizes, he added.

Johnson said that the metric system already is in use in Kentucky by engineers, pharmacists and many others in the scientific field and noted, "We are ready to begin converting here in the Division of Weights and Measures the day Congress passes the bill."

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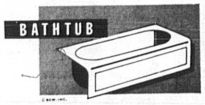

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The eight-week summer term opens Monday, June 10, with registration of graduate students and seniors. Juniors, sophomores and freshmen enroll Tuesday, June 11, and classes begin Wednesday, June 12.

The session ends Saturday, Aug. 3. Summer commencement is scheduled Thursday, Aug. 1.

A two-week post session will be Aug. 5-16 with registration on Monday, Aug. 5.

MSU's summer calendar includes more than 50 camps, conferences, institutes, seminars and workshops.

Schedules of the 1974 summer session may be obtained from the Director of Admissions, MSU, Morehead, Ky. 40351.

Hospital notes

April 23, 1974 to April 30, 1974. Visiting hours are 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

ADMITTED: Howard Bramel, Sadie Scott, Layne Gray, Addie Allison, Lilliat Fryman, Carlisle; Theodore Mitchell, Ewing; Ardie Ishmael, Paris; Anna L. Crump, Millersburg; Ethel Ishmael, Moorefield; Lovell Linville, Brooksville.

DISMISSED: Vada Pelphrey, Bessie George, Marjorie Cornelius and baby boy, Clay Myers, Anna Carter and baby boy, Ann Fryman, Ruth Blount, Ira D. Mitchell, Ruth King, Carlisle; Jane Herndon, Theodore Mitchell, Jenny Mae Mitchell, Ewing; Eloise Mastin, Raymond Wright, Mabel Stewart, Mt. Olivet; Mayme House, Norma Bussell, Moorefield; Hiland Jolly, Ardie Ishmael and baby boy, Paris.

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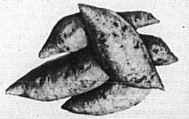

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