

Bluegrass hard hit by flu epidemic according to reports

FRANKFORT—The Bluegrass has been hard hit by the flu epidemic according to reports received by the Department for Human Resources. Kentucky has 19,386 reported cases as of Tuesday, Jan. 23, according to reports received by local health departments. Records are based on reports from physicians; therefore, a case must have been severe enough to warrant contacting a physician and the physician must file a report before it is included.

Christian and Clinton counties are the two hardest hit in the state, according to these reports. Health Services Bureau figures show 3,436 cases in Christian and 3,250 in Clinton. Bluegrass counties from which reports have been received are: Bourbon, 5; Fayette, 1,354; Franklin,

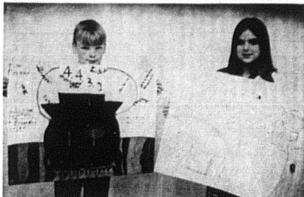
35; Jefferson, 289; Madison, 42; and Mercer, 516.

Western Kentucky was the hardest hit and Eastern and Northern Kentucky have the fewest reported cases.

Laboratories in the Bureau for Health Services are running tests to determine what types of virus are responsible for the outbreak. Testing a virus culture usually requires two to four weeks.

Dr. C. Hernandez, director of the Division for Preventive Services in DHR, said the most common symptoms are chest congestion with cough, fever, chills and a general achiness feeling.

"People should have a little medication for others and just stay home," Dr. Hernandez commented. He recommended bedrest, plenty of fluids and, if symptoms persist, "see your doctor."



Top Poster winners in the 441 "Mulligan Sew" nutrition poster contest were Tim Fryman and Lisa White. "Mulligan Sew", a six-part television series, was broadcast statewide over Kentucky Educational Television, and was designed to help fifty grade boys and girls learn about good nutrition the "fun" way. The four fifth grade teachers and principal co-ordinated the program.

Bottom Two of the five winning 441 "Mulligan Sew" posters were drawn by Leslie Isham and Mary Beth Murray. The nutrition poster contest was one of the learning activities related to the "Mulligan Sew" television series. 124 students viewed the six-part television series which was broadcast statewide over the Kentucky Educational Television.

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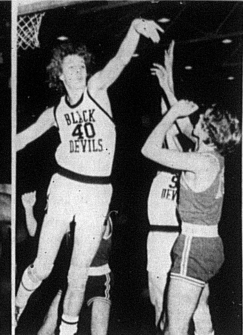
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Steve Cartwright finds a little extra arch necessary in getting this shot over the hoop per Mt. Olivet, Deming's Fletcher-Smith photo.

Despite foul trouble, Bluejackets are victorious over Mt. Olivet

by Jimmy Smith

Despite raining into extensive foul trouble in the ball game, the Nicholas County Bluejackets held on to their lead to capture a victory over Mt. Olivet, Deming. The Jackets got themselves into a victory over Mt. Olivet department early in the contest, and Nicholas County coach, Bill Anderson, was forced to go to the bench in relief efforts even just after the second half.

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into the lineup at the start of the final period. But the foul began to take its toll on the Jackets as with 5:44 to go in the game, Jacket center, Gary Gray, hit the bench with an excess of personal infractions, and with 3:17 left Wallace Edwards was forced to take the same type exit. Deming pulled back to within a single bucket, at 20-56. With 2:09 remaining in the game, the Jackets thought it best to have a look at things and they called a time out. With 1:48 left on the clock Deming Booth put the Jackets back up by four at 60-54. Gerald Thompson, the game's leading scorer, took Jacket matters into hand and put the Jackets back up by six points with his steal-and-basket. Then Deming Booth came through with another crucial basket and he added a free throw to give the Nicholas County team a seemingly comfortable lead, 60-58. Thompson came through for the iver with his three point play that put in the game. Jacket center, Gary Gray, Gerald Thompson led all scorers on the Jacket squad and elsewhere with his 25 point output. He was followed in the scoring department by Wallace Edwards, 14; Gary Gray, 12; Damon Booth, 7; Doug Barber, 6; Steve Cartwright, 4; Tony Ritchie, 2. Deming's scoring column was headed up by Aiwartz with 13. Next were French, 14; K. Dreyer, 10; Northcutt, 8; D. Dreyer, 8; Fletcher, 4; Janko, 1. The Nicholas County 'B' team did its own action Friday night because the Jacket's varsity contest was preceded by another varsity game between Saint Patrick and W.M.I. St. Pat won the game, 76-41.

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Interest rate on GI loans is dropped

The maximum interest rate on Veterans Administration GI home loans will be dropped from 9 per cent to 8.5 per cent effective Jan. 23, 1974. It has been announced by Richard L. Roush, Administrator of Veterans Affairs.

Knookush, who established the lower 1/4 rate after consultation with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, noted that the reduction was the second since last Nov. 24 when the maximum interest rate was lowered from 10 to 9 per cent. The new 8.5 per cent rate will also apply to FHA home loans, he added.

The 8.5 per cent rate is the lowest since April 1974 when the rate was increased from 8.25 to 9 per cent. The rate was increased to 9 per cent last July, then to 8.5 per cent in August, and then was cut to 8 per cent effective Nov. 23, 1974.