

The Carlisle Mercury

Volume 109, Number 1

Carlisle, Ky. 40311, Thursday, January 1, 1976

20 Cents per copy

Rep. Arnold says agricultural land assessing needs revision

Kentucky needs to change its method of assessing agricultural land in order to better carry out the intent of a 1969 amendment to the state Constitution, state Representative Adrian Arnold believes.

Arnold has spent much time since the last legislative session drafting legislation to do just that.

The amendment said that farm land in Kentucky should be assessed for tax purposes based on its value for agricultural or horticultural purposes, not on its potentially greater value as a site for residential or commercial development.

Previous attempts at implementing the amendment have faced two problems—how to tell what true farm value is, and how to tell whether the landowner is a real farmer, not merely a speculator or "hobby" farmer.

The proposal bill would have farm land assessed based on its income-producing capability. The amount of income a farmer would have to produce in order to qualify for the reduced assessment rate would vary with the size of his farm.

Arnold says some local officials may view the bill as an infringement upon their taxing powers. Yet he is quick to point out that the bill only implements a decision the public made in 1969.

"The issue is not what it will do to the taxing authority of the school districts and the counties, but whether we are going to implement a constitutional amendment we passed," he says.

Arnold says he is "interested, naturally, in farm legislation, being an old farm boy myself." The son of a farmer, and raised on a farm, Arnold



responsibility to seek office yourself," he says.

"My number one concern is not so much a particular issue or a particular bill, but watching out for the individual freedoms our forefathers gave us. The American people, unconsciously or without really realizing it, are trading their freedom for security," he says. Arnold says he approaches every bill he is to vote on with two questions in mind.

"I think it's very important first to see whether it limits individual freedoms," he says, "and second, I want to know whether it's right or it's wrong."

The Mount Sterling Democrat represents the 7th House District of Bath, Fleming, Montgomery and Nicholas counties.

attended several U.S. Department of Agriculture courses on farming techniques, and in 1962 was chosen the "Outstanding Young Farmer of Kentucky."

"Involved in the Montgomery County Farm Bureau, and he moved up to the legislature in 1974 when his local house seat became vacant.

"I've always been interested in good government and worked for the candidate of my choice, never really dreaming that someday I'd get into politics," Arnold says.

"I think it's everyone's duty to support, either with your help or your money, a candidate, and if you can't find anyone to support, then it's your

Convention for County ASC Committee held

Eugene Letcher, a well-known Nicholas county farmer, was named to the County Agricultural Stabilization

"Please turn to page 4

Community development grant preapplication date extended

Rural communities now have until Feb. 15, 1976, to file preapplications for community development discretionary grants under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-58).

Steve Burns of the Blue Grass Area Development District is working on a preapplication to be submitted for Carlisle and Nicholas county. Top priority is improvements in Henysville. Preapplications were to be filed with the Department of Housing and Urban

Profit advances

"The word 'profit' derives from a Latin root that means to advance, to progress, or to go forward. That is what the free enterprise system is founded upon. Many of the same challenges we encountered in the past we face today and must overcome if we are to go forward. In no doing it is not a few who will profit but many who will prosper in jobs, incomes, conveniences and everything else that gives us the economic freedom needed to make our other freedoms more meaningful and secure."

—Rogers C.B. Morton
Secretary of Commerce

New postal rate

New temporary postal rates will go into effect at 12:01 a.m. local time Wednesday, Dec. 31.

The new temporary rates, which had been previously announced for Dec. 28

will be 13 cents for a first class letter, and 9 cents for a postal card plus increases for other classes of mail. This follows action by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which granted a postal service motion to stay a lower court's order prohibiting the service from raising rates.

Nicholas Judge Floyd Clark dies

Nicholas County Judge Floyd Clark, 71, died Friday, Dec. 26, 1975 in the Nicholas County Hospital after a one-week illness.

Clark was in office at the time of his death, and in 1977 he would have completed his fifth term as county judge.

Under his administration many new programs and improvements were carried out for the benefit of the county. The Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home was built and made part of the County Health Program. Clark was also instrumental in the building of Nicholas County High School, Nicholas County Elementary School, the Nicholas County Library in 1967, and the Nicholas County Fire Department.

Clark also aided in the creation of the Nicholas County Water District and the Nicholas County Health District. In the last two years the county courthouse was completely renovated.

The county roads were paved as well while Clark was in office, and as an acquaintance noted, "We don't have an unpaved road in Nicholas county."

Clark had been sheriff many years before he gained his current public office. Prior to becoming county judge he spent 15 years with the Kentucky State Highway Department in the engineering department. Too, he had been an employe and stockholder, along with his father, W.F. Clark, at the Nicholas Brothers Lumber Company.

He was a graduate of Carlisle High School, and a member of the Carlisle



United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred Clark; a brother, Emory Clark Sr., and a sister, Mrs. William Layson, both of Nicholas county.

Services were held 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 28, 1975 at Mathers-Schaefer Funeral Home. Interment was in the Carlisle Cemetery.

pallbearers were Robert Harper, Charles Cox, Courtney Gam, Joe Smart, Jake Garrett, and Bill Collins. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Fiscal Court and all other county officials.

KSP Dry Ridge Post votes Hall 'Trooper of the Year'

Kentucky State Police Trooper John Hall, Carlisle, was recently voted "Trooper of the Year," by fellow troopers assigned to Post Six, Dry Ridge.

Hall, presently assigned to Nicholas county, worked in Boone county 1974/75. KSP Capt. Dale Fortner called the

honor "not just another popularity contest. The troopers cast their votes according to who they think has done the best all-around job."

Next month, Hall will compete with 18 others for "Trooper of the Year" of Kentucky.

Babson's business forecast for 1976

By Babson's Reports, Inc., Wellesley Hills, Mass. Dec. 24, 1975. In its forecast for 1976 published a year ago, the staff of Babson's Reports

envisioned an unfolding scenario far less pessimistic than the general atmosphere prevailing at that time. The primary message then was that the nation's problem for the ensuing 1975 calendar year was a recession and not a devastating depression. This thesis was predicated on the probability that recuperative forces would start to emerge as imbalances in the economy were corrected.

Babson's 1975 forecast also called attention to the various cushions which would play a vital role in lessening the severity of the recessionary forces despite the doom and gloom psychology holding sway as 1974 drew to a close. At the same time, however, the forecast warned against expecting the sort of rapid recovery from setbacks that this nation had experienced over the past 30 years. The causes of this latest recession were particularly deep-rooted and there was no question but that they would be difficult to cure.

KEEP AN EYE ON INFLATION
By and large, 1975 witnessed a fair degree of success in damping the fires of inflation. While this corollary of purchasing power remains uncomfortably high, its impact has been materially reduced in the course of the past 12 months. In early 1976, inflation should be moderately well contained, but with the advent of the spring months upward pressures will again strengthen. As was the case in the past two years, this will be due to cost-push rather than demand-pull factors. The latter, however, could compound the problem somewhat in the middle and latter parts of the year as business makes headway. In the initial months of 1976, inflation will not hold in direct proportion to the amplitude of new wage hikes, since the substantial reservoir of under-utilized production capacity in many industries and the cautious buying policies of consumers and businessmen militate against free and unrestricted price markups.

But this barrier against inflation will be difficult to cure.

1976—OVERALL PROGNOSIS FAVORABLE
Everything considered, however, the staff of Babson's Reports forecasts further economic progress for 1976, even though readers of this column should not expect a return to outright boom conditions. Unwisely inventories and short-term business and consumer debts have been reduced over the past year or so, but the real stuff needed to spark a protracted upsurge—aggressive business and consumer purchases, plus massive capital expenditures—has simply not set in motion. As things stand, the first quarter could well be the best part of the year in terms of economic expansion. While the ensuing quarters will not lack for additional gains, the year-to-year improvements will diminish as 1976 progresses. But the key is that the trend will be upward throughout the entire year.

GNP—WITH AND WITHOUT INFLATION
In terms of "current dollar value," the nation's 1975 National Product in 1976 should score an advance of some 11% over the 1975 totals that look as though they, in turn, would barely eclipse those of 1974 when final tally is made. While an increase of 11% may seem impressive, the force of upturn will not be all that great. The broadest year-to-year gain will be seen in the first three months because this quarter is compared with the deepest point of the recession when the rate of inflation was still intolerably high. The moderate and low-key nature of the business upturn can be better appreciated by projecting the GNP on a constant-dollar basis (1958 as the base period), adjusted to remove the influence of inflation. Babson's Reports projects the "real" GNP for 1976 at 4% above that for 1975. This upshifting is only a bit greater than the basic growth rate of the economy and surely does not merit a "boom" label.

1976—OVERALL PROGNOSIS FAVORABLE
Everything considered, however, the staff of Babson's Reports forecasts further economic progress for 1976, even though readers of this column should not expect a return to outright boom conditions. Unwisely inventories and short-term business and consumer debts have been reduced over the past year or so, but the real stuff needed to spark a protracted upsurge—aggressive business and consumer purchases, plus massive capital expenditures—has simply not set in motion. As things stand, the first quarter could well be the best part of the year in terms of economic expansion. While the ensuing quarters will not lack for additional gains, the year-to-year improvements will diminish as 1976 progresses. But the key is that the trend will be upward throughout the entire year.

Automobile accidents injure persons in Moorefield area

J.W. Ecton, Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff, reported that two persons were injured Wednesday, Dec. 24 in a three-car accident near the Cliff View farm on the Moorefield Road.

Ecton said that Thomas Brierly had stopped his pickup truck in order to make a left turn and that when Mrs. Jackie Clark touched her brakes to stop behind him the car slid into the lane of on-coming traffic. Her car was hit by a car driven by Harry Duncan.

Ronnie Duncan, son of Harry Duncan and a passenger in his father's car was taken to Nicholas County Hospital where he spent the night and was released Christmas Day.

Mrs. Clark was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, where she remains in serious condition.

Mrs. Ruby Bradley of Moorefield remains in critical condition at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington and her grandson, Greg Reid, son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Reid, also of the Moorefield area, is a patient at the Nicholas County Hospital as a result of their being struck by a car Saturday night, Dec. 27.

J.W. Ecton, Nicholas County Deputy Sheriff, said that Mr. and Mrs. Reid had let them out of their car at Mrs. Bradley's home after a family dinner.

Greg was thrown on top of the Louisville car while Mrs. Bradley was caught under the car and dragged.

Young Reid suffered a broken ankle. Mrs. Bradley suffered a broken leg, broken arms and ribs and other internal injuries.



Presented five-year pen

Harvey Wagener, chairman of the Nicholas County Extension Council, presented a five-year pen to Joyce Booth, County Extension secretary. The pen was presented on behalf of the University of Kentucky to Mrs. Booth

for five years of service. Mr. Wagener congratulated her for faithful service to the people of Carlisle and Nicholas county as receptionist and secretary in the County Extension Office, located in the basement of the Courthouse.

Bluejackets tourney Jan. 8

The Nicholas County Bluejackets will play in the Fleming County Hiwanta Club 4th Annual Basketball Tournament of Champions which starts at 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at the Fleming County High School. Admission will be \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children under 12 years of age.

The tournament schedule is as follows: 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7—first game Powell County against Pendleton County; second game, Carter County against the Fleming County Green Team.

Thursday, Jan. 8—first game Bethel against Nicholas County and Bath County against the Fleming County Gold Team.

Saturday, Jan. 10—first game the winner of the Powell County-Pendleton County game against the winner of the Carter County-Fleming County Green Team.

Second game, the winner of the Bethel-Nicholas County game against the winner of the Bath County-Fleming County Gold Team.

Sunday, Jan. 11 starting at 2 p.m.—the third place game will be played immediately followed by the championship game.

CONG. PERKINS HERE
Congressman Carl D. Perkins was a visitor in Carlisle on Tuesday.



Print presented

Mrs. Sarah Fryman, Worthy Matron, and Harry Budden, right, Worthy Patron of Marie Chapter 289 Order of Eastern Star, are pictured presenting a Nellie Meadows print to Ken Urdar, administrator of Johnson-Mathers Home, Inc. The print, "Kentucky, the Green Kentucky Bicentennial," it has been

signed by former Governor Wendell Ford and Nellie Meadows. This print will be placed in room 12 at Nicholas County Hospital, the room that the Marie Chapter originally furnished when the hospital was built in 1961, and lately which the Chapter has helped to redecorate.—Duncan photo

1

JAN

1