

**Human Resources
to hold hearing**

The Kentucky Department for Human Resources, Bureau for Social Services will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 25, at 7 p.m. to discuss the proposed Comprehensive Annual Social Services Plan for 1977-78.

Those include social service programs in the Bluegrass such as Foster Care, Adoption, Counseling, Emotionally Disturbed Youth, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Child and Adult Protection, Homeless (Home) and a program in Family Planning, and others.



Visits bank

Second grade students from Nicholas County Elementary were guided through the First National Bank recently by Lanny Hutchison, a bank officer.

These students are studying Consumer Education courses at school.—Duncan photo

Court news

County Court
Feb. 4, Stanton Stewart, public intoxication. Guilty. Fine \$10, costs \$26.50.
March 23, Joseph Hearty III, disorderly conduct. Guilty. Fine \$50, costs \$25.00. Thirty days in County Jail probated on condition.
April 5, John E. Barbee, public intoxication. Dismissed.
Feb. 16, Robert E. Jackson, no operator's license. Dismissed on condition he not drive again unless license is obtained. Charge of expired inspection certificate dismissed.
April 1, Clarence A. Thomas, charged with speeding. Dismissed.
March 27, Debbie Wagner, charged with fishing without license. Probated in court. Dismissed.
March 25, Kenneth Hood, charged with speeding. Guilty. Fine \$10, costs \$19.50.
Quarterly Court
April 4, B & G Products Co. vs. William E. Clark d/b/a Clark Funeral Home, suit for \$434.65 plus interest and costs.
April 6, Liberty Loan Corp. vs. Ollie Ray Brown and Irene Brown, suit for \$48.35 plus interest and costs.
Circuit Court
Eastern Kentucky Production Credit Association vs. David A. Moss, Marilyn J. Moss, First National Bank of Carlisle, National Bank of Cynthiana, Montgomery National Bank and Nicholas County (Dismissed).
Henry Flora vs. Steve White, automobile accident in amount of \$96.42.

**Dr. Ford speaks
at Rotary Club
in Millersburg**

Dr. Ed Ford of Cynthiana, chairman Cynthiana Chamber of Commerce, president of the Harrison County Board of Education, and a candidate for State Senator in the coming election spoke to the Millersburg Rotary Club at its meeting on Tuesday, April 5.

During the business session the Rotarians finalized plans for their Saturday, April 16 Pancake Breakfast and announced plans for their annual "White Elephant" Auction which will be held the first Saturday in May. In addition, members voted to support another trip of the blood bank to Millersburg and voted to support the attendance of a number of children to the annual Shriner's Circus which benefits crippled children and the Cardinal Hill Hospital. Millersburg Rotary will continue sponsoring the Boy Scout Troop of Millersburg and is presently collecting donations for the Millersburg Troop and the Bluegrass Council Boy Scouts of America.

In addition to the speaker for the evening, Harold Letton of Carlisle was a club guest. The club had 90% attendance with 18 of its 20 members present.

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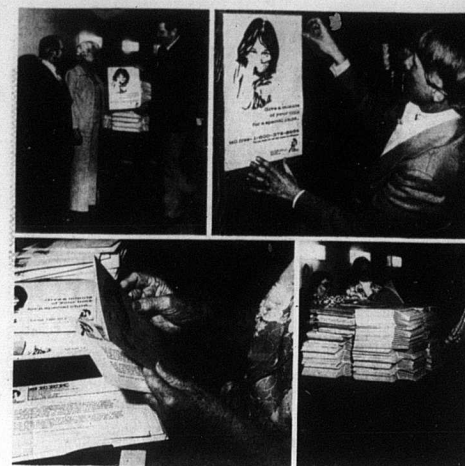
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—Kicking off a campaign to find handicapped school-age youngsters who need special services calls for the months of behind-the-scenes labor. Lower right, three employees of the Bureau of Education and Arts Children sent through printed materials new on display throughout local communities. Upper right, Easter Seals volunteer Shelby Sweeney displays the SEEX poster in a foods store. Lower left, a Franklin County Senior Citizen helps staff mail-out materials. And, upper left, Paul Combs (left) of Easter Seals, Dr. Sofia Edwards, head of the exceptional children's bureau, and Bill Patis, assistant to Secretary Wendell Butler of the Education and Arts Cabinet, view the poster. The SEEX-Child Find Campaign urges Kentuckians to call this toll free number—1-800-372-2964—if they have, or know, a child with a physical, mental, or emotional problem who could benefit from special education and therapy.

**Bergland announces
five-part program
to help farmers**

WASHINGTON—Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland announced plans to strengthen the marketing position of grain farmers and to increase the effectiveness of the Commodity Loan Program.

Secretary Bergland announced:

1. Establishment of a farmer-owned food grain reserve for the 1976 wheat and rice crops;
2. A two-month extension—until May 31—for farmers to participate in the loan program for 1976 wheat and rice crops;
3. Increased price-support loan rates for the 1977 feed grains and soybeans crops;
4. Reduction of interest rates—effective April 1—on commodity loans from 7 1/2 to 6 percent, and on storage facility and drying equipment loans from 7 1/2 to 6 percent; and
5. Increased amounts and broadened equipment loans, and reduced down payment provisions.

Commodity loans and Farm Storage Facility loans are available to Nicholas county farmers. The interest rate for commodity loans is 6 percent and the interest rate for Farm Storage Facility loans is 7 1/2 percent. Anyone interested in either of these loans should contact the ASCS Office located on Main Street, Carlisle, Ky.

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**Carr Fork, Cave Run
and Buckhorn Lakes
do job during floods**

Six million dollars of potential flood damage was prevented by the capability of Carr Fork Lake during the flood emergency in eastern Kentucky. Additionally, Cave Run and Buckhorn lakes cut in 17.1 to 1.4 another \$1,140,000 in flood damage reductions that would have occurred if the projects had not been in existence.

If Carr Fork Lake, located on the Kentucky River had not been in existence, it is estimated that the flood crest would have reached about 55.2 feet which would have been the second highest flood crest of record. This state would have been exceeded only by the 37.5-foot stage which occurred during the January 1967 Flood. The actual stage reached at Hazard was 27.7 feet occurring at 4:30 a.m. on April 5, 1977.

On the North Fork of the Kentucky River current estimates indicate that some six million dollars of damage occurred. The flood water retained in Carr Fork Lake—if it had been flowing through the North Fork of the Kentucky River—would have caused the stage to rise and create an additional six million dollars worth of damage.

The ability to store water at the Buckhorn Lake project during the period of high flows in the Kentucky River resulted in an estimated 800,000 dollars worth of saving on the Middle Fork of the Kentucky River and some 200,000 dollars of saving on the main stem.

Stage reductions at Hazard are estimated to be 2.5 feet and at Jackson the early estimates indicate the stage reduction to be approximately one foot. The combined effects of these two projects produced an estimated stage reduction of 4.5 feet at Lock 14 on the Kentucky River.

Cave Run Lake on the Licking River provided stage reduction at Farmers of almost 14 feet.

The flooding in eastern Kentucky, while of extensive and major proportion, would have been much worse if it had not been for the existence of these projects. Floods can never be eliminated—they can only be reduced—and the performance of these projects in the recent flood emergency indicates the validity of stored water capability as a method of reducing the flood impact.

The flooding in eastern Kentucky was widespread and the stage reductions and estimated savings involve only the areas affected within the Louisville District boundaries.

**ASCS reminds
burley producers
to return cards**

Burley tobacco producers are reminded to return their marketing cards to the ASCS office as soon as they have completed all sales for the 1976 crop. Revised notices for the 1977 crop year cannot be sent until all marketing cards have been returned to the office. Carry-over pounds do not have to be reported to the county office as of this date. Once the marketing have closed for the year, the county office will be sent copies of your weigh bills from your carry over tobacco to the warehouses.

Any change of address or sale of land should be reported to the ASCS office. This information is needed to keep accurate farm records for the county.

Feed grain notices for the 1977 crop year were mailed April 7. The program remains the same as it has for the last four years. Producers are permitted to raise any number of acres feed grain as desired. Those suffering a disaster on their feed grain crops should report this to the ASCS office.

Funds for the Agricultural Conservation Program for Nicholas county are still available. Application should be made to the ASCS office before starting the practice. Approximately 90% cost-share is available. 1977 practices completed will be paid after Oct. 1, 1977.

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