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Dr. Ed Ford in State Senate race

Dr. Ed Ford, a Cynthiana veterinarian, has announced that he will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator from the 30th District.

Six counties—Bourbon, Harrison, Nicholas, Robertson, Scott, Woodford and part of Fayette—comprise that district.

Dr. Ford, chairman of the Harrison County Board of Education, is serving in his seventh year, and just last week was elected to head that group for the third consecutive time. He operates both a small and large animal veterinary clinic, two farms—one in Harrison and the other in Bourbon counties—and is the immediate past president of the Cynthiana-Harrison County Chamber of Commerce.

Describing himself as a candidate "who has no ties with old politics of the past," Ford called for a district-wide involvement by citizens who want assurance that their state government will not dictate, "but rather will be led by their (the people's) desires."

In his announcement, Ford said he was making his first race for a state office because he could be the "everyday conduit between citizens of the 30th District and Frankfort."

"My veterinary and other business activities take me into 75 percent of the district each week," Ford explained. "This puts me in daily contact with farmers, housewives, business people, the young as well as senior citizens. I have found the majority of these citizens to be interested in an effective way to express themselves in our state government about matters touching their lives."

He said that having an opportunity to meet with them face-to-face on a regular basis would be the rub rather than the exception, "because my profession puts me with people both day and night."

Recently elected to Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Ford is a graduate of Auburn University. He served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War as a member of the amphibious forces and was awarded the Korean Presidential Unit Citation and American Service Ribbons with five battle stars.

The 67-year-old Ford is married to the former Dorothy Wood Monson. They have six children.

He is a Rotarian, Elk, and member of the Farm Bureau, American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

In 1975 Dr. Ford was voted Citizen of the Year in Cynthiana and Harrison county. He is a member of the United Methodist Church.

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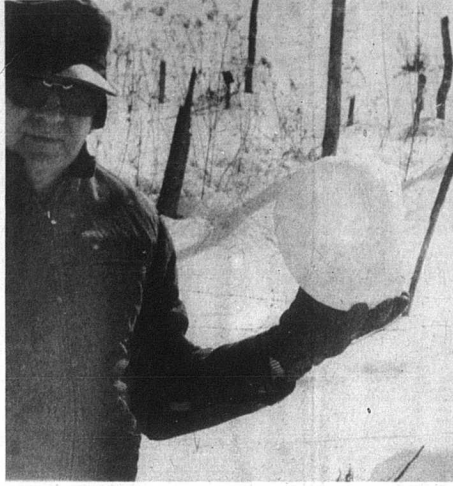
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Tommy Shields victim of accidental shooting

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Rotary to meet at Cox residence

The Carlisle Rotary Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 3 at the home of Charles M. Cox. Dessert and coffee will be served.

The club will meet in members' homes during the gas crisis and dinner will not be included as part of the meeting as has been the custom.

Don Haney, general manager of BGK and Blue Grass Industries, said Tuesday that over 600 employees have already been laid-off in Carlisle and surrounding plants. He said that—Thursday (today) the figure will probably rise to around 1200 employees. The lay-off will remain necessary until some alternate way of drying the material can be found.

BGK has been operating its boilers on alternate fuel, but the driers operate only on natural gas. Haney said he has tried shipping about 10% of the material to Kenosha, Wis. for drying, but this had not proved a satisfactory answer because of the danger of getting bogged down on the highways, thus raising the shipment.

Blue Grass Industries now heats with electric heaters and is able to remain open as long as it can obtain the materials it needs to sew.

Mercury Office to Close The Carlisle Mercury office will be closed on Friday until further notice due to the natural gas shortage.

Schools Superintendent of Nicholas County Schools Don Esker said Tuesday he has called off school reopenings until further notice because of the energy crisis.

He said all of Kentucky's school superintendents are meeting Tuesday afternoon with Governor Julian Carroll to discuss what can be done about the school situation in the state.

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monwealth that a meaningful method of conserving energy would be to cut back their hours of operation. He added that this or any alternative method of energy saving would be acceptable.

The Governor was speaking specifically to merchants whose businesses are headed by one of the three critically short fuel sources: natural gas, propane gas or fuel oil.

The Governor's request of merchants to cut their hours of operation in two basic categories: those delivering essential services such as grocery stores, drug counters and service stations, which he asked to cut back by 20 per cent; and those dealing in basically non-essential services, such as restaurants and department stores, which he asked to cut back by 40 per cent.

Gov. Carroll pointed out that during this period of voluntary compliance in energy savings, full cooperation is necessary to preclude his declaring a state of emergency, which would result in mandatory compliance.

The kinds of State Government agencies that will continue to operate as normal, outside the new revised working schedule, will be those which work essentially around the clock, or which deliver emergency services.

They include the Kentucky State Police, the Bureau of Corrections, the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, the Department of Energy, and the Unemployment Insurance Division of the Bureau of Social Insurance.

Kentucky's unemployment insurance offices across the Commonwealth are now manned with additional personnel to speed up the processing and payment of unemployment claims by the thousands of Kentuckians now out of work because of the cold weather.

Gov. Carroll also announced that the holiday scheduled for the observance of Washington's birthday, Monday, Feb. 21, will be cancelled and that day will be a normal work day for state employees.

Gov. Julian Carroll announced Monday that starting immediately, State Government offices will be open on a four-day-per-week basis, except for certain emergency service agencies, for the duration of the current cold weather fuel shortage. Employees working in those offices which are open just four days each week will have extended working hours.

The basic work week will run from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, with one-half hour for lunch. Normal hours are now 8 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with one hour for lunch.

The temperature in State offices have now been cut back to 60 to 65 degrees while occupied. During the three days of the week these offices are not being used, temperatures will be lowered to 50 degrees. During the four work days, the heat will be controlled as if offices were closed at the normal time of 4:30 p.m.

Food Stamp Administrators All food stamp recipients who missed their certification appointments due to inclement weather in January should go to or call their local office to make arrangements to get their authorization-to-purchase cards for February food stamps, said Commissioner Carl S. Hucker, head of the Department for Human Resources' Bureau for Social Insurance.

Food stamp recipients need authorization to purchase cards (ATP) so they can purchase their food stamps each month.

Commissioner Hucker also stressed that food stamp recipients whose fuel bills were higher than expected in January should contact their food stamp office. The excess amount may lower the price they will pay for their food stamps for the month of February. The amount a family pays for a monthly allotment of food stamps depends on that family's income, minus certain deductions, he explained.

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