

Counties and Special Districts committees meet this week; Rep. Adrian Arnold attends

The Interim Joint Committee on Counties and Special Districts and three of its subcommittees will conduct meetings the week of July 11 at the State Capitol. Rep. Adrian Arnold is a member of this committee. The full committee will meet Tuesday, July 12 at 1 p.m. in Room 327 of the Capitol to receive progress reports from its subcommittees. The Subcommittee on Special Districts will meet Monday, July 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 307, for further discussion on preparations for a uniform bill draft for special districts which have no taxing power. On July 12, the Jurisdiction and Home Rule Subcommittee will meet in Room C-1 Capitol Annex at 9 a.m. to reconsider two reports introduced at the last House Home Rule Subcommittee. The reports review statutes which authorize or prescribe the exercise of regulatory or police powers by counties. Also meeting July 12, the Structures and Functions Subcommittee will evaluate salaries of constables and Justices of the Peace in Jefferson county in light of the Judicial Amendment and determine whether salaries should be eliminated. Additionally the subcommittee will consider legislation which would pool the fees from county officers, with each being paid a salary from the county treasury.

Court news

City Police Court
Ronald Above, reckless driving. Guilty. Fine \$15, costs \$17.
Vergil Shearer, non payment of fine. 15 days in jail.
Betty Walden, disorderly conduct. Guilty. Fine \$15, costs \$15.
James Holsaker, terrorist threatening. Dismissed.

Rhonda Watkins, disorderly conduct. Guilty. Fine \$15, costs \$15.
Donald Above, reckless driving. Guilty. Fine \$15, costs \$17.
Oscar Grimes, improper start. Guilty. Fine \$15, costs \$15.
Edward Craycraft, drinking in public. Guilty. Fine \$15, costs \$17.
Robert Callahan, public intoxication. Guilty. Fine \$15, costs \$17.
Bobby Joe Spowers, public intoxication. Guilty. Fine \$15, costs \$17.



New gift shop opens

Mr. Allen Wayne Rawlings, Mrs. Bob Roth and Mrs. Wilmer Halcomb, volunteer workers, are pictured left to right in the Nicholas County Health Care Auxiliary's new gift shop located at the Nicholas County Hospital. The shop, which opened Tuesday, July 14 has many gift items, handmade crafts, personal items and reading material. It is located just inside the front door at the hospital and will be operated by auxiliary members. Gift shop hours are Friday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. All profits will be used by the auxiliary for their various projects for the hospital and nursing home.—Smith photo

Five-year vocational ed. plan approved

A five-year plan for vocational education has been approved as amended by the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and the Board of Occupational Education. A p p o v a l came during a joint meeting June 24. The plan is an outline of vocational education programs for the state and of the organizational structure of the new occupational education department. It is required this year of all states by the federal government. Fourteen public hearings were held in Kentucky earlier this year to elicit public opinion on the plan which was submitted to the U.S. Office of Education July 1. Failure to comply with this request could have resulted in loss of federal funds to the state.

The amendments included technical changes in charts included in the plan. Also, the wording of the plan was changed to agree with the executive order which created the elementary and secondary education and the occupational education boards.

One of the amendments approved June 24 re-establishes the planning and innovation unit in the Bureau of Vocational Education. A research coordinating unit and a guidance unit will be added to the program supportive services unit.

Henry Pogge, a member of the elementary and secondary education board, commented that the plan may not be exactly the "way we want it". Pogge reassured John Gray, chairman of the occupational education board, that they are "attempting to pull everything that belongs to vocational education back into the bureau".

Dr. James Graham, superintendent of public instruction, said, "Any plan that is presented is imperfect. There is a fine line as to what is administration and what is policy. I think there will probably be some things we want to change as we work with the vocational education plan."

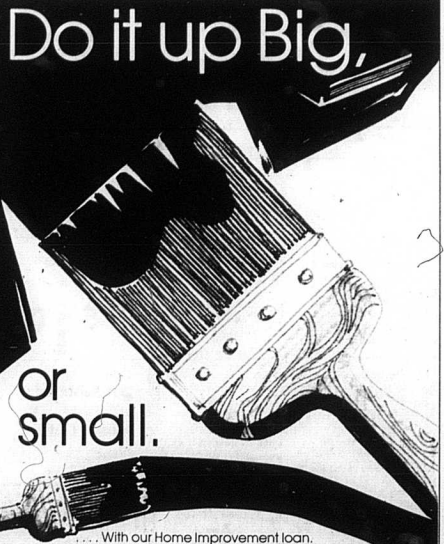
The members of the board for occupational education were appointed four weeks ago by the Governor. The two boards also approved the annual plan for adult education in Kentucky.

The Board of Elementary and Secondary Education met after the joint meeting to discuss the plan with the business. The board approved the appointment of Martha Ellison, director of the Brown School in Louisville, to the State Textbook Commission. She will replace Margaret Clayton who retired with one year of her term remaining.

The Elementary and Secondary Board also approved the appointment of Randy Kimbrough, the new assistant superintendent in charge of the Bureau of Instruction, to serve as the Department of Education's representative on the Kentucky Authority for Educational Television. She will replace Don Hale, who retired June 30.

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Fleming-Mason and Harrison RECC's to hold annual meets

The annual meetings for both the Fleming-Mason and the Harrison Rural Electric Cooperative Organizations will be held next week. The Harrison County event will be held on July 18 at the Rural Electric Farm which is one-half mile south of Cynthiana on Highway 602, with registration beginning at 8:30 p.m. The Fleming-Mason Meet will be conducted Tuesday, July 19, at their facility near Fleming-Mason, beginning at 2 p.m.

Group and stars of the famous Hensley Valley Barn Dance for a number of years, and last but not least, The Clayton who whose Australian rope singing and whip cracking performance will thrill the young and old alike. Also, both meets will feature a beauty contest and numerous door prizes.

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ATTENTION TO THE ARTS—Kentucky Arts Commission executive committee members gathered around one of the 20 paintings which will tour Keston and Mrs. Franklin Moonick, Arts Commission's "Fresh Paint" show. From left to right are chairman Al Smith, Russellville, Mrs. Kurt Broecker, LaGrange, Mrs. E. J. Hagg, Morehead, and Mrs. William Keston and Mrs. Franklin Moonick, Lexington, Smith, publisher and editor of two Russellville papers, was recently appointed chairman of the Arts Commission's executive committee by Gov. Julian Carroll. The painting is by Joan Gallagher of Covington.

New auto registration laws in '78

FRANKFORT—Owners of new and used cars not previously registered in Kentucky will have to register their vehicles each year during the month of first registration starting in January 1978, according to a Department of Transportation regulation filed recently.

The Administrative Regulation Review Subcommittee voted to file the regulation after hearing opposition from the AAA Clubs of Kentucky and Assistant Attorney General Gerard Gerhard who said that registration should be based on the birth month of the owner. They said this system would result in more even distribution of the work load.

However, since law requires that a license plate stay on the vehicle, some subcommittee members thought that the transfer of cars between owners having different birth months would cause more confusion.

Legislation passed in the 1976 General Assembly called for the vehicle registration work load to be distributed as "uniformly as practicable". The subcommittee interpreted the phrase as giving the Department of Transportation latitude to administer the law as the department sees fit.

City, county fire squads receive funds

FRANKFORT—The office of State Fire Marshal Warren Southworth has allocated some \$215,000 to local Kentucky fire departments and rescue squads including the Carlisle Fire Department for the improvement and expansion of existing facilities. The funds, for fiscal year 1976-77, were approved by the 1976 General Assembly as part of Gov. Julian Carroll's executive budget.

Southworth said the grants have been made to 466 eligible fire departments and 127 rescue squads. Allocation has also been included for volunteer fire fighters' workers' compensation insurance. About \$114,000 has been budgeted in that area.

Each of the 466 fire departments are to receive \$23.28 from a total \$65,000. The department must maintain a fire truck and have a chief and at least 12 firefighters in order to meet state requirements for the funds. Southworth noted that all applications are verified by state field investigators employed by the fire marshal's office.

Another fund provided \$100,000 to the rescue squads, with each receiving \$950.41. Rescue squads were included in the grants for the first time two years ago when \$50,000 was directed to them. Each squad must remain active if their grants are to continue, Southworth said.

The fire marshal said state support of local departments first began in 1950 with a \$25,000 grant. He noted that the money was allocated to encourage the development of local fire departments.

Southworth added that the state checks must be signed by the chief and either the mayor or county judge before they can be cashed.

The area encompassing what was Kentucky's 56th Congressional District until 1971 received a total of \$53,261.68 for 68 fire departments and another \$21,974.43 was budgeted for 23 rescue squads.

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NOTICE
A few weeks ago, the Kentucky Department of Revenue did an evaluation of city residential property, subdivisions, and the Lake Carnico area. Their purpose was to equalize assessments. Most homes were not assessed equal to the value of rebuilding or of buying new [market value]. The assessments are now more equally based on the size and type of property owned and your location. Everyone will now be paying his fair share along with his neighbors.
The Property Valuation Administrator's office is required by law to place the full market value on property. This office only places an assessment, or value, on property. This office has no control over the tax rate. The tax rate is set by the state, local school board, the county fiscal court, etc.
Everyone who is approved for the Homestead Exemption this year will receive the full amount of \$3,000, even if you are only part owner of your home or if you are renting part of it.
Notices of increased assessment have been mailed to property owners who reported their property and signed their cards. Notices were not sent to property owners if their cards were not signed, unless out-of-county.
All taxpayers may come into my office between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 P.M. to look at your assessment during the inspection period which is July 18 through July 22, 1977.
Rose Brady
ROSE BRADY, Nicholas County Property Valuation Administrator
7/13/77

The fire marshal's office dispenses the grants on the basis of the old congressional districts.