

**USDA extends comment period**

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that it is extending the period for public comment concerning the 1978 wheat program from Nov. 14 to Nov. 20 due to revised program proposals.

The Department is now proposing that the Secretary of Agriculture may adjust the national program acreage to achieve the desired level of carryover stocks. In Press Release, USDA stated: "The Department does not propose to adjust the national program acreage because of excessive carryover stocks."

Written comments should be sent to the Acting Director, Production Adjustment Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, USDA, Room 308 South Building, P. O. Box 2413, Washington, D. C. 20013. The comments will be made available for public inspection at the office of the Acting Director during regular hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

**Summary of significant 1977 tax law changes**

Since people like changes, others prefer things the way they are. But whatever side of the fence you're on, you stand to gain. When you fill out your 1977 tax returns, you won't be able to avoid the many changes in the tax law that have come about through recent legislation.

You have probably heard standard deduction has been explained by a new bracket amount which is a flat \$1,300 for singles and \$1,300 for marrieds filing jointly. And there has been quite a bit of publicity about the new tax tables with the new bracket amounts in your tax bill for 1977. Suppose, for example, that you never heard of the new table month holding period, and you dispose of a capital asset after seven months, thinking that you will have pay tax on only one-half of your profit. When you fill out your 1977 return you might be surprised at the amount of tax you owe.

If you have moved, or plan a move, in 1977, you will find several changes in the law. The distance requirement of 50 miles has been changed to 35 miles, so you won't have to move as far in order to claim moving expenses.

In addition, the maximum deduction for pre-move househunting and temporary living expenses has gone up from \$1,000 to \$1,500, as has the deduction for expenses related to buying, selling, or renting a home which increased by \$500, to a new \$1,000.

Older Americans who sell their homes in 1977 will be glad to learn that there has been a substantial change in the tax break available to them. Previously, anyone age 65 or over who sold his or her home did not have to pay tax on the gain if the adjusted sales price of the house was \$25,000 or less.

The exclusion amount has now been increased so that you pay no tax on the gain from the sale of the adjusted sales price is \$25,000 or less. If the adjusted sales price is over \$25,000, the tax break is pro-rated.

Remember, the adjusted sales price of your home is the amount you receive after paying selling commissions and certain allowable fixing-up expenses, such as painting part of the interior of your home.

Here's something else new for 1977: If you are a worker under the age of 70½ you may now participate in any other pension or annuity plan during the year, you may for the first time, include your non-working spouse in your Individual Retirement Arrangement (IRA). If you establish an IRA for your non-working spouse, you may contribute a total of 15% of your compensation, to a top limit of \$1,200.

And for 1977, you have an additional 45 days from the end of the tax year until February 14, 1978 in which to make your contribution and still deduct it on your tax return. The advantage of an IRA, of course, is that contributions are not taxes until they are withdrawn at which time the individual would normally be in a lower tax bracket.

Other changes that could mean a difference in your tax liability are the areas of alimony, child support, and child care expenses.

Alimony, previously an itemized deduction, is now an adjustment to income, which means that anyone can claim on his or her tax return the amount of alimony paid during the year.

If you make child support payments to a former spouse, you may have to pay more money now in order to claim your children as dependents on your tax return. In prior years, if the tax exemptions were not allocated in the divorce decree, and you were the noncustodial parent, you had to contribute \$1,200 or more for the support of one or more children in order to take the dependency exemption. That amount has now increased to \$1,200 for one or more children.

Expenses you pay for work-related child care may now be claimed as a tax credit. The credit is 20% of the amount you pay during the year for child care.

The maximum amount of the credit allowed is \$400 for one child and \$800 for two or more children.

It's obvious there are changes in store for many Americans when they prepare their 1977 federal tax returns. To get a head start on your taxes, contact the IRS for free publications on areas that will affect your taxes. You may order the publications by filling out the order form that is enclosed in the tax package you receive, or by calling IRS toll-free. In Louisville, phone 546-1841; Lexington, 255-2233; elsewhere throughout Kentucky, 1-800-825-6076. Hours are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST. (7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. CST).

**GI home loan interest higher**

Interest in GI home loans reached levels in Fiscal Year 1977 that haven't been seen in more than two decades, the Veterans Administration reports.

VA received over 711,300 appraisal requests during the year, the third highest in the program's history. Only fiscal years 1950 and 1956 were higher.

The FY 1977 total was 18 percent above the total received a year earlier. A VA appraisal of a house is a first step to applying for a VA guaranteed loan.

Applications for GI home loans followed the trend for appraisal requests. VA received 497,700 applications in FY 1977, exceeding by the peak years of 1950 and 1956.

VA loan guaranty officials attribute some of the new business to a 1975 law that eased GI loan eligibility. Prior to Jan. 1, 1975, a veteran who had once used his GI loan eligibility could have it restored only under special circumstances. VA had to be relieved of liability and the property had to have been disposed of for "compelling reasons." Congress removed this restriction, allowing entitlement to be restored if the property has been disposed of and the loan satisfied. As a result, most veterans with service since Sept. 19, 1946, are potentially eligible for a GI loan.

The law also provided the original veteran's liability be removed and eligibility restored for a new loan if another veteran purchases the property and substitutes his VA loan eligibility for that of the seller.

The benefit is available to veterans and actively-duty personnel with a least 361 days service. Also eligible are unmarried surviving spouses of these veterans, and spouses of service members listed as missing in action for more than 90 days.

**Thank You**

I would like to take this means to thank each and everyone of you for electing me to serve as one of your Councilmen. Your continued support will be very much appreciated.

**George M. (Alex) Crawford**

Friday's 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays, the workshop will meet Dec. 2, 9 and 16 in Room 108 of Lapsin Hall. Persons may enroll at the first class meeting on Dec. 2.

Costa for Kentucky residents are \$20 for undergraduates and \$33 for graduate students. Non-residents pay \$30 as undergraduates and \$78 as graduate students.

Lake Cooper, associate professor of mathematics at MSU, is conducting the workshop.

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**Senior Citizens enjoy Lexington shopping trip**

Seventeen Nicholas County senior citizens were taken on Nov. 13 and Nov. 19 to the Fayette Mall in Lexington for lunch and a shopping and sightseeing trip. There were so many people who wanted to participate, according to Mrs. James Clay, director of the local senior citizens program, that there wasn't enough room in the van to take them all at once.

Senior citizens who attended are Mrs. Thelma Fryman, Mrs. Mary Bell Shout, Mrs. Elizabeth Caywood, Clarence Hopkins, Mrs. Lillian Gannon, Mrs. Edith Saunders, Mrs. Ope Caldwell, Mrs. Ira Lee Sexton, Mrs. Christine Dwell, Mrs. Lena Han, Mrs. Selene Seapp, Mrs. Mary Housh, Mrs. Ruth Kingolver, Vernie Jolly, Mrs. Reba Mahoney, Mrs. Frances Harlow, Mrs. Bertha Lawrence.

They were accompanied by Mrs. Cecilia Thompson, Mrs. Shirley Myrner and Mrs. Clay, employees of the Center who drove the van.

**Christmas foods subject of class**

An adult class on "Christmas Foods and Entertaining" will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. in the Home Economics Department of Nicholas County High School. Mrs. Carol Dotson will be the guest speaker along with Mrs. Martha Taylor and Mrs. Bonnie Metcalf.

Free babysitting will be provided by the Gaudin Child Development class and members of the Future Homemakers of America. These classes are free and everyone is invited to attend. For further information call 398-7111.

**Local Hospital patients listed**

Nov. 11 to Nov. 17

Admission: Paul Truher, Luther Clay, Elberta Hunt, Frances Gilvin, Katherine Tyrer, Anna P. Jones, Lillian Watkins, Helen Fryman, Caroline Truher, Minnie Kokendrffer, Reba Moore, Mt. Olivet; Jenny Jolly, Sharpyburg, Debbie Sorrell, Owensboro; Mary Talley, Falmington; Mary McGilchrist, Paris.

Discharges: Betty Sapp and Baby Girl, William Hunter, Roger K. Bowen, Clava Fresh, Dora Lee Cyril, George Willoughby, Virginia Struggs, Paul Truher, Frances Gilvin, Clay Dayton, Maggie Jolly, Carlisle, Mooreva French, Mt. Olivet; Stanley McIntyre, Ewing, Jenny Jolly and Baby Boy, Sharpburg.

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**Career Ed emphasized during Education Week**

by Kathy Martin

Career education is the total effort of public education and the community aimed at helping all individuals to become familiar with the values of a work-oriented society, to integrate these values into their personal value systems and to implement these values in their lives in such a way that work becomes possible, meaningful, and satisfying to each individual.

In mathematics, students are involved in computations concerning worker's time and salaries, distances traveled, cost of freight, trips and gasoline mileage.

Some areas covered in special studies include history, comparison of early and modern transportation, and study of various modes within transportation.

Science classes are dealing with different types of engines, basic factors necessary to flight and many career opportunities in trucking and airways.

Students are involved in transportation through the use of films, bulletin boards, filmstrips, pictures, books, and various other materials.

On hand experiences were provided by taking field trips to Blue Grass Field and Vincent P. Fisher Trucking Company in Lexington.

Another very important aspect of the career education unit is the use of resource persons from the community. Mr. Morris Gray, a truck driver, and Mr. Dick Greary, a pilot, discussed and answered questions concerning their careers.

In observance of National Education, the new kindergarten at Nicholas County Elementary School is pictured, along with third grade "new" math students. The "new" learning going back to the basic way of teaching math as opposed to the "new" math that has been taught in the schools for the past few years, and proved to be unsuccessful.

The Kindergarten teacher is Mrs. Ann Steen. Third grade teachers are Mrs. Dorothy Sundy, Miss Cheryl Herrin, Mrs. Sue Deaton and Mrs. Katy Hunt.

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**Lee Bentz**

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MSU to sponsor metric workshop

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University's Department of Mathematical Sciences is sponsoring a metric workshop on the MSU campus on two Fridays and Saturdays in December. The workshop, designated Mathematics 590, carries one semester hour of graduate or undergraduate credit and will deal with different facets of the metric system.

Scheduled from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. on