

Gov. announces \$5 million fuel cost program to help aged

FRANKFORT — A \$5 million year Fuel Cost Supplement Program to help the aged, totally disabled and blind who represent low-income households, was announced today by Gov. Julian Carrill.

The program will help such households pay as much as 25 per cent of their total yearly fuel bills, the Governor said in a morning press conference.

At the same press conference, he also announced proposals to establish the current Public Service Commission, effective in 1979, and to establish a Department of Energy.

On the fuel cost supplement program, the Governor said the approach would provide "significant relief from the exorbitant cost of energy for those who need it most."

The Governor's program would provide an annual supplement ranging from \$40 to \$100, depending on family size and income. With average annual energy costs of \$400 to \$600, this means those who qualify could receive from 10 per cent to as much as 25 per cent of their annual fuel bills.

"Members of the General Assembly have recently discussed various proposals for sales tax exemptions on utilities and fuels which, based on typical annual fuel bills, would provide only \$20 to \$25 maximum annually per family at a total cost over the lifetime of upwards of \$80 million," said Gov. Carrill.

The Governor pointed out that his program would cost only \$10 million over the lifetime and would provide up to five times as much relief to those who critically need help.

Under the Governor's program, part of the total annual supplement would be used to pay for a direct heating cost supplement. The program would provide payments in advance of the peak heating demand season — December through March — to supplement energy bills for those months.

The Governor said Kentuckyans who are 65, or totally disabled or blind and who have income less than 125 per cent of federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for the program.

The federal poverty guidelines are: Family of 1, annual non-farm income of \$1,770; farm income of \$2,350; Family of 2, non-farm income of \$2,500; farm income of \$3,350; Family of 3, non-farm income of \$3,450; farm income of \$4,350; Family of 4, non-farm income of \$3,850; farm income of \$4,850; Family of 5, non-farm income of \$4,350; farm income of \$5,350; Family of 6, non-farm income of \$4,850; farm income of \$5,850.

Payments under the supplemental program will be based on levels of income as follows:

Percent of Poverty Guidelines Income	Heating Cost Supplement	Sales Tax Rebate*	Total Annual Supplement
50%	75	25	100
75%	50	25	75
100%	25	25	50
125%	15	25	40

*Based on typical annual energy bills of \$600. Many Kentuckyans who fall into the eligible categories of the program rent homes or apartments and energy bills are included in their rent. Neither sales tax exemptions on utilities or proposals for "lifeline" utility rates would be of any help to these renters.

Thus, the Governor said he is including renters under his program to make the program as equitable as possible and to assist the persons with the most need.

Payments under the program will be administered by the Department for Human Resources, which will have the responsibility for drawing up the final regulations governing the program.

Payments will be made directly to suppliers or will come in the form of non-refundable checks payable jointly to the vendor and aid recipient in order to insure that funds are utilized to pay for fuel and not other purposes.

The Governor's proposed Department of Energy would consolidate several agencies into one umbrella agency to deal with energy research, energy planning and energy policy. Legislation on the department will be introduced to the General Assembly in a few days, the Governor said.

"This action will make Kentucky one of the first states to consolidate energy programs within a single agency thereby assisting in developing a more effective relationship between state and federal energy programs," said Gov. Carrill.

He said into the new department will be the present energy department, the Kentucky Center for Energy Research and the Division of Oil and Gas Conservation in the Department of Mines and Minerals. A cabinet-level secretary will administer the department.

Two boards with members outside state government will advise the secretary, the Governor said. A Board of Energy Research will have 15 members and an Advisory Council on Energy and Natural Resources will have seven members.

The Governor's third energy-related announcement last week concerned abolishing the Public Service Commission. This will be proposed in legislation to be introduced to the General Assembly.

The commission will be replaced with an Energy Regulatory Commission to have exclusive jurisdiction over electric and gas utilities and a Utility Regulatory Commission to have jurisdiction over telephone, sewer and water utilities.

The Energy Regulatory Commission would be composed of three full-time members. Two of them are set for next year. The Governor will be full electric and gas rate cases should come all the time of a full-time commission.

Both commissions would be served by the same staff and be under the Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet. The Department of Energy would have the power to intervene in rate case proceedings, according to the Governor.

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Girl Scout cookies on sale next week

Feb. 27 through April 1 Girl Scout cookie sale time and money. Cookie Girl Mrs. Ann Reynolds is service unit cookie chairman this year. She is selling six kinds of cookies: Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbread, Vanilla Sandwich, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Mint and a new cookie this year. Snowdrops. Local Scouts plan to sell 1,900 boxes.

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Farm and Home

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like to do for next year's crop and what variety they would like to put out this year. If the weather doesn't change soon, we probably will be getting started on tobacco beds later than we have the past few years. But I feel we still will have them out plenty early.

This past week we held another pesticide program for individuals who had not applied for their pesticide cards. There hasn't been a definite deadline set as to when the cards will become effective. However, if you haven't had the training to apply for your card, call or stop by the extension office. As soon as we have enough people necessary to hold another meeting, we will do so.

Another program to be held again in Nicholas County is the pepper program. Anyone interested in the production of peppers can come in and sign up in the next few weeks. The price to be paid this year are up over last year's prices.

Schools in 81 Kentucky counties and ten Indiana counties have been invited to participate in The Courier-Journal Spelling Bee this spring. The grand champion speller will win a set of Encyclopaedia Britannica and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Spelling Bee in June.

In addition, The Courier-Journal is offering \$1,275 to 12 U.S. district judges to sponsor spelling champions and to state runners-up. Each county winner will receive a \$25 bond. The state second place winner will receive a \$50 bond and the third-place winner will receive a \$100 bond. All will receive trophies. Each school champion will receive a certificate of award.

Participants must not have passed beyond the eighth grade at the time of their individual school finals, and they must not reach their 18th birthday on or before the date of the national final.

March 21 is the deadline for names of school winners to be sent to superintendents. April 18 is the deadline for county winners to be selected. The championship spelling bee for county winners will be held in Louisville on April 21.

Contest rules and entry materials have been sent to Superintendent Don Elder and Nicholas County Elementary Principal Charles Wilson.

Automobiles

- '76 GMC 4 wheel drive, V-8, a.s., p.s., new.
- '76 Ford 1/2 ton, short-wide bed, 302, p.p., factory sport wheels, 15,000 miles.
- '77 Olds 98, 2 dr., full power, 13,000 miles.
- '77 Chev. Caprice Classic, 3 dr., 1 gold, 1 yellow with white vinyl top.
- '76 Olds Cutlass Supreme, 3-door hardtop.
- '76 Ford F150, long-wide bed, 4 wheel drive, V-8, auto transmission, power steering.
- '76 Ford 150, long-wide bed, V-8, a.s., p.s., sliding rear glass, 16,000 miles.
- '76 Ford 100, V-6, p.s., 4 speed, 12 ft. flat, 15,000 miles.
- '76 Datsun pickup, 4 speed, red, 18,000 miles.
- '76 Pinto, a.s., factory air cond., 14,000 miles.
- '76 Ford F100, 4 wheel drive, auto, p.s., V-8, air, red in color.
- '75 Nova Option, 3 dr., full power, low mileage.
- '75 Chev. Impala Custom Coupe, full power.
- '73 Chev. Chevelle 1/2 ton, 4 wheel drive, 4 speed, V-8, p.s., air.
- '72 Ford Green F-Series, 2 door hardtop, full power, 41,000 miles.
- '73 Chevrolet C-60, 1 ton, V-8, auto, trans., 14 ft. flat, auto, tallgate, 32,000 miles.
- '76 Ford F100, 4 wheel drive, 4 speed, western wheels, sharp.
- '72 Buick Skylark Custom, 2 dr., hardtop, full power.
- '72 Ford LTD, 2 dr., hardtop, full power.
- '76 Buick Skylark, 4 dr., full power.
- '68 Chev. 1/2 ton, white-short bed, V-8, a.s., p.s., red in color.
- '68 Chev. C-60, 1 speed axle, V-8, new 14 ft. flat.
- '62 Dodge, V-8, 1 speed axle, 181, flat and cattle racks.

Cattle numbers down

The number of all cattle and calves in Kentucky on Jan. 1, 1978 totaled 2,126,000 head, five per cent less than a year earlier and the third year of declining cattle numbers in the Commonwealth.

Jan. 1, 1978. This represents the third consecutive year of herd reduction in the current cattle cycle. All cows and heifers that have calved at 97 million head are down five per cent from Jan. 1, 1977. The number on July 1, 1977 and 8.1 million was down three per cent from a year earlier. Beef cows at 8.7 million are down six per cent from last year and heifers 500,000 and over for beef cow replacements were down ten per cent from Jan. 1, 1977 indicating production plans are continued cutbacks.

The value of cattle and calves on Kentucky farms totaled \$89.3 million, two per cent greater than Jan. 1, 1977. Average value per head was \$210 compared to \$195 last year and \$185 Jan. 1, 1976.

January 1 All Cattle and Calves Inventory Drove Five Per Cent All cattle and calves in the United States on Jan. 1, 1978 totaled 118.3 million head, down five per cent from a year earlier and five per cent below 1977.

Five FHA ers attend March of Dimes meet

Region 13 of the Future Homeowners of America held a conference on "Healthy Babies: Choice of Choice!" at Transylvania University in Lexington, Feb. 19-21.

Attending from Nicholas County High School are May Ann Harper, Michelle Knapp, Patricia Palk, Margaret Duncan, Pam Bowen, Bonnie Metcalf, and Martha Taylor. The purpose of this conference was to inform future participants of the rights and responsibilities of parenthood.

The conference opened Friday at 4 p.m. with a welcome from Jim LeMaster, Chairman of the Sherrara Chapter March of Dimes which co-sponsored the conference. During the afternoon session FHA chapters in Region 13 reported on their participation in the state project.

The evening dinner meeting was highlighted by a keynote speech by "Host of Times—Worst of Times" by Charles Wright, a staff member from the National Foundation-March of Dimes.

On Saturday, conference participants saw a film, and heard speakers and a symposium on the essentials for physically and emotionally healthy babies. The afternoon session on Saturday consisted of workshops.

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