

Last week's Legislative wrap-up

FRANKFORT — More than 110 bills were introduced into the General Assembly this week, as legislators began studying their activities to meet the 60-day meeting limitation set by the constitution.

The House began the week trying to take action on some 60 bills that had backed up in its order, which would grant the right to collective bargaining to certified educators and administrators. More than two hours of debate preceded the 2:15 vote on that measure.

Bills signed by Governor

Among the bills signed into law by Gov. Julian Carroll this week were three bills repealing obsolete statutes relating to public education: Senate Bill (SB) 21, sponsored by Sen. David Karen (D-Louisville), deletes the provision that the board of education of a district enclosing a city of the first or second class shall employ a secretary of its business manager or assistant superintendent for business affairs.

SB 34, sponsored by Sen. Karen, deletes exceptions to the school district law.

SB 29, sponsored by Sen. Karen, deletes the requirement that a teacher who closes school before the end of the school year must make a report to the superintendent.

House Bill (HB) 184, introduced by Rep. Bobby Richardson (D-Glasgow), increases the daily per diem compensation to legislators.

The measure provides a \$8-a-day increase for clerks, sergeants-at-arms, doorkeepers and janitors and a \$2-a-day increase for pages. The bill is retroactive to Jan. 3, 1978.

Among bills and resolutions passed in either the House or Senate were:

HB 68, which passed the House 62-30, would require tobacco warehouses to extend rebates without discrimination or favor to larger customers. The bill also prohibits warehouses from giving free-lau incentives.

The House also adopted two bills relating to disaster procedures and damage claims. HB 227, sponsored by Rep. Herbert Dentkin (D-Pikeville), would permit the governor, in the event of a declared emergency, to send police or National Guardsmen onto private property to remove hazardous debris or other dangerous objects.

The House passed and sent to the governor SB 117, sponsored by Sen. Kelsey Friest (D-Pikeville), which permits disaster losses to be deducted from gross income for the computation of state taxes.

HB 59, sponsored by Rep. Mark Fennell (D-Cynthiana), would move the protective headgear requirement for motorcycle riders. The House passed the measure 50-41.

The Senate passed legislation creating a state office of medical services strengthening teachers' disciplinary authority and permitting the fermentation of wine for home use.

SB 109, sponsored by Sen. Danny Yocom (D-Louisville), would create an



establishes regulations covering the vehicle's use. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Sam Thomas (D-Jackson), passed the House by a 62-30 vote.

Sen. Tom Eastery (D-Frankfort) sponsored a bill requiring minimum competency testing in elementary and secondary schools which was approved by the Senate Education Committee.

Sen. Eastery's bill is SB 108.

The House Health and Welfare Committee reported favorably on a bill which would establish a program to provide short-term crisis assistance to those in financial emergency, sponsored by Rep. Jerry Kliser (D-Louisville). HB 13 would usually supply the aid for 30 days, although the bill leaves actual termination of the assistance to the discretion of the human resources department.

The House Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee approved a joint resolution that would automatically rescind Kentucky's approval of the Equal Rights Amendment, March 24, 1979, the deadline for the amendment's ratification. Rep. Dexter Wright (D-Covington), the resolution's sponsor, said House Joint Resolution 23 is a warning to the U. S. Congress not to extend the deadline.

Court news

From Nicholas County

John Collins
MSU Founders Day March 7

MOREHEAD — Morehead State University will observe Founders Day on Tuesday, March 7, with a series of programs, including an appearance by former FBI director Clarence Kelley. MSU President Morris L. Norfleet said the observance was being revived after a lapse of several years to become an annual campus event in March.

"Founders Day provides a unique opportunity for the University to honor its heritage and to point to the future," Dr. Norfleet stated. "Our planning committee has developed a meaningful and we invite all friends of the University to join us in celebrating the 60th anniversary of the creation of the institution."

Gov. Edwin Morrow signed the bill on March 1, 1972, which led to the founding of state normal schools at Morehead and Murray. The institutions actually opened their doors in 1923.

Dr. Norfleet announced that John Collins, a member of MSU's administrative staff since 1949, was serving as chairman of the 11-member Founders Day Committee which is comprised of faculty, staff, students, alumni and local citizens.

Cawood Ledford honored on 25th anniversary Feb. 20

"Good evening, everyone. This is Cawood Ledford speaking to you from Rupp Arena in downtown Lexington where tonight the University of Kentucky will play a football bowl game with Wake Forest on the Alabama Crimson Tide."

For UK football and basketball fans everywhere, that is the introductory statement Cawood Ledford made for 25 years now, signalled the beginning of another Wildcat game.

The man from the hills of Eastern Kentucky who is known to thousands as "The Voice of the Wildcat" was honored in Lexington Feb. 20 during the Kentucky-Alabama game on his silver anniversary at the microphone.

The UK Athletic Association presented Mr. Ledford with a framed collection of photographs, an original drawing, and a chronicle of the awards he has won during a distinguished broadcasting career.

Mr. Ledford's 25 years at the mike coaches — Paul "Boss" Bryant, Blanton Collier, Charlie Bradshaw, John Ray, and Frank Corci — and two basketball coaches, the late Adolph Rupp and Joe Hall.

Mr. Ledford began calling the play-by-play for UK during the 1953-54 season when Coach Bryant was UK's football coach and Coach Rupp was intimidating opponents with a team that featured All-Americans Cliff Hagan and Frank Ramsey.

He called his first play for a UK team midway through the 1963 football season when he replaced the play-by-play announcer then being used. The game was against Mississippi State at Lexington.

Mr. Ledford could not recall being nervous or could he remember many details about the game, except that the Wildcats pulled off an upset against a strong Mississippi State team. UK won that one 21-13.

During all the years since then, through playoffs and tournaments and two national championships for the basketball team, Mr. Ledford has missed only one game, and that was because a snow and ice storm made it impossible for him to make the trip from his home in Louisville to Lexington.

The opponent that New Years Eve in

Record 31.1 million persons visit parks

FRANKFORT — A record 31.1 million persons visited Kentucky's network of state parks, shrines and museums in 1977, according to a state Department of Parks survey.

In releasing the figures, park commissioners noted that Kentucky's 19 state parks listed a record increase in their occupancy rates — 67.5 percent — according to 66.46 per cent in 1976.

Shenandoah Lake's camping area registered the highest occupancy rate with 80.5 per cent of that park's available sites being occupied during the April through October season.

In a breakdown on lodge, cottage and overnight attendance, the largest lodge, Lake Barkley in Western Kentucky, claimed the largest number of guests, over 31,000. But most campers chose sites at Kentucky Dam Village, over 100,000. Campers also averaged a three-day stay at Kentucky Dam, longer than at any other park.

The No. 2 choice for campers was not another resort park but Fort Boonesborough in Clark County, visited by nearly 86,000 campers last year.

General Butler lodge and cottage area averaged a longer stay at the Carrollton resort than at any other Kentucky park. The park recorded an average 2.3 days for lodge guests and 3.1 for cottage guests. Parks officials attribute this higher average to the fact that a large number of tobacco buyers reside at the park during the tobacco auction season.

John James Audubon State Park at Henderson, normally considered a "day" park, also has five one-bedroom

Veterans booklet released by GPO

A 7-page booklet listing all of the benefits administered by the Veterans Administration has just been released, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is available from the Superintendent of documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20462. It costs \$1.00.

In addition to the benefits, the booklet outlines the eligibility of a veteran, or his dependent, for each of the long list of available benefits.

This year's book also contains the toll-free telephone numbers for all the regional offices in the nation. Addresses for hospitals, outpatient clinics and regional offices are listed.

The booklet, issued yearly, is known as the 15-1 Fact Sheet. It proves to be one of the government's best sellers each year.

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Tax idea

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alignment, damage tires, sometimes mufflers and the underparts of cars," he explained. Wheels out of alignment do more damage through wear and tear on tires than any other thing, he believes.

All any person has to do is learn about street and highway damage caused by this unusual "whirler" to drive around a while.

Deeds recorded

Estate of Maurice B. Vioe to Raymond C. and Roberta L. Vioe, land on Cassiday Creek and Upper Lick and Moorefield Turnpike, \$46,500.

Terry W. and Dianne C. Fryman to Albert D. and Alma Sue Fryman, land on Convent Hill, traded for other land.

Michael and Vicki Mitchell to Charles and Anna Lou Ring, land on Upper Jacktown, \$27,500.

Oren Ray Giffin, Thomas R. and Alma Jo Giffin, Phillip O. Giffin to Northern Financial Guaranty Company, LTD., land on Drury Ford Creek of Hinkston, \$82,000.

Allen H. and Mary C. George to Michael and Vicki Mitchell, land near Moorefield on Highway 26, \$6,000.

Kenneth H. and Connie Vaughn to George A. and Brenda J. Watkins, land on Hickory Ridge Dirt Road, \$17,000.

William and Laura Derrall to Clarence and Leon Steele, land on U. S. 68, \$1,000.

W. C. and Adde Jefferson to Estell H. and Betty J. Hunt, land on East Union Road, \$27,000.

CAWOOD LEDFORD, shown above in 1953 photo with the late Adolph Rupp, the University of Kentucky's legendary basketball coach, has been calling the play-by-play on radio for UK football and basketball games for 25 seasons. The UK Athletic Association recognized his achievements during a special presentation at the Kentucky-Alabama game Feb. 20 in Lexington's Rupp Arena.

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