

# Legislative Review

By Rep. Adrian Arnold

## Specialists team leader appointed

Kolan Morlock has been appointed team leader of the Comprehensive Care Centers that serve Nicholas and Bourbon counties. He will coordinate activities of the team of specialists, which include a psychiatrist, psychologist, speech therapist, social workers, alcohol and drug counselor, and others.

The local center is located at 226 Locust Street in Carleisle. The State center is located on the grounds of the old state tuberculosis hospital, 300 East Main Street.

The centers provide general mental health and mental retardation services, with fees based on ability to pay. Mr. Morlock is a 1974 graduate of the Kent School of Social Work, where he received a master's degree. He received a B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee in 1967, with a major in psychology.

He joined the staff of the Lake Cumberland Comprehensive Care Center at Sanneret in 1973 and came to the local center last year. He is a native of Virginia, but grew up in Louisville. He was graduated from Mansel High School there in 1963. He and his wife, Betty, have two children, Wendy, 7, and Amy, 6.

Another bill of interest is HB 322 — requires stickers on car rear window to prove the owner has auto insurance. The bill would also make auto inspection legislators from Central Kentucky and the legislators from the coal counties stemmed from the method of returning money for coal haul roads. The amended version will send 75 per cent of the surplus, over estimated severance tax, back to the coal counties for

## Outlook points to lower hog prices, cheaper pork

Increased hog production can be expected to lead to substantially lower hog prices this year and to some decline in pork prices at the same time, according to economists in the UK College of Agriculture.

Joe Davis, who specializes in livestock marketing, says that hog production is expanding at a rapid rate. This he adds, is due in part to the profitability of hogs during the past few years when hog prices have been relatively high and grain prices relatively cheap.

The economist looks for the price decline in slaughter hogs and feeder pigs to be rather dramatic toward the end of 1973. "Most projections," he points out, "indicate that hog prices will be down in the mid-80¢ range per cwt. by mid-year and will continue on lower by the end of the year."

For consumers, this should mean somewhat cheaper pork, but the decline in retail pork prices is not expected to be as dramatic as the drop in hog prices at the farm, according to Larry Jones, UK Extension specialist in consumer economics.

One reason, he explains, is that retail prices are relatively "sticky" and don't respond as much to changes in supply as do farm prices. Another important factor, he adds, is the expected increase in consumer disposable income in 1973 and its strengthening impact on the demand for pork and on retail prices.

"In 1977, hog production was one of the best profit-making farming enterprises in Kentucky," says marketing specialist Davis. "One widely recognized indicator of hog profitability is the hog-corn price ratio. This is the price of hogs relative to the price of corn which is the major feed for hogs."

Typically, a hog-corn price ratio of 15 to 1 indicates that hogs are profitable. During the last part of 1972, the ratio was 26 to 1. "When hogs are as profitable as the hog-corn price ratio indicates, farmers are encouraged to keep more sows farrowing and increase production," says Mr. Davis.

Sow farrowings were up 9% last June through August in the 14 major hog producing states, according to USDA reports. For this spring, an additional 10% increase over last spring is projected on the basis of USDA.

## Three accidents occur last week

Mr. John N. Smoot, Millersburg, hit the back-end of a car driven by Thomas J. Thornbury, Route 2, last Thursday around 1:50 p.m. Nobody was injured, but the cars were damaged slightly. Both cars were heading west on Ky. 26, when the Thornbury car attempted to turn left into Sexton's Trailer Court.

Carleisle Police Chief Allen Earbywine cited Mr. Thornbury for failure to maintain insurance. Vera M. Pines, Elm St., was traveling west on Highway 36 and was preparing to turn left on Jackson Pike when the Pines car collided with a car driven by Rex Purvis, Route 2, who was heading east on Highway 26. The right front ends of both cars were damaged, according to the accident report of Carleisle policeman E. Finch and C. Moss. The accident occurred around 2:30 p.m.

David Eckler, Route 4, heading south on Broadway, slid in front of a parked car belonging to Dorothea Kitchie, 543 Broadway, around 8 a.m. on March 7. Policeman R. Curtis was called to this accident.

# Council passes resolution to accept plan for sewer plant improvements during five and one-half hour meet

A city Council unanimously passed a resolution Monday night to accept the 20 Sewer Facilities Plan Howard K. Best Engineering had presented to the city at a public meeting last week. The plan calls for improvements to all cities. As it stands now, the average residential sewerage system in the area is estimated \$20,475 project.

Mr. Garfield said Carleisle has members 60 on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) of cities, under 3,000 population. Therefore, he said, it could be several years before EPA will have the 75 per cent funds available for Carleisle. The remaining 25 per cent cost of improvements to the sewer plant will be paid by a city bond issue. EPA is requiring these improvements of all cities. As it stands now, the average residential sewerage system in the area is estimated \$20,475 project.

## Make-up days to start Monday

The Nicholas County school day will be extended 45 minutes starting Monday in order to make-up as many of the 31 snow days as possible. School is scheduled to end on June 5 unless more days are missed.

Superintendent of Schools Don Elder explained the make-up plans as follows: — Nicholas Elementary will start at 8 a.m. and end at 2:45 p.m. Nicholas High School will start at 8:10 a.m. and end at 3:35 p.m. Bus drivers will explain to the children what time they are missed.

## Pre-school sign-up set for March 24

Pre-school registration will be held at Nicholas County Elementary, Friday, March 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Parents planning to enroll their child in Headstart, Kindergarten or first grade for the 1973-74 school term should pre-register on this date. To be eligible for first grade, a child must have reached the age of six prior to Dec. 31, 1973. Children between four to six years of age prior to Nov. 30, 1973 are eligible for Kindergarten. It is important that the child accompany the parent on this day.

Parents should bring a copy of the child's birth registration number or a reasonable facsimile. A birth registration is the copy sent to a parent from the Department of Human Resources, Vital Statistics Branch. The Nicholas County Health Department will be available at the school

begin required immunization and physical examinations. KHS 150.000 states NO CHILD shall be eligible to enroll as a student until required immunizations have been met. This means your child must have a physical examination and a certificate of immunization on the first day of his/her entry.

The importance of registering your child at this time is so preparation for instructional materials, classroom organization, etc. can be made prior to the fall term. This will give your child an opportunity to meet his/her teachers and become acquainted with the school environment.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Nicholas County Board of Education, 289-294 and Nicholas County Headstart, 289-240.

## Lodge to hold annual ham supper

Dougherty Lodge #65 will hold its annual Ham Supper on Saturday March 18 at 6:30 p.m. There will be featured speakers from Omega Temple, Lexington and Eastern University. Entertainment will be furnished by the Singing Instruments from Park.

All Masons, their wives, and widows of Masons are invited to attend. There will be a charge of \$2 per person. The lodge will receive cakes and donations to be taken to the Masonic Home and the Shriners Hospital in Lexington on Friday, March 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## Good Friday

Continued from page one medical school in 1973 and has had three years of specialty training in Family Practice. His wife, Barbara, is presently employed in Columbia and will be visiting in our community this month.

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## Frankfort Facts

By Sen. Ed Ford

FRANKFORT — This is the last week of the 1973 General Assembly session. Every hour of this week is being used for last minute committee meetings during recesses to enable us to act on such legislation as possible. We expect Saturday session, our last day, to last until the new year.

Senate Bill 88, the collective bargaining bill for school teachers, passed the Senate as I have reported. This bill was reported out of the House committee on Business Organizations and Professions with a recommendation that it should pass this week. In a surprise move in the House committee, the Senate is re-committed to the committee of Appropriations and Revenue. Veteran legislators say this move effectively kills the bill.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Senate recommittees Equal Rights Amendment 23-15 Monday. It now goes to the House for a vote.

Senate Bill 76 which allows restaurants in wet areas to purchase a wine license has now passed both the House and Senate. The restaurants could obtain this license at a much lower cost than the respective liquor license now required.

House Bill 234 has passed both bodies. This bill will increase fines for most traffic violations by fifteen dollars and increase the increased revenue for a compensation fund for the law enforcement officers.

HB 229 is the budget for state government. Spending for state agencies and programs has been studied for months by the joint Appropriations and Revenue Committee. The proposed 7.5 billion dollar budget was approved by the House by a vote of 100 to 10. The Senate will act on this bill this week.

A bill which outlines "home rule" powers of county governments (HB 152) was reported favorably by the Senate committee on Counties and special Districts with two committee amendments. I serve on this committee and I have considered this one of the most important bills to come out of our committee. Needless to say, I am honored to be asked to present such an important bill to the Senate. The bill basically grants county fiscal courts limited powers to enact ordinances and define the jurisdiction of those powers, in an effort to correct loose sections in the 1972 law which was declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court last fall.

The Senate last week passed a tobacco rebate bill. It has sent it back to the House for concurrence of a floor amendment. This bill requires that rebates be offered to all tobacco growers if rebates are offered to any. On the floor of the Senate, an amendment was adopted that would make the warehousemen liable to the tobacco owner for damage or destruction of tobacco in storage up to the warehousemen.

Now that the legislature is no longer in session, this will be the weekly column that I will write. I will have a column in a few weeks and try to analyze what is going on in the General Assembly has "done to the people". I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you during the session and I will assure you that I will continue to work for your interest during the interim.

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