

Legislative Wrap-up

by Rep. Arthur Arnold and Sen. Ed Ford

The recently completed 1978 session of the Kentucky General Assembly was able to enact some very positive legislation despite being delayed by many days of severe weather and much debate on a few emotional issues. Significant new laws were written dealing with agriculture, highways, health and other important areas of our lives.

Several measures designed to help Kentucky's farmers were approved by the Legislature including:

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Other important legislation passed by the 1978 General Assembly includes:

"Senate Bill 11" — adds new statutes for requiring counties to have solid waste management plans by 1981. The bill transfers the Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection as the state agency in charge of solid waste planning and management.

"House Bill 152" — amends the Home Rule Act of 1973 which was declared unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court. The bill redefines the powers of the fiscal courts, which the Supreme Court said its decision were not legislative bodies under the Constitution.

"House Bill 352" — creates a new legislative program review and investigations committee. The committee will be a permanent standing committee of the General Assembly. Its powers and duties shall be to make performance reviews of state agencies to evaluate their effectiveness and efficiency in utilizing state personnel and equipment. The committee will also make any special studies and reports on state agencies the General Assembly may request.

"House Bill 143" — increases the exemption from inheritance tax for inheritable interests of a surviving spouse from \$20,000 to \$40,000, and from \$10,000 to \$20,000 for infants and incompetent children. The bill also establishes an inheritance tax payment deferral system. This deferral system would be for beneficiaries of estates consisting of a farm or other business or interest.

"Executive Budgets included in this list are:

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Travel on Kentucky highways will be influenced by several bills passed by the General Assembly including:

"House Bill 21" — permitting a left turn on red from a one-way street on to another one-way street.

"Senate Bill 114" — allows motorists to purchase drivers licenses which are valid for four years instead of two.

"House Bill 25" — deals with motorized bicycles (mopeds); allows people to operate a moped if they have a driver's license.

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Army seeks language students

According to local Army recruiter, Sergeant Donnie Vinagar, of the Lexington Army Recruiting Station, the U. S. Army is seeking high school seniors and graduates interested in being trained as language specialists and translators.

Sergeant Vinagar says the language specialist positions are in Electronic Signal Intelligence (96C) and Military Intelligence (96C).

The Army's language training takes place at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, California. Training is available in a large choice of languages, and includes courses in geography, economics, and other intelligence-related subjects.

Sergeant Vinagar said, "Cash bonuses are currently being offered to men and women enlisting for many of these language programs. For example, students selecting the 61-week Russian or Mandarin Chinese course will receive a \$2500 cash bonus on completion of their schooling. The bonus is in addition to regular Army pay and benefits."

The recruiter says applicants should be strong in verbal and reasoning abilities, as well as have a strong interest in linguistics and intelligence work. Most assignments are overseas. Men and women interested in this challenging Army program should contact Sergeant Vinagar at the Lexington Army Recruiting Station, 4500 Union Bank Square, or telephone (606) 255-1074. He says those calling long distance should call him collect.

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Freezing Strawberries

Strawberries freeze best in glass freezing jars and plastic containers are recommended for freezing whole berries, sliced or puréed.

Strawberries, raspberries and blackberries may be frozen without sugar if the berries are sweet. If sugar is used, add 1/4 cup to each quart of berries that have been washed carefully and had the stems removed. Mix sugar with berries, then fill containers to within 1/2 inch of top for pints or 1 inch for quarts. Seal and freeze.

Strawberries for freezing should be ripe, firm and free of white or hollow centers or green tips.

Crushed berries, ready for use over ice cream may be frozen. Add 1/4 cup sugar per quart (or to suit taste) and mix well. Fill containers, leaving head space as given above.

Frozen Strawberry Jam

Uncooked strawberry jam will keep

Arthritis sufferers in the U. S. lose a total of 14,300,000 work days a year, according to the Arthritis Foundation.

The ingredients required are three cups crushed berries; five cups sugar; one package of powdered pectin and one cup water.

To make combine fruit and sugar and let stand about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Dissolve the pectin in the water, bring to a boil, and boil for one minute. Add the pectin solution to the fruit-sugar mixture and stir for 3-5 minutes. The fruit will begin to thicken. Ladle into jars leaving head space at the top. Freeze. Makes 9 six-ounce glasses.

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Saltwell News-----by Mrs. Fred Hollar

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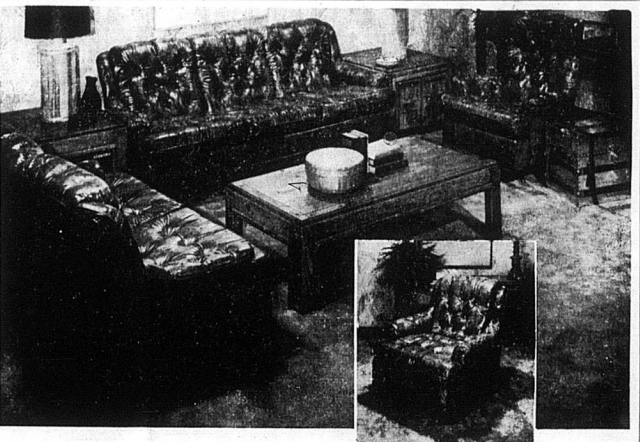
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