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Fuel costs lower state revenue funds

This year the state revenue outlook is not as good as 1978 mainly because of increased fuel and fuel-energy prices, said Maurice P. Carpenter, commissioner of revenue.

Kentuckians have to spend more money on utilities, gas and food and, therefore, have less money to spend on items covered by the sales tax, he said. Revenue receipts for July are not down but show a smaller increase than July 1978, Carpenter said.

He feels this fall in the purchase of items requiring sales tax is not permanent, he said.

Carpenter said the July revenue receipts report actually does not show the true picture. In July 1978 there were some problems in getting tax returns in and deposited. But this year several receipts due Aug. 1 came in early and were deposited in July, he said.

General Fund receipts for July were \$93,246,179, an increase of 4.8 percent over the July 1978 total of \$89,014,091 in July 1978. However, this increase was well below the 12.9 percent increase in 1978 from the 1977 amount.

Individual income tax receipts under

the General Fund were down 53.9 percent from \$21,996,623 to \$10,139,996. This drop was due to issuance of an additional \$1 million in refunds this July.

There were 807,835 income tax refunds given in July 1979 at an average of \$93.28 each for a total of \$75,417,378. In July this year there were 852,567 refunds at an average \$106.14 each for a total of \$89,925,925.

A further breakdown of General Fund revenue sources shows sales and use tax receipts were up 9.6 percent from \$45,285,926 in July 1978 to \$49,594,759 in July 1979.

Increases due to processing were shown both in cigarette taxes, \$952,563 to \$1,273,380 up 23.7 percent, and building and loan association tax receipts, from \$13,139 to \$2,062.06, up 2,073.4 percent.

Processing receipts was also the principal reason for a 46.4 percent increase in coal severance tax receipts. Actual receipts were up about 10 percent with department procedures accounting for the remainder. Coal severance receipts were \$9,091,701 in

July 1978 and \$13,312,600 last month. The coal severance tax receipts will remain in the general revenue fund until the total reaches \$2 million, said Carpenter. The money will then be transferred to the Transportation Fund for use on energy-impacted roads.

Last month the Transportation Fund revenue total was \$61,790,941, an increase of 23.2 percent over the July 1978 total of \$41,998,099.

Actually, the tax receipts of this fund were down 20.7 percent but the more than doubling of federal grants offset the drop, Carpenter said. Receipts dropped from \$26,307,281 to \$21,000,027.

Motor fuel receipts were down 22.4 percent from \$19,044,000 in July 1978 to \$10,180,531 last month. Much of this decrease was due to processing. Actual gainage for June was down 2.3 percent from June 1978.

The motor vehicle usage tax was down 11.7 percent from \$7,749,841 to \$6,812,256. This was the sharpest of five consecutive monthly drops from ever responding periods in 1978.

Agency and Trust Fund receipts were down 9.2 percent from \$71,803,942 in July 1978 to \$64,969,912 in July 1979. Virtually all of the loss was in federal grants for welfare and health. Federal grants in that area decreased 14.7 percent from \$35,057,781 to \$29,919,791.

Bus accident injures none

A school bus accident Tuesday would have resulted in injuries to a husband of students if the driver, Carl Mattax, hadn't kept his head, Nicholas County Sheriff J. W. Ecton reported Tuesday.

Mattax was driver of a full bus that was involved in an accident on the Pleasant Springs Road near the John Hamilton residence. Ecton said Mattax's good driving kept the bus from rolling into a creek. None of the students were injured but the bus was out of commission for an hour until a chain could be used to pull a fender from a tire.

Ecton reminds all Nicholas County

motorists to be watchful for school buses now that school has resumed. The time of day to be especially watchful is between 7 and 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Kentucky state law requires motorists ahead of behind a school bus to stop when the bus is loading or unloading passengers and to remain stopped until the bus is in motion.

Ecton said the problem is especially bad on narrow, country roads. Motorists traveling those roads during the times named should be watching for school buses.

Babe Ruth picnic Sunday at park

The Babe Ruth League post-lock picnic will be held at the Carlisle-Nicholas County Recreation Park this Sunday, Aug. 26 at 5 p.m.

All-star and winning team trophies will be presented at this time. Each person is asked to bring a covered dish or picnic food.

The picnic caps the Babe Ruth League season along with a proclamation signed by Carlisle Mayor William Power designating Aug. 16 as Babe Ruth Day in Carlisle.

The proclamation reads: Whereas Babe Ruth Baseball is

honoring Babe Ruth on Aug. 16, 1979, and, Whereas Babe Ruth Baseball and other leagues of baseball are very important to the youth of our community, and,

Whereas Our community needs to honor the great ball player, Babe Ruth, Therefore, I, William Power, Mayor of Carlisle, do hereby proclaim Aug. 16, 1979 as Babe Ruth Day in Carlisle and community and join with others in honoring this great player.

Signed this 14th day of Aug. 1979, William Power, Mayor of Carlisle

Bell gets rate hike

The Utility Regulatory Commission has denied a proposed \$44.6 million rate hike by South Central Bell Telephone Co. Instead, the commission granted a slightly more than \$8 million increase.

The increased rate was sought by South Central to bring its net income up to projected operating levels, according to the application filed with the commission.

In requesting the change, South Central cited a number of areas in which the net income has been or will be reduced. These include contributions, membership dues and fees, abandoned projects, elimination of employee discounts, advertising, income from its parent company and an increase in interest charges and income taxes paid by the utility.

The commission disagreed with the company in most areas stating that "the proposed rates were unfair and would be injurious to the public."

In support of the decision, the commission reported that over the past three years South Central Bell had disregarded customer complaints resulting in an "excessive" number of unresolved problems. The company reported a backlog of nearly 30,000 requests for changes from four- and eight-party lines to private or two-party lines.

Further, the commission felt the



Old acquaintances

The Carlisle High School Class of 1925 gathered last Saturday for a reunion luncheon at the Carlisle Presbyterian Church. Members present (some were accompanied by their spouses) were: front row, from left, Mrs. Frank (Clarine Hillcock) Gudgeall, Roger Mastin, Mrs. Roger Mastin, Mrs. Tempest Lawrence Saunders, Middle row, from left, Mrs. Lillian (Mamm) Gudgeall, Mrs. Christy Myers Booth, Mrs. Willie W. Cook and Willie W. Cook, Back row, from left, W. B. Griffin, Mrs. W. B. Griffin, Mrs. Blanche (Goldina) Kinney, Mrs. Geneva (Galbraith) Allison and Dr. Allison. Class members received a Kentucky Colonist commemorative through the efforts of Mr. W. B. Griffin. —Mercury photo.

Class of '25 gathers for 54th anniversary

Some old friends got together for a luncheon last Saturday and got to talking stories about their school days back in 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. "Doc" Allison hosted a reunion of the Carlisle High School Class of 1925 at the Carlisle Presbyterian Church. Of the 21 class members, 15 are living and 10 attended the reunion.

One of the class members, W. B. Griffin, had a surprise for the class—a Kentucky Colonist commemorative, presented at the luncheon. Then the tales began.

Mrs. Frank (Clarine Hillcock) Gudgeall gave the class history and reported on members who were unable to attend. Following that each class member reported on his or her activities since graduation.

One member, Roger Mastin, who retired from King Foods in Lexington recently after three decades of service to that company, revealed he hasn't finished school yet.

Actually it was Mrs. Mastin who spoke up, after a remark by her husband that he felt he had done well for as little education as he had.

"He didn't tell you all of it," Mrs. Mastin said. "We both decided to go back to school and last year we took two classes at UK—and got A's in both of them!"

Another member, Willie W. Cook, revealed how he happened to choose the town in Florida where he continued his teaching career after World War II.

Cook said when he returned from the service he took a map of Florida and picked out what he thought was the best fishing spot in that state and then applied to the school system in that county. He retired several years ago after rising to the principalship in that county and he and Mrs. Cook now divide their time between their Florida home and one they own on the Concord Pike.

Mrs. A. V. Allison, hostess for the luncheon, offered a modern version of "Show and Tell" when her turn came. Mrs. Allison introduced her granddaughter, Michelle Knapke, who helped serve the luncheon and later introduced her daughter, Pat, who stopped by the church to borrow a letter for her class reunion, scheduled later Saturday evening.

One recounted anecdote proved that "square the rod and spoil the child" was an educational concept still in good graces in 1925.

A class member, who still remains anonymous, was being punished one afternoon through application of a yardstick across his shoulders. The unhappy student turned his head as the blow fell and received part of it

on his cheek, leaving an imprint of a yardstick. He grabbed the yardstick from the teacher and fose from his seat.

The assembled eyewitnesses were afraid the student was going to return the blow but instead he broke the yardstick, and probably carried the gratitude of his fellow students.

The reunion was the second in recent years for the class, including an observation of their 50th anniversary in 1975.

Children sought

Bill Guthrie, Child Find coordinator for the Nicholas County School System, announced this week the continuation of Project Child Find, an effort to locate all children in Nicholas County who are in need of special education and related services.

Public Law 94-142, the Education of All Handicapped Children Act, requires each local education agency to develop procedures through which all such children are located and provided a free and appropriate public education.

Anyone having knowledge of handicapped children, living in Nicholas County, and currently not enrolled in school is requested to contact Bill Guthrie at the Nicholas County Board of Education office, 295 W. Main St. or phone 289-2264.

Jackets' tough defense almost holds Panthers

By Kay Cady
A powerhouse? Not quite. As a matter of fact, many Nicholas County Bluejackets fans were surprised by their squad's performance last Friday night at Fleming County.

The football game light put out by the Jackets will be one not soon forgotten by the Fleming Panthers. Even though the Panthers outted away with a 19-0 victory, the Jackets put one "sting" into that certain unsuspecting. That "sting" was Nicholas County's shocking football defense.

A score threatened by the Panthers in the first quarter was one example of the Jacket's prime defense. An Fleming attempt was no good. Nicholas attempted to score but they were unsuccessful. The fourth quarter was the Jacket's end. A touchdown, two plays following a 25-yard gain, jumped the Panther's lead 12-0, after an unsuccessful extra-

point attempt. Fleming's final score came toward the quarter's end when Lewis again crossed the line. The kick was good, ending the game 19-0.

David McCullough led Nicholas County offensively carrying the ball 11 times for 52 yards. Tommy Biddle followed, carrying 10 for 72 and Mike Sowell carried 12 for 14.

Sowell completed five of seven passes for 61 yards and interception. David Tubbs was the defensive leader with 11 tackles. Mike Matz followed with 10. Jackie Wells had seven. Mark Taylor and Steve Davis each had five. Mike Boykin, Mark Vee, Mike Sowell, and Phillip Rose each had three. Pat Leitcher, Jimmy Dale, Tommy Biddle, Mike Woolley, and Steve Anderson each had two, and Wilmer Hakobian had one.

The Jackets will travel this Friday to take on Richmond Madison. Kickoff is set for 8 p.m.



Game plan

NCHS football coach Ben Humphrey confers with Mike Sowell during a timeout in last Friday's game. The Bluejackets held Class AA contenders Fleming County and their star running back Butby Lewis scoreless for three quarters before falling 19-0. This Friday the Jackets travel to Richmond to take on the Madison Purple, pre-season favorites for the state Class A crown. —Mercury photo.

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