

CALF, DHR combine to provide heating aid

Much of the effort of Community Action Lexington-Fayette County, Inc. (CALF) is being concentrated on preventing and/or solving energy crises of the poor this winter. The local anti-poverty agency has entered into an agreement with the Department of Human Resources/Bureau for Social Insurance (DHR/BSI) to help with outreach activities in the administration of Federal and State energy assistance programs. CALF has the capability of providing the assistance because of its administration of the Federal program in this area last year.

For CALF neighborhood workers in Belle, Bourbon, Nicholas and Harrison Counties, a typical day includes circulating informational materials on the program, providing client referrals, providing transportation to BSI offices, scheduling application sites in target areas and acting as designated representatives on behalf of clients who are unable to apply for service in person.

To further assure that energy assistance is always available, CALF is operating a seven-day-a-week, after business hours, "on call" service. The

"on call" service is available in crisis situations only to assist low income families who are completely without heat during the night or on weekends. Families who find themselves facing such a crisis should call the agency's central office number, 254-9254, in Lexington. The call will be referred to a staff member who will in turn attempt to remedy the problem.

The two programs for which CALF is providing these services are:

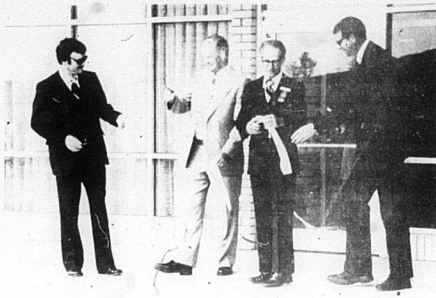
1. The State Energy Cost Assistance Program; and
 2. The Federal Energy Crisis Assistance Program.
- The state program provides financial assistance to persons who are at least 63 years of age or blind or handicapped, who receive Supplemental or Medicaid benefits, and whose total liquid assets (savings, checking, stocks, etc.) do not exceed \$2,000. The household income must be within 125% of Federal poverty guidelines. If the household is a non-farm family of four, for example, total household income for the previous three months cannot exceed \$2,064. For a farm household of the same size, annual income cannot exceed \$7,125.

The Federal program, on the other

hand, assists only those households in a crisis situation. Eligibility is contingent upon three conditions: 1) the household must be in a crisis situation that is life or health threatening, such as receipt of a shut-off notice or the actual absence of heat or fuel; 2) liquid assets for the household cannot exceed \$1,000 for an individual or \$2,250 for two or more persons; and 3) the household's income for the previous ninety days must be within 125% of Federal poverty guidelines.

In addition to its outreach efforts, the agency is providing supplemental services to help alleviate the impact of an energy crisis. These include supplying warm clothes and blankets to the agency's clothing banks in Fayette and Nicholas Counties. Blankets are also available through the agency workers in Bourbon and Harrison Counties. A church-sponsored crisis food bank is operating in Fayette County to provide families with a three day supply of food in emergencies.

Persons desiring more information should call (606) 254-9254 in all four counties. A toll free energy hotline will be available for Nicholas, Bourbon, and Harrison Counties in the near future.



Opening a new era

When the bus sends you out to cover a ribbon-cutting, that's what you do. Sometimes you can even get the actual moment of cutting as when the new Nicholas County Hospital was opened. William Conn of the Kentucky Hospital Association, County Judge/Executive Reese Smoot, Edgar A. Darrell, chairman of the hospital board and Tom Govec of the East Kentucky Health Systems Agency did the honors in the May 24 issue.



Thomas Jefferson is said to have invented the lever-operated double-door upper seat today on buses.



What's up

This is a blow-up of another picture, which showed Dr. Allen Hamon playing the banjo for some Nicholas County first graders. The children's rapt attention seemed to merit a closer look. It can on the front page of the April 12 issue and Dr. Hamon's picture was inside.

DES changes tornado advice

The division of Disaster and Emergency Services, upon advisement of the National Weather Service, is revising precautionary measures to be taken during the threat of a tornado.

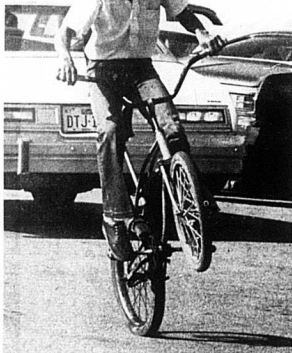
Because of new findings, DES now advises people not to waste time opening windows but to take cover immediately when a tornado warning is issued.

A tornado warning means that a tornado has actually been spotted in the area. A tornado watch means that tornadoes are likely to develop in the area.

Previously, people were instructed to open windows on the side of the building opposite the approaching tornado. The purpose of this was to equalize pressure, preventing the "explosive" effect on the house caused by unequal pressure on the inside and outside of the building as the low pressure center of the tornado passes over.

A recent study, however, showed that while the open window does relieve pressure placed on the roof of the structure, it adds additional pressure to the walls facing the tornado.

NWAA researchers have concluded that most buildings, both residential and commercial, have enough vents to handle the rapid pressure changes brought on by a tornado, eliminating the need for an open window. If natural venting is not enough, the tremendous winds and flying debris within the tornado would reach the building before the low pressure center of the tornado and would cause more structural damage and create more danger than an open window.



Gonna fly now

Every once in a while when a kid says "Take my picture" we do. Rocky Young's wheelies were in the April 19 issue.



The Georgia home of Joel Chandler Harris, creator of Uncle Remus, is called Snap-Bean Farm, or 'The Wren's Nest' because a wren once built a nest in the mailbox.

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