

**Obituaries**

**FORREST M. CURTIS**  
Forrest M. Curtis, 63, Ripley, Ohio, died Monday July 9, 1979 in the Brown County Hospital, Georgetown, Ohio.

He was a native of Nicholas County, retired truck driver and veteran of World War II.

He is survived by two sons, Forrest D. Curtis, Lexington; Sgt. Oliver B. Curtis, U.S. Army, Germany; daughter, Jayrene Thompson, Ripley, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Mary Jo Bishop, Albuquerque, N.M.; Edna Palacios, Edwards Air Force, Calif.; two brothers, Sam Curtis, Carlisle; James Curtis, Cynthia; two sisters, Mrs. Willard Folliver, Carlisle; Mrs. Collier Lee Jefferson, Maysville; eight grandchildren.

Funeral services 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel, by the Rev. Albert Allen with burial in Bartlesville Cemetery. Nephews will serve as pallbearers.

**MRS. ROY B. SMART**  
Mrs. Gertrude Booth Smart, 86, 146 Cypress St., Paris, widow of Roy B. Smart died Tuesday, July 2, 1979 at his residence after an extended illness. She was a native of Nicholas County, a member of First Christian Church, Paris, a member of the Paris Chapter O.E.S. #107, American Legion Auxiliary and the Jerusalem Ladies Chapter of the D.A.B. She was a Kentucky Colonel and a former school principal in the Nicholas County school system.

**Pollution standards could help state coal**

Senators Walter (D-va) Huddleston and Wendell Ford said that the air pollution standards for new coal-burning electric power plants should have a positive impact on domestic coal production and would help stabilize markets for both Eastern and Western Kentucky coal.

"It appears that we haven't lost anything, that, in fact, Kentucky has gained a great deal," the Senators said in a joint statement after the Environmental Protection Agency announced the new standards. "The EPA's action will stabilize the production of Eastern Kentucky coal, both low and high sulfur, and guarantee the continuation of the sale of Western Kentucky coal."

The new air pollution standards continue the existing limit for sulfur dioxide emissions of 1.2 pounds per million British Thermal Units (BTU). However, under the new standards, all plants must reduce uncontrolled sulfur dioxide emissions from 75 to 90 percent.

The 90 percent requirement applies to any plant where uncontrolled emissions are more than 8 pounds sulfur dioxide per million BTU. Plants with a controlled emission level of 6.6 pounds or less are permitted to reduce sulfur percentages less than 90 percent, but never by less than 75 percent.

Ford and Huddleston, along with other coal-state Senators, had strongly urged the EPA to retain the current 1.2 limit because of the adverse effect

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Survived by two daughters, Mrs. Mildred S. Baber, Paris; Mrs. Jean Mauer, Lexington; one son, Calvin B. Smart, Paris; one sister, Mrs. Charles Whaley, Carlisle; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday at the Hinton-Turner Funeral Home, Paris by the Rev. James Seale, Interim Paris Cemetery.

**MRS. HOLLIIE LOGAN**  
Mrs. Melinda S. Logan, 82, widow of Hollie Logan, 606 Sycamore Hill, died Thursday, July 5, 1979.

She was a member of the Carlisle Christian Church and native of Nicholas County.

Survivors are two sons, Edwin H. Logan, North Middletown; George R. Logan, Robertson County; three daughters, Mrs. Virginia Payne, Millersburg; Mrs. Helen Hunt, Paris; Mrs. Eleanor George, Carlisle; brother, Martin Scott in Nicholas County; three sisters, Mrs. Helen Scott, Nicholas County; Rosa Hammi, Carlisle; Nannie Smoot, Paris; seven grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Services were Sunday at the Mathers-Shearer Chapel, by the Rev. Sam Hutton and the Rev. Michael Young, Interment Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers: Benches Dotson, Mike Dotson, Chester Sparks, Marion R. George, Greg Hunt, Billy Payne, Richard Logan.

**Falmouth Dam**

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Arnold said he was asked to solicit comments because part of his district would be affected.

If the A and R committee approved the proposal, it would still have to be acted upon by the General Assembly as a whole.

Arnold said anyone wishing to comment should either attend the meeting, submit their comments in writing to the Falmouth Dam subcommittee in care of the Legislative Research Committee by Friday, or call him at home in Mt. Sterling at 458-2034.

"We don't get to know people when they come to us, we must go to them to find out what they are like," Goettle

**State's population getting older**

Kentucky's population in continuing to grow and is getting older, Paris, June 1, researchers at the University of Louisville British Columbia Center, the state's official population research center.

The Center has released a 10-page report charting the state's population growth and changes in its race, sex and age makeup between 1970 and 1977.

According to U. of L.'s Dr. James Brockway, the state's demographer, the statistics indicate more persons are staying in or moving into the state than are leaving it.

During the seven-year period studied, the state's population grew by 237,269 persons, from 3,220,211 to 3,456,100, representing a 7.4 per cent increase.

This upward change in the number of Kentuckians represents a marked departure from the trend in the 1950's when more than 100,000 people left the state and the growth rate showed only a 5.9 per cent increase.

The trend is occurring in many southern states in the Sun Belt, the report states.

More significantly, Center researchers document an aging trend, which has been predicted by demographers nationally for several years.

"The decline in the birth rate has the most significant impact on the age structure of population. The rate has been declining since the post-World War II baby boom peaked in 1960," Dr. Brockway said.

"From 1960 the birth rate has been declining, the population will continue to grow because of the high fertility rate experienced between 1947 and 1960."

"The national trend has indicated more families are having fewer children, and couples are tending to wait to have children until their late 20's and early 30's. Although the majority of Kentuckians are having more children during their early 20's, the state is beginning to follow the national trend," he said.

A decline in the death rate for persons 35 years of older is another reason for the aging trend.

The median age of the state's residents increased 1.3 years between 1970 and 1977, from 27.3 years to 28.8 years.

The U. of L. researchers found the number of elderly residents has also risen 13.3 per cent of the total population. In 1970, there were 332,428 persons 65 years of older, making up about 10.3 per cent of the population.

In 1977, working Kentuckians were supporting fewer youths and a larger number of elderly. The number of persons who reached retirement age increased by 15.3 per cent.

This shift in the makeup of the state is beginning to affect government planning. The increase in the number and proportion of elderly in the nation as well as Kentucky, the report states, has "heightened interest in the special needs of the older population, which has been reflected in Congress' reevaluation of the Social Security system."

"With the increase it has become essential that a wide variety of service-delivery programs be established for the elderly and the need for more programs is likely to continue as the older population increases in size."

Breaking the population down by county and region, the researchers found larger numbers of elderly live in the state's metropolitan counties, but make up smaller percentages of those counties' total populations. The less densely populated rural counties, however, show higher percentages of elderly.

Specifically, the report revealed, — Six counties had exceptionally high percentages (more than 17 per cent) of elderly residents in their populations: the counties were Ballard, Carlisle,

moderate concentrations of elderly (10.1 to 13.5 per cent) were located in the eastern half of the state. — Forty-two counties had relatively high percentages (13.5 to 17 per cent) of their residents 65 years and older. These counties were located mainly in the northeast and southeast.

Changes in the race and sex composition of the population have been "relatively small," the report states. Since 1970, the percentage of white males and females in the total population has decreased slightly, while the proportion of nonwhite persons has increased.

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