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## 1980 census is underway

The 1980 census is expected to show significant demographic changes in both Kentucky and the nation's population, according to Dr. James Brockway of the University of Louisville Urban Studies Center.

Information from the census, which began March 28 when questionnaires were mailed to about 80 million American homes, will not actually be available until 1981, he explained.

The Urban Studies Center, however, keeps a continuing watch on changing population characteristics in the nation and in Kentucky through the use of computer projections.

**Changed since 1970**  
Brockway said 1980 census figures should indicate the nation's population has changed significantly since the last census in 1970.

The figures should show:  
The number of single-parent families headed by women has increased by about 50 percent since 1970.

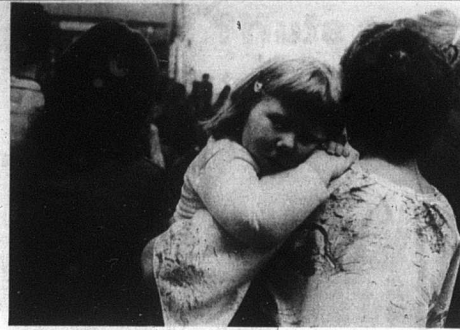
Both husband and wife are wage earners in half the families headed by two spouses.

The traditional household of mother, father and one or more children now accounts for fewer than a third of the nation's households, the lowest percentage ever.

The number of unmarried couples sharing a household has more than doubled during the past 10 years.

**Low growth rate**  
Population growth since 1970 is expected to be only about nine percent.

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This young lady was more interested in what was behind her than what was in front of her Sunday at the Blue Grass Industries' annual Easter Egg Hunt for employees' children. — Mercury photo.

### Watchful

## Nursing home policy explained

The state of Kentucky, through various aid programs, pays the cost of housing a lot of nursing home patients in the state, including many at the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

But the same state government that pays to keep these elderly citizens warm and safe is often the government that decrees a nursing home patient must leave the facility.

And that's a situation that has Robert Hester, administrator of the Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Corp., Inc. complex, speaking to civic groups around Carlisle trying to explain to them the procedures and regulations under which the hospital and nursing home must operate.

**No local determination**  
"It's really frustrating at times," Hester said. "People think we have the final say on who comes in the nursing home or who has to leave. It's not that way at all. We're governed by state aid rules that come directly from HEW (the Department of Housing, Education and Welfare) and if we don't follow those rules we'd be broke in six months."

There are two ways for persons in the nursing home to pay for their care.  
**One is private pay.** Because of the cost, very few patients in the facility are private pay patients. However, they enjoy a freedom that others don't. Private pay patients aren't affected by government regulations as much as patients whose care is paid by the government.

State aid is the other method of payment. Under this plan the state administers funds allocated to it by HEW. And with those funds comes miles of red tape.

(There is another method of payment: Medicare will pay the cost of a skilled care bed in a nursing home for a limited period of time.)

**Four levels — a first**  
For purposes of payment for nursing home patient care the state classifies them into four levels of care — acute, skilled, intermediate and personal.

The Johnson-Mathers complex is the only facility in the state to offer all four levels of care. The acute patients are those in the hospital and as such are not considered nursing home patients. But the other three levels are found in the nursing home. And the regulations that govern them can, and do, force the administration to tell a patient that he or she must leave the nursing home.

The state aid is supplied on the basis of how many skilled care beds the home has, how many intermediate care beds it has and how many personal care beds.

**Skilled takes most**  
Skilled care patients require the most care. They are for the most part bedfast, although they can use a wheelchair for short periods of time. These patients need daily assistance with their basic life functions. There are 17 skilled care beds at the local nursing home.

Intermediate care patients require minimal assistance. They cannot completely function alone but can perform some of their basic needs. There are 34 intermediate care beds at the home.

There are only four personal care beds at the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home. These are for people who, although they can take care of themselves for the most part, still seek the friendship and companionship they find among those their own age.

**Musical beds**  
There are a total of 55 beds at the nursing home. It seems logical

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## State's revenues increase

Total state revenue receipts for February and the first eight months of the fiscal year show an increase of 6.1 percent in the General Fund and 18.7 percent in total agency funds while the state Transportation Fund gained only 2.1 percent, according to a report issued by Finance Secretary George Atkins and Revenue Commissioner Robert Alphin.

The report indicates non-tax receipts under the General Fund were up more than 12 percent while tax receipts increased by only 3.8 percent. The large increase in non-tax receipts is attributed to the 37.8 percent rise in interest on investments.

The report showed a 9.2 percent increase in license and privilege taxes. However, due to a delay until March 1 in the processing of coal severance tax in 1979, this is not a true figure, the report said. A better comparison is expected at the end of the third quarter.

The 2.5 percent gain in the Transportation Fund would have been a loss of 3.6 percent without the severance tax and because of the lag in processing of

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## News briefly

### Easter Service schedule

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association will be presenting the Easter program for the people of Nicholas County.

**Good Friday Service** — To be held Friday, April 4, at the Carlisle First Baptist Church. The service will begin at 2:05 p.m. and will end at 2:55 in order to accommodate the local merchants and enable them to attend. Rev. Herman Kamlage will be the speaker. An offering will be taken to provide funds for the transportation of retarded individuals from our county to the training center in Paris. To defray this cost, \$500 is needed.

**Easter Sunrise Service** — To be held Sunday, April 6, at the Carlisle Presbyterian Church. The Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 a.m. Rev. Roy Hunt will be bringing the Easter message.

The women of the Presbyterian Church will provide refreshments after the Easter Sunrise Service.

### Watch out for phony SS men

Kentucky State Trooper John Hall warns elderly residents of Nicholas County to be on the watch for a group of three men who are posing as Social Security representatives.

According to Hall the men gain entrance to an elderly person's home on the pretense of asking questions about Social Security. While two of the men question the resident the third scours the house for valuables or money.

Hall said he believes the men are the same group who ran a similar con game in Scott County recently. He urges anyone who has any knowledge of the men to contact him, either at home, 289-7254, or through the Nicholas County Sheriff's office, 289-5262.

## Larry Frost still painting

Carlisle native Larry Frost's artistic endeavors continue to draw attention in the works of the Nicholas Coalition.

Frost, currently a cartographic technician with the United States Geological Survey National Center in Reston, Va., is spending much of his spare time specializing in oil portraits. And for the next few months his artistic attention will be directed to the "Kentucky Art, 1800" exhibition to be held in Lexington in May. Frost has entered three of his works in the competition and in past results are any indication the Carlisle native should win recognition in his home state.

In each of 50 state art exhibitions he has entered Frost's paintings have received at least one award for either a first, second or third place finish.

And one of his paintings, called "The Huddle", is on permanent display at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass. It depicts the 1971 University of Kentucky Wildcats during a timeout.

Frost has also painted Dan Issel, Kevin Grevey and Frank Lennister, all athletes who played their collegiate careers in Kentucky.

In 1978 he was named Outstanding Young Man of America by the National Jaycees.

When he's not painting people Frost is drafting topographic maps and other cartographic subjects for the USGS, whom he joined in 1961. He presently works in the Survey's National Mapping System and one of his most recent portraits is of retiring USGS Associate Director Joseph A. Cragwell.

Frost, 40, is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University and is the son of Mrs. Lorena Frost of Carlisle. He and his wife, Ruth Ann, live in Leesburg, Va. with their three children.



### Different map

Larry Frost's current job is cartographic technician at the U.S. Geological Survey National Center in Reston, Va. But in his off-duty hours Larry still pursues his

artistic career, turning in this case to a portrait of retiring U.S.G.S. Associate Director Joseph A. Cragwell. — USGS photo.

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