

Trussell, Wilson attend state health conference

Keep local public health and industry representatives informed of new developments occurring in their professions.

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SS officers attend meeting

Five local Southern States Cooperative officers attended a regional SS board conference at Morehead recently.

Three attending from Nicholas County were Chester Mattie, Samuel Hayden, David Derrill, Mike Sexton and Mrs. Sallie Rayey.

At the meeting it was reported that SS sales volume for the first six months of the 1979-80 fiscal year showed a \$57,300,000 increase over the same period last year.

State to fill up on 1244

The state Transportation Department has announced a project to correct a fill slip one mile northeast of KY 284 on Old U.S. 48 Road, near the Nicholas County line.

The project is a joint effort between the Transportation Department and the Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

The project was made possible by Nicholas County's 1979-80 county road program, Transportation Secretary Frank Metta said.

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GM show coming

The General Motors live science assembly program "Previews of Progress" scheduled for March 10 at Nicholas County High School includes a demonstration of synthetic rubber produced in only 60 seconds (shakes well and out jumps a mag of synthetic rubber 15 times the mass of the bottle. The free 40-minute show features nine highly visual science-in-action demonstrations, which dramatize new materials and products made possible by research in science and engineering — GM photo.

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Down Memory Lane

Carlisle students take TB tests; Robert Neal dies at home

Thursday, March 10, 1960

Recently students at Carlisle City School took tuberculosis tests administered by Dr. W.R. Kingsolver, Nurse Mary Catherine Allison and Public Health Nurse Catherine Alexander. Miss Allison, student nurse, has been helping the doctors while she is on vacation.

Henry Fair, local barber, has announced plans to open a skating rink April 1 in the old red brick building next to the Carlisle stock yards.

Miss Harriet Clark, a freshman at Kentucky Wesleyan, was inducted into the Gamma Xi Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority on Feb. 20. Miss Clark is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Clark.

Bobby Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Curtis, was recently selected Student of the Month at Carlisle High School.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. James Williams, Cynthia, March 9, a son, in Lexington. — To Mr. and Mrs. Walter George, March 7, a son, in Lexington. — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boiling, a son, Roger Jr., March 2. — To Mr. and Mrs. Norman Floyd McGowin Jr. of Chapman, Ala., a daughter, Lucy Beatwood, Feb. 17.

DIED — Robert William Neal, 73, a retired grocer, at his home on Tuesday. — Rev. J.J. Whitehouse, 68, former pastor of the Carlisle Christian Church, March 3 in Rifle, Colo. — Cambridge Ethel Sapp, 73, of Barteville, at the home of Memphis Riddle on Monday. — Mrs. Sally Stewart, 78, Paris, Saturday. — Mrs. Beate Barlow Hann, 77, of Troy, Mo., Sunday at her home. — Mrs. Mayne Bramblet Kennedy McIntyre, 84, Saturday in Flemingsburg. — Mrs. Lydia Fryman Logan, 76, Saturday in Paris.

Prices of staple articles of food are cheaper than at any time since 1954, according to estimates made this week by an executive of a Louisville chain store system.

Eleven students are attending the University of Kentucky this year. Helen Long, Constance Spayk, Richard Seeling, Lucille Spool, Beatrice Sexton, Henry Cartwell, John Fitch, Lorene Pidge, Llewellyn Holmes, William Judas and Glenzy Clark.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Lettice of Standford, a son on Friday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington.

MARRIED — Miss Opal Jackson and Freddie Gausson at Paris on March 1.

DIED — Martha Dean Wiggins, six-week-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Wiggins, at the home of her parents in the Miller Station section last Wednesday. — Newell Travis Jackson, 15, Sunday at the home of his mother, Mrs. John William Jackson near Mt. Zion. — Eddie Lee Clark, 68, at his home on the Upper Lock Road, Saturday. — Mrs. David Beers, 76, in a Louisville hospital on Feb. 26.

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

A warm day or two

The other day, about two weeks ago, when the sun shined warmly and the air felt like a warm blanket, I was out in my back yard. I had just finished watering the plants and was about to go back inside when I noticed a faint, shimmering light in the air. It was just a few inches above the ground, and it seemed to be coming from the ground itself. I was curious, so I went over to see what it was. To my surprise, I found a small, glowing object that looked like a tiny star. It was so bright that it made my eyes water, and it seemed to be pulsing. I was fascinated, so I watched it for a while. It didn't move, but it kept shining and pulsing. I was about to go back inside when I noticed that the light was getting brighter and brighter. I was about to go back inside when I noticed that the light was getting brighter and brighter. I was about to go back inside when I noticed that the light was getting brighter and brighter.

Editor's notes

My predictions...

The NCAA Final Four will be Maryland, Louisville, Kentucky and Ohio State. The Final Two will be Kentucky and Louisville, and the winner will be a team from Kentucky. (I'm not going that far out on a limb.)

Kentucky looks to have the hardest road to the Final Four right now. They'll have to beat Duke and either Purdue or Indiana. The Cats will be ready for Duke but they'll have a better chance against Indiana than Purdue, both teams they've already beaten this year. Why? Because Indiana won't play a zone and UK has some trouble with the zone. That's all for now.

Films in Fleming

Toby Kilder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fisher, was in Fleming County recently to film a story for Cincinnati's Channel 12 on Franklin Souleley, the Fleming County soldier who was one of the Marines who raised the flag over Iwo Jima.

Toby's father who is running out of the Channel 12 building with Nick Clooney on that station's news program. He's the director of cinematography at WERC and has covered a lot of interesting stories in the past few years. Elder and Glenn Ryke, better known as "Skipper" Ryke, visited Souleley's grave and talked with his mother on their trip to Flemingburg.

Boot-ed

About four years ago, when Kentucky winter started auditioning for Canada, I dug an old pair of boots out of the closet to keep my legs warm. Then I discovered there are a lot of advantages to wearing boots besides warmth.

For one thing, it keeps the kids from biting your ankles. Two, it allows you a little more room for adjustments in the morning when you're looking for a pair of socks.

You see, if your wear boots that cover your ankle or go high enough to join your long johns it doesn't matter if your socks don't match your shirt or even if they don't match each other. Nobody's going to see them unless you break your leg.

The one thing I don't have is a pair of horses-to-goodness cowboy boots with the needle toe. They come in handy when a bug heads for the corner on you.

St. Paddy's Day

If as many people who claim to have ancestors from Ireland, that land must be a place where people stand up all day because there isn't any room to sit down.

Take me, for example. I had one grandparent on each side that was Irish and not too far off the boat. According to my home town's professional Irishman, that makes me half-Irish and half-Alexander.

Anyway, a week from this Saturday, March 15, is the date of St. Patrick's Parade in Lexington. A lot of high school bands that were disbanded to the inaugural parade will be on hand and the celebration is supposed to end in front of Rupp Arena in time for the Midwest Region NCAA finals, which should make for some interesting confrontations if there's more folks in the parade than ticketholders.

Below is the official emblem, which is pretty nice but I would rather have seen a four-leaf clover. We need all the luck we can get.

Opinion

It's not news to us

An article in this week's Mercury that predicts Kentucky will experience a housing shortage in the next 10 years should be old news to Nicholas Countians. They've been experiencing a housing shortage for several years and the end is not in clear sight yet.

What's the cause? No one factor can be singled out but a major influence on housing in Nicholas County, and specifically in the Carlisle area, is the disposal of waste water from residential units.

For example, construction in the Lake Carnico area is at a standstill now, mainly because a new sewage treatment system is needed. Nicholas County Development Corp. officials are working on grants that will alleviate this problem but the solution is still several years into the future.

The City of Carlisle has the same problem. Last year the city's engineer said 800 more units could be added on to the city's sewage system but only if the present problems of water infiltration are solved.

The city has a grant pending for sewage improvements but it is also several years in the future. As of now, even if Carlisle was first in line for the grant the city's financial situation would either preclude the sale of bonds or make the restrictions on their sale so stringent it would not be feasible.

How about county construction? Well, strict regulations concerning the use of septic tank systems is also seen as a deterrent to any building in rural areas of the county. The amount of land needed to sustain a septic tank drain field has been increased and this alone can affect the future of county building lots.

As the report notes, many Nicholas Countians are tiring of trailers and mobile homes as the answer to the housing shortage. But there are not that many areas in the county zoned for trailer parks.

The existence or lack of housing is a major factor in the growth of a community. It might be that Nicholas County has reached a saturation point and that any future growth will be in small increments. Bigger Grass Roots Development District population statistics and estimates indicate that Nicholas County will grow by less than 1,000 new residents in the next 40 years. Any significant increase in population would have to be fueled by new industry, of which there is little sign now.

Will Nicholas County grow very much in the next 50 years? Only time will tell. But one thing is sure: news of a housing shortage isn't news to Nicholas County.

Agree or Not

Tax bill not popular

By S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT — Gov. John Y. Brown Jr.'s tax bill introduced last week is not striking a responsive chord with legislators or retired state employees and teachers.

While the bill would reduce the tax burden for lower income citizens, it would increase the burden for the higher and middle income people in most instances. However, the tax brackets are set so that the middle income people would likely about the same tax burden they are under present law.

The tax compliance based on legislators is what the sponsor of the bill chose to call "middle income." Those privately voting opposition to the bill use higher figures for calculating middle income.

The reason the retired people are opposing the bill is because it would erase the exempt status from their retirement allowances for state income tax purposes. They are now exempt from reporting this income.

All of the retired people have been complaining about inflation in the recent years. Their income growth has not kept up with the annual rate of inflation, as the Social Security attempts to do, at least partially.

However, the bill would change the deductible amounts from the gross income for state taxes to \$2,300 for single persons and \$1,400 for a couple filing joint returns.

The administration's argument for the bill is to make state income tax law conform with the federal law so the state can piggyback the state return on the federal. The federal government would collect the income taxes for Kentucky and remit it to the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

This appears to be one of Gov. Brown's ideas to fulfill his pledge to operate state government on a "business basis." The piggybacking would reduce state costs for collecting the income taxes and ostensibly reduce the number of employees required to handle it.

It is a problem, as Kentuckians see it, that it would cost more of them more. It would cause many drawing retirement annuities who have additional income.

Too, the Kentucky Employment Retirement System, state employee pay raises and the \$151 per month according to a recent fiscal report.

The average retirement is in the neighborhood of \$450 per month, and this would be right on the line to go above exemptions, especially if they have additional income. The poverty level now estimated by the federal government is around \$6,000 per year for a family of two.

From all the information I have been able to gather from the retirement systems in the state and from legislators, the bill does not have all the virtues the Brown administration is trying to decorate it with.

Another bad feature of the bill is that it would hit retired people much worse than those retiring after Dec. 1, 1982.

For example, on that date, the wife's share of the Social Security income would be reduced by the amount she would draw from teacher retirement or from any other retirement system. This would be a real blow to those people for the wife usually receives a Social Security check on her husband's retirement under that system about what the husband or wife draws under Social Security.

By 1982, the retirement pay from any retirement system would wipe out Social Security for the spouse. The federal law will deduct dollar for dollar between two retirement systems.

It is known as the "cliff" provision passed by Congress in December 1971.

Only about 13 states do not have dual retirement systems for teachers. The other half coverage for teachers under both the Social Security System and teacher retirement.

The retired teachers say the federal law is bad for Kentucky. It remains to be seen whether Brown can keep his "decorations" on his tax bill attractive enough to get state taxes piggybacked on the federal return.

Feel'n' Good

By M.A. PETTI, M.D.

Before you start doing strenuous exercises, you should warm up slowly and build up a sweat. This gets your body working efficiently. It is a necessary step of your performance, but it will reduce your chances of hurting yourself.

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