



State orders Bell to refund \$10.4 million

The state Utility Regulatory Commission has ordered the South Central Bell Telephone Co. to refund approximately \$10.4 million to its 800,000 Kentucky customers.

The action resulted from the settlement of litigation that began in December 1975 and concluded in February 1980.

The major issue in each of three cases that were under appeal involved the commission's treatment of Job Development Investment Credit, a part of the Internal Revenue Code. In August 1977 the commission agreed to change its past policy of not allowing the company to earn a return on this item. In February of this year the Franklin Circuit Court ruled that the commission should reverse its past orders to fill in for lost interest.

The commission chose not to appeal the ruling in return for Bell's agreement to immediately refund \$17 million it had collected in excess of commission-approved rates since 1975. However, Bell was allowed to offset approximately \$10 million from the refundable amount, thus adding \$7 million to the revised JDIC treatment, leaving \$10 million plus interest.

The commission ordered the company to pay 10 percent interest on the refundable amount, thus adding approximately \$1.4 million to the \$7 million.

South Central Bell must submit its refund plan to the commission by June 30 with all refunds to the customers to be completed by Aug. 30, 1980.

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Emergency seminar

Russell Bell (right), Nicholas County Disaster and Emergency Services (DES) coordinator, was among 65 local emergency response officials attending an Advanced Emergency Preparedness seminar held recently in Lexington. Bob Buntin, DES Area 13 coordinator and a native of Carlisle, explains to Bell how this radiological monitoring device measures radiation levels. Also attending the seminar was Carlisle Mayor William Power. — DES photo.

DES officials attend preparedness seminars

Emergency preparedness and response officials from northern and eastern Kentucky congregated in Lexington recently for one of four Advanced Emergency Preparedness Seminars being held in Kentucky this summer.

The two-day seminars, sponsored annually by the division of Disaster and Emergency Services, are designed for local and area officials involved in emergency planning, preparedness and response activities.

This year's program features two concurrent workshops on Friday, one for local DES coordinators on administrative programs and one for county officials on disaster assistance programs.

Saturday's agenda includes such topics as hazard nuclear facility planning, the role of amateur radio in emergency preparedness, public information and media programs and the role of Annex Q in hazardous materials incidents.

Wilbur R. Buntin Jr., DES executive director, said, "These seminars offer both state and local officials an opportunity to exchange information and ideas that are beneficial to DES and to its goals in all areas of emergency preparedness and response."

State police plan to use 'plain wrappers'

Motorists driving Kentucky roads over the Fourth of July weekend can expect a repeat of Memorial Day in the state's rural areas.

The Kentucky State Police will again be using their "plain-wrappers" to enforce traffic laws in rural areas.

On the Memorial Day weekend, state police put unmarked trucks, cars and four-wheel-drive vehicles equipped with radar in high accident locations around the state.

Officers in the Dry Ridge state police post area were quick in reporting "snookers" in a state dump truck. A Toyota with radar worked the London post area and jays and wreckers were on the road in other parts of the state.

L. Ernest Bivens, plain affairs officer for the state police, said the intent of the program is not to make road numbers of speeding citations, but to make drivers feel someone is looking over their shoulders at all times.

The 54-Please anti-speeding program is producing a record number of speeding tickets, however. Speeding citations issued so far this year are up 36 percent. Troopers issued 17,862 speeding tickets statewide in May.

"We want to make this a safe and pleasant weekend for Kentuckians this year," Bivens said. "And the best way we can do that is to make sure motorists drive at a safe speed."

Last year the holiday fell on Wednesday and 466 accidents were reported for the day in which five persons were killed and 215 injured, Bivens said. Because of the state police's anti-speeding program, Bivens cautioned motorists to beware of greater traffic on normally quiet roads.

The Nicholas County state police unit is also participating in the following: Speeding citations; 21; DWI citations; 2; M.V. citations; 21; fatal accidents; 0; property accidents; 0; police damage accidents; 1.

Other accident locations as determined by the Dry Ridge state police post include Kentucky 36 in Nicholas County.

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Letha Hardin is crowned dairy princess

Letha Hardin was crowned Nicholas County Dairy Princess and Mrs. William Dampier was the winner of the Mr. Moo's Moo's Granddaughter contest at the 1980 annual meeting of the Nicholas County Dairy Association last Thursday night at the Nicholas County Elementary School.

On hand for the meeting was Pam McDowell of Magnolia in Lawrence County, representing the Kentucky Dairy Association. Pam was first runner-up in the 1979 Kentucky Dairy Princess contest to Jeanne Wilson of western Kentucky. She was filling in for Miss Wilson, who was unable to attend because of a prior commitment.

A musical program was presented during the meeting by The Singing Hobnobbers, a gospel quartet from Flemingsburg.

Following the music a dairy buffet was held and then the contests began. Winner of the Most Uniquely Dressed Man or Woman Ready to Enter the Milk Room was Tracy Hillcock. Second was Robert McLaughlin and winner in the Milk Room contest was Mary D. Viner. Second was Bertram McLaughlin. Winner in the better cake division was Bernice McClanahan and second was Sue McLaughlin.

A check from the Nicholas County Dairy Association was presented to Rev. Bert Eyster, president of the Nicholas County Ministerial Association. The check, which was presented by Mrs. Cliff Viner, will be used to buy each child attending a Nicholas County Vacation Bible School an ice cream treat.

This is the 12th year the association has donated funds. This year's check totaled \$281.

1979 Nicholas County Dairy Princess contest was Mrs. William Dampier, who also won the District Nine title, reported on her reign and the state competition in Louisville earlier this year.

Winner of the Mr. Moo Moo's Granddaughter contest was Mrs. William Dampier, who received \$25. Winner of the grand prize, an AM-FM clock radio with a schedule for the week, was Tracy Hillcock.

Several door prizes donated by local merchants were also given away during the evening. Local area merchants also donated much of the food used in the dairy buffet.

RECC meets July 11

The Harrison Rural Electric Cooperative councilorly convened to the annual meeting and business session Friday, July 11, to be held at the Rural Electric Farm and Outdoor Center.

Official registration of members will begin at 5:30 p.m., with the business meeting starting at 7 p.m. During the important business session, two directors will be elected to serve three years.

Following the business meeting, Miss Harrison RECC will be crowned by the 1979 queen, Miss Julie Ann Martin. For the children, the Birthday, a husband-wife team, will bring their unique combination of unpredictable comic antics and their delightful dances on two continents.

Several door prizes will be given to members having the lucky ticket. Entertainment will be highlighted by the Rex Nelson Singers, formerly the LaFavers. The Rex Nelson Singers are recognized as one of the best known gospel groups. They appear regularly on "The Gospel Singing Jubilee," a television program which covers 96 percent of Kentucky. The Singers feature Janet Pinner, dubbed "Queen of Gospel Music" in 1979 by the Gospel Music Association.

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During fiscal year 1979 Nicholas County received a total of \$440,543 in various types of benefits from the Veterans Administration.

The total dollars spent on VA benefits in Nicholas amounted to \$23,986,312. The Nicholas County benefits were broken down as follows:

- \$2,204,000 was returned under compensation and pension plan.
- \$2,000,000 was returned under educational benefits for Vietnam-era veterans and other training programs.
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WASHINGTON — Todd Gibbs, a resident of Scottsville who is Poster Representative for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, visited in Washington with Senator Wendell Ford (D-Ky.). Cystic Fibrosis is a disease attacking primarily the lungs and digestive system and can be found in this week's Mercury.

Anyone wishing to enter any of the events should call the following numbers: 202-3171 or 202-680-0461.

These numbers should be called by those wishing to enter the beauty contest and the youth talent show.

State police to patrol waters

Boating and water-related deaths are up 35 percent this year and the Kentucky State Police intend to do something about it.

Doug Shoultz, director of the Water Safety Section, says that over the Fourth of July weekend — probably the busiest weekend on Kentucky's lakes and rivers — all the officers in the section will be out working long hours.

Last year, three persons died in Fourth of July boating accidents. About half of the accidents are alcohol-related, Shoultz said. "In many instances, the operator has had enough to impair his ability to handle the boat," he said. "For that reason, the officers will concentrate on indications that an operator has been drinking and on watching for violations of boating regulations.

"If boaters would use plain common sense, we could eliminate 75 to 80 percent of the fatalities," he says. "I urge people to follow the rules of the boat to help prevent accidents."

Bloodmobile here July 28

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association will sponsor a blood drive Monday, July 28 at Carlisle Methodist Church. Blood donations will be taken between the hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Persons wishing to make an appointment may contact Rev. Mark Pate at 288-7390 or Father Herman Kamlage at 288-5602.

Summer is here. For Nicholas Counties this means school vacation, tobacco tending, fishing and all those little jobs you just off doing in the winter. For the Central Kentucky Blood Center it means action, and lots of it. An average of 3,000 pints of blood will be transfused each month or a minimum of 100 pints daily.

The Center is responsible for recruiting, screening and processing enough willing donors each day to meet these demands. However, this task becomes difficult as people say "no" and "forget" to donate. Unfortunately, patients continue to need blood, sometimes more frequently during the summer than at any other time of the year.

The Blood Center will be depending on the blood donated July 28 to meet surgery and emergency demands on the 29th. If each area does its part, this will be a safe summer for everyone.

For more information contact Father Kamlage or Rev. Pate.

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Black lung increase?

Governor Brown said, however, that he was backed by a separate rate filing based on federal law that was also made Friday. This filing asks for a substantial rate increase in coal industry black lung benefits.

"These proposed black lung rate increases are due solely to changes in the federal law," Brown said. "The savings that will result from our changes in the state workers' compensation law should help offset the proposed increases due to the federal law."

The new state workers' compensation law - House Bill 322 - goes into effect July 15. It requires a 27 percent overall

Ewing

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p.m. and runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. Ewing is a horse show championship.

An antique car show is also scheduled for Saturday. (A complete fair schedule can be found in this week's Mercury.)

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