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The 1980 edition of the Veterans Administration's publication, "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is off the press and is available for \$2 through the Superintendent of Documents in Washington, D.C. 20462.

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Ford's Footnotes

By Senator Ed Ford

The 1980 General Assembly has now passed its mid-point of the working session. We will recess April 1 for 10 days and then return to override any vetoes that we deem necessary.

This has been another week of committee and subcommittee hearings with several proposals and important issues discussed. One subject was the milk marketing act. A bill has been introduced to repeal this law which requires the retailer to sell milk at cost or above. This subject was discussed in two (2) public hearings; and in the minds of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, there is evidence that the present pricing law is necessary.

Senate Bill 145, "the bottle bill," had a lengthy debate last Wednesday. I chaired a subcommittee that conducted these hearings. Much useful information was gathered, and it was the opinion of the subcommittee that this bill should have the attention of the full committee. The next action will be



for the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee to move this bill to the floor of the Senate.

One of the most controversial pieces of legislation was, once again, aired in the Senate Chambers by the Education Committee. This subject is professional negotiations or collective bargaining for school teachers. After much debate among the Committee members and numerous attempts to amend the revised bill, it was reported favorably to the entire Senate. The vote was 5 to 4 that this piece of legislation should pass. I voted with the minority.

Legislators on a special subcommittee studying the mining of oil shale in Kentucky have called a public hearing on the subject to be held on March 6 at 8:30 a.m. in Room A of the State Capitol Annex in Frankfort.

Deaths

MRS. SANFORD C. GRAVES
Mrs. Maggie Frances Curtis Graves, 85, of South Trigg St., Millersburg, died Sunday, March 2, 1980 at the Bourbon County Hospital, Paris.
She was the widow of Sanford Curry Graves Sr., the daughter of the late George and Sarah Loville Curtis, a native of Fleming County and a member of the Fairview Baptist Church.

Survivors are one brother, Alpheus Curtis, Nicholas County; three sons, Glen Graves, Millersburg; Sanford Jr. and William Reece Graves, both of Paris; three daughters, Mrs. Roberta Rose, Cynthia; Mrs. Myrtle Jean Shannon, Millersburg; Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Milton, Carlisle; 21 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Services were held Tuesday at the Pruitt Funeral Home, Millersburg, by Rev. E.T. Wright. Burial in Millersburg Cemetery.

Funeral directors: Hanley and Henry Davis, Harry Stanfield, Bobby Hankin, Clyde Soper, Jacob Mayhew, Stanton Sumrany and Bill Padgett.

A flurry of activity recently by companies leasing the rights to thousands of acres of oil shale in central Kentucky has prompted the Legislature to study the issues surrounding mining of the shale. Oil shale has been identified as a possible source of crude oil now that the price of oil has reached a level which makes the extraction of it from shale more economically feasible. Concern has been expressed by some landowners in Kentucky who have signed agreements with companies and now face the prospect of having the shale extracted by surface mining methods. The Legislature may consider changing the surface mining legislation it is studying so that the bill applies to shale mining as well as coal mining.

I have had numerous visitors to the Capitol during this session, and I would like to extend to all an invitation to come and see your legislature in action.

If you have an interest in attending a committee meeting, a public hearing, or a session of the House and Senate, each day's schedule is available the night before after 8 p.m.

If you want to follow the progress of any of the bills I have listed above, call the toll-free Bill Status Line. The number is 1-800-372-7194.

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Easter Seal Leaders

Governor John Y. Brown, Jr. met with two other Easter Seal volunteer leaders to launch the 1980 Kentucky Easter Seal campaign. Kentucky Easter Seal Campaign Chairman, Dr. Harvey Sloane and five-year-old "Charlie" Stopher, Jr., Lexington, the state Easter Seal Child, presented Governor Brown with the first sheet of Easter Seals. The campaign began March 1 and continues through April 6. Chairman Sloane and "Charlie" will be visiting other cities to enlist financial support for the statewide Easter Seal rehabilitation program. Young Stopher receives special education, speech therapy and physical therapy at the Easter Seal Cardinal Hill Hospital in Lexington. Contributions to the campaign will be used to finance rehabilitation services for handicapped children and adults. — Photo submitted.

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