



Blood drive

First-time donor Tracy Tolliver was one of dozens who turned out for the March 10 blood drawing. At closing time Monday night the drawing had netted 98 pints. Central Kentucky Blood Center staffer Ruth Hocker prepares Tolliver for his donation. Monday's drawing was the second of three scheduled this year by the Nicholas County Blood Program. Drawings are also held at Blue Grass Industries twice a year. For more information on the program call Rev. Herman Kamlage or Rev. Mark Prevost. — Mercury photo.

Ford's Footnotes

By Senator Ed Ford
As the General Assembly concluded its ninth week and with only some 20 working legislative days remaining, the state's budget for the next two years will move into the arena.

Governor Brown introduced the budget bill Thursday, and the legislative committees on Appropriations and Revenue indicate they are prepared to review the Governor's document with some ideas of their own in terms of the state's spending for the next two years.

Early in the session, the Democratic caucuses in the House and Senate called upon their Appropriations and Revenue committees to develop a budget for the next two years without any tax increases.

Governor Brown's budget covers the present nine cents (9¢) per gallon gasoline tax to a nine percent (9 percent) tax. This in fact is a tax reduction presently because the wholesale price of gasoline is about ninety-two cents (92¢) a gallon. However, by July 1, when the conversion would take effect, it is anticipated that the wholesale price would be about one dollar (1\$) a gallon. This in effect will allow the tax on gas to fluctuate with inflation. His proposal also calls for a severance tax on gas, oil, and certain minerals including limestone.

Very important issues were addressed by the Senate last week. After much discussion and emotional debate, Senate Bill 169 was defeated. This bill would have required school boards to negotiate with teachers' associations and



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bargaining collectively. It was a very close vote with the deciding vote by Lt. Governor Martha Layne Collins.

Senate Bill 145, "The Bottle Bill", apparently met its doom in the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. After a series of procedural motions and maneuvers, it was impossible to get the necessary votes to report the bill to the full Senate. This in effect has killed this bill for two more years.

Now that the budget has been presented, we expect a real rapid flow of legislation to be acted upon. All bills that require funding were being held in committee until we knew exactly what the financial situation was. The log jam is now broken. The 1980 General Assembly is well into its second half, and the cutoff date for bill introduction has past. Only those bills that have already been drafted can be acted upon now.

There are still three weeks left in this working session, and I encourage you to come to Frankfort and visit. Remember, you can leave a message to me by calling toll-free 1-800-372-7164.

Gasoline up four cents a gallon

The average cost of gasoline has risen four cents a gallon at full-service stations and two cents at self-service pumps since the first of February, according to the Blue Grass Automobile Club's fuel gauge report.
As of March 5, the average cost of gasoline for full-service pumps is \$1.22 for regular; \$1.27 for premium; \$1.26 for no-lead; and \$1.09 for diesel.
Self-service averages are \$1.12 for regular; \$1.20 for premium and \$1.18 for no-lead.
The AAA surveys, which include central and eastern Kentucky, show an average increase over the last six months of 13 cents a gallon for full-service and 20 cents a gallon for self-service prices.
The fuel gauge report also shows a slight increase in station operating hours since February. Forty-six percent of the service stations surveyed are open past 8 p.m. during the week, compared with 36 percent last month. Sixty-one percent will be open past 8 p.m. on Saturdays, and 58 percent will be open Sundays, compared with last month's 54 percent and 39 percent, respectively.

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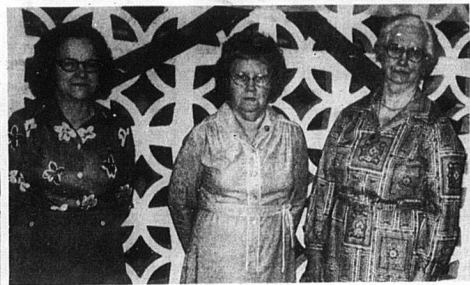


New auxiliary officers were installed by Mrs. Carrie Shumate (right). They are, from left, Mrs. Mark Prevost, president; Mrs. Charles Judge, vice-president; Virginia Crump, secretary; and outgoing officers Mrs. James D. Anderson (second from left), president, and Myrtle Ledford, secretary. Not present was Alma Cloyd, incoming treasurer.

Over 500 Hour Volunteers — (below left) Miss Brenda Tischer, left, has 1000 volunteer hours, (S.R. Barlow was not present); Mrs. Nancy Shaw, 1500 hours; and Mrs. Allie Clinkenbeard, 600 hours.

200 Hour Volunteers — (below right) Mrs. Willmer Halcomb, Mrs. Ruth Anderson and Miss Edna Huddleston. Not present are Mrs. A.V. Allison, Mrs. Ruth Curtis, Mrs. Bobby Fay, Mrs. Charles McCann, Mrs. Laura Mathes and Mrs. Betty Mathers.

(Mercury photos)



Farm and Home

Nicholas County Extension Agents
Mike Phillips, Mrs. Sharon A. Wilson, Mrs. Margie Wilson

The annual 4-H Variety Show will be held March 28 and March 29 at the Nicholas County Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. Eliminations have been held and the acts are really coming into shape.

Three acts will be selected to represent Nicholas County on the 4-H Talent Showcase on WLEZ-TV. One club act will represent Nicholas County at the Bluegrass Fair in June.

If you want to see a good show, make plans now to attend.

4-H Achievement Program
The following youth were recognized at the Area Achievement Banquet March 7 held at Eastern Kentucky University.

- Mary Ann Heller — Arts and Crafts
- Blue — Champion
- Suzanne Jones — Foods — Blue
- Champion
- Ray Phillips — Dog — Red
- Derek Zachary — Poster — Red
- Todd Day — Beef — Red
- Lisa Hinton — Food Preservation — Blue — Champion
- Julie Wilsa — Clothing — Red
- Kevin Zachary — Career Exploration — Red
- Ansy Judge — Beef — Blue
- Martha Woolley — Secretary Record — Blue
- Kevin Zachary — Bicycle — Blue — Champion

Congratulations to these youngsters for a good job in record books for 1979. Leaders and 4-H members will be recognized at the Nicholas County 4-H Achievement Program, Monday evening, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at

Moorefield Homemakers meet March 6

The Moorefield Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. James Lane on Thursday night, March 6.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Rusty Lawrence.

Mrs. Dana Lane and Mrs. Phyllis Hantey were hostess and co-hostess. The devotional was given by Mrs. J.S. Wilson. Fifteen members answered roll call with a new club they had prepared.

Six visitors were welcomed to the meeting. Club chairman passed out leaflets. They were reminded to send reports by April 1 to the county chairman. The state meeting will be March 18-21.

The annual meeting is set for April 24 in Nicholas County. A potluck supper will be served. The Moorefield Club is to help at the food table and help with music.

Mrs. Joe Smart gave the lesson on "Low Calorie Snack Foods." The next meeting will be with Mrs. Sandra Wilson on April 8. "Flower Arrangement" will be the lesson.

Assembly has work cut out

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administration, city and county governments, river port authorities and airport boards a blank check to issue bonds. Brown calls these bills essential.

There are several education bills that must be passed to conform with the budget, and bills, commonly known as backstop bills, for almost every department of state government.

Several of the legislators are somewhat puzzled on the about face that Revenue Commissioner George Atkins has taken in discussion on the budget. He is now saying it is a tight budget, but when he was state auditor during Julian Carroll's administration, Atkins was seen plenty of money and obviously accused Carroll of being a spendthrift. He classified some of Carroll's expenditures as waste.

There are some health and welfare measures that the Human Resources Department wants passed to streamline the program.

While the interest rate bills for banks and savings and loan institutions are not necessarily part of the administration package, these bills are essential to the business community. Some increases undoubtedly will be approved to cope with the inflation spiral.

The earlier motor vehicle title law is another important bill in this session, but there is still some doubt about its passage. At last Friday, 1,297 bills had been introduced in the House and the Senate. (H-1-974 (S-323).

Of this total number only 26 of these bills had been passed and signed by the governor while 23 bills had passed both branches but

hadn't been given final approval by the governor.

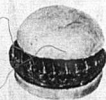
The Senate had passed 62 bills and sent to the House for their approval while the House had passed 114 bills and sent them to the Senate.

Rarely do more than 25 percent of the bills introduced in a session become law.

Regardless of the work the legislators do between now and closing day, there is bound to be a logjam at the end. This never can be helped because many bills are given

committee approval and sent to the floor for consideration that committee chairmen know will never become law.

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