

## Legislative Report

By Rep. Adrian Arnold

This past year has possibly been the busiest of the 1980 session. With the deadlines for bill introductions fast approaching (the House cut-off is March 6 and the Senate is March 10), the total number of bills and resolutions put in the hopper has reached almost 1,300.

Governor Brown introduced his budget bill last Thursday night with proposed tax increases. This will undoubtedly be met with much opposition from many legislators. I predict there will be a bitter fight before the budget is passed. The legislative committee on Appropriations and Revenue indicates 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 caucus 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.

As is the custom with legislative committees, the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee developed a report on its findings and made recommendations that would balance the state's budget for the next two years without increasing taxes.

Revenue estimates for the next two years do not have much room for expansion, but are optimistic to the extent that drastic cuts in services are not going to be necessary.

The greatest quandary facing the

Legislature is the state's road fund. That fund has been hardest hit by inflation and declining revenue since the state's gasoline taxes are down due to the increasing costs and motorists' efforts to conserve fuel.

The House committee did not include new money for the road fund, indicating that provisions will have to be solved within the revenue available.

The House also recommended some increases: a raise for teachers; more funds for university faculty salaries; a raise for the state's lowest paid employees; and more money for the Department for Human Resources for aid to families with dependent children.

The General Assembly has worked diligently over the past 10 years to improve the state's educational system and even with a tight budget the House committee has recommended including additional funds in the education budget. The increase there are suggested for the reduction of classroom size, more new classroom units for basic and special education needs, and more funds for transportation expenses.

The Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee has met with the House on many occasions hearing the testimony of officials from state agencies. The Senate panel, however, has developed its own guidelines for reviewing the governor's budget when it comes through the General Assembly. The Senate will see the budget after the House approves it, since the constitution specifies that such measures originate in the House.

The Senate Appropriations and Revenue Committee has not issued a report, as the House committee did, but that panel has developed its own opinions. One place where the committees have different priorities is in the education budget. While the House panel has shown preference to elementary and secondary education, the Senate has indicated it wants to see more improvements at the university level.

The House committee has recommended raises for the district and circuit court judges, but did not recommend creating 22 new

districts as requested by the judicial branch.

Legislation which would require a five cent deposit on beer and soft drink containers, the so-called bottle bill, apparently has been killed in the General Assembly.

The bill failed to get approval from a Senate committee which was considering it. The committee had conducted a public hearing on the bill, listening to both opponents and supporters of the bottle bill. Opponents of the legislation said it would mean a loss of jobs in Kentucky's bottle and can industry. In addition, they said, the bill would impose a hardship on businesses which would have to collect the cans, on the other hand, say the bill would help clean up Kentucky's litter problem and result in a savings of energy because the bottles and cans could be recycled or reused.

The bottle bill has been introduced in the Legislature every two years since 1974 and has not yet been approved in either the House or Senate. A similar bill has been introduced this year in the House so that chamber will have the opportunity to consider it also.

Dealing with expansion, that of a city into the surrounding suburban area, is House Bill 20 which passed after several attempts to kill it on the floor were defeated. As passed, the bill calls for a referendum on a city's attempt to annex an area if 50 percent of the affected property owners or voters signed a petition asking for the vote. The bill was prompted by annexation battles in Northern Kentucky and Jefferson County.

Across the Capitol building in the Senate chambers, things weren't much quieter this week. The power of the Lt. Governor to cast a deciding vote in the case of a tie was exercised when the Senators voted 19 to 19 on a bill giving bargaining rights to teachers. The tie was quickly broken however, when the Lt. Governor cast a "no" vote and the measure was defeated. The professional negotiations bill (Senate Bill 149) was endorsed by the Governor and had been the center of much attention for several months.

### Would You Believe...

The more wealthy and educated are more likely to shower rather than bathe.

About 500 million cups of coffee are consumed by Americans daily.

**VERNON CANNON**, 73, died Friday, March 7, 1980, at the Clark County Hospital. He was a native of Bath County and member of the Carlisle Christian Church.

He is survived by one son, James Cannon, Carlisle; one half-brother, Luther Thornburg, Carlisle; three half-sisters, Mrs. Carrie Rogers, Lexington, Mrs. Ellen Capps, Mt. Sterling; Mrs. Mary Florence, Carlisle; three granddaughters, two great granddaughters, several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Services were held Monday at the Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by the Rev. Eugene White. Burial in Leaview Cemetery, Bethel.

**PALMBEERS** Curtis and Burton Parise, Paul Lawrence, Stanley Kennedy, Matthew Campbell and Frankie Hughes.

**MRS. CALLE S. STONE**, 81, 187 Turman Avenue, died Tuesday morning, March 11, 1980 at the Boone County Hospital, Paris.

She was a native of Nicholas County and member of the Carlisle Baptist Church.

Survivors are two sons, Gayle Stone, Mt. Vernon, New York and Paul Stone, Carlisle; one daughter, Mrs. Glensie Caswell, Betavia, Ohio; two sisters,

## Deaths

**Mrs. Ruth Mable**, Plant City, Fla., and Mrs. Nora K. Hamilton, Carlisle; two granddaughters; one great grandchild. Services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, March 8, at the Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Home by the Rev. Eugene White. Burial in the Carlisle Cemetery.

**COLEMAN E. MARSHALL**, 73, of 818 Asales Place, Atkins, S.C., died Friday, Feb. 29, 1980 at Atkins County hospital. The funeral was held March 3 at First Presbyterian Church in Atkins with the Rev. Dr. John L. Law officiating. Burial was in Atkins Memorial Park.

Mr. Marshall was a native of Frankfort, Ky., but had lived in Atkins for 27 years. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he was a deacon. He was retired from the E.I. du Pont Co. at the Savannah River Plant where he served as supervisor in the Security Division.

Survivors include his widow, Bea Sanford Marshall; a daughter, Sue M. Nicholson, Washington, N.C.; a brother, Edward Marshall, Phoenix, Ariz.; and four granddaughters.

Mrs. Marshall is a native of Moorefield and she and Mr. Marshall were frequent visitors here.

**MRS. W. FRANK GUTHRIE**, Mrs. Vina McCord Guthrie, 81, Sycamore Hill, died Tuesday, March

11, 1980 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Lyman.

She was a native of Bath County and member of the Carlisle Christian Church.

Survivors are Mrs. Lyman; one son, Frank R. Guthrie, Lexington; two sisters, Mrs. Kate Hatten, Owslingville, Mrs. Ethel Guthrie, Carlisle; two granddaughters and one great grandchild.

Services will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at Mathers-Gaunce Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Eugene White and the Rev. Wally Remold. Burial in Carlisle Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Julian Green, Henry T. Caswell, Charles McWhorter, W.L. Guthrie, Clyde Miller and Lester Snapp.

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