

## Deaths

**MRS. ERNEST PEPPER**  
Mrs. Lucile Bureau Pepper, 84, widow of Ernest Pepper, died Saturday, May 24, 1980 in Goldsboro, N.C.

She was a member of the Carlele Presbyterian Church.  
Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. James M. Zesty, Goldsboro, N.C.; two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren.

Gravestone services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 27 in the Carlele Cemetery by the Rev. Bert Eyster.

**CARLIE STEWART**  
Carris Stewart, 30, died Wednesday, May 27, 1980 at the Bourton Heights Nursing Home.

She was a native of Nicholas County and a member of the United Methodist Church.

She is survived by one nephew, L.C. Stewart, Paris.

Gravestone services were conducted Friday at the Carlele Cemetery by the Rev. Albert Allen.

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## Maxey Fats

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"There's definitely a determination to be made as to the needs here," she explained.

Dames & Moore and National Waste Management Services began work at the site last July under two separate one-year contracts totaling \$67,000.

The 1980 General Assembly approved \$1.1 million to continue work on physical problems at the site during the next two years.

Work done in the past year includes improving the drainage, building up the earth around two storage ponds containing contaminated water and covering the ponds with heavy plastic to additional rainwater cannot accumulate there.

In addition, contaminated water is being pumped from the trenches and evaporated to reduce the volume of radioactive waste, he said, and a roof has been built over the one remaining open trench.

Contaminated water  
John Hazor, site manager for National Waste Management Services,

**Conley**  
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getting the depot placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979.

He has served as treasurer of the Blue Licks Battlefield Commission, having been in that capacity since the commission was formed in 1973. His efforts there helped in the successful Bicentennial celebration held there in 1976 and is presently helping to secure additional funding to further develop the park.

He is also aiding in the planning for the 300th celebration of the Battle of Blue Licks in August of 1982.

One of Conley's most enduring projects has been the renovation of the Nicholas County Courthouse, which was built in 1894.

This renovation included sandblasting the exterior of the building, repairing the ceiling and walls and redecorating and carpeting the courtroom.

Awards were presented on the state level to seven other individuals and organizations. The Kentucky Heritage Commission's Preservation Awards were begun in 1979.

about 1.8 million gallons of contaminated water in the two covered ponds and another 4 million to 5 million gallons are estimated to be in the trenches. The amount of contaminated water is being reduced by a net amount of about one-half million gallons a year, he said.

The trenches, where surface erosion had begun to cut into the clay cap, are placed over areas filled with nuclear waste. They have been covered with earth and planted in grass. However, water collects beneath the surface and must be pumped out for evaporation to prevent it from carrying radioactivity into ground waters and the valley below, he explained.

Disposal of nuclear wastes at Maxey Plant was halted in December 1977, several months after the site operator, Nuclear Engineering Co., reported the detection of radioactivity in a newly constructed trench. The Natural Resources Department was given responsibility for the site in February 1979.

In addition to approving legislation requiring the approval of both houses and the governor for the opening or reopening of any nuclear-waste sites, the 1980 General Assembly set up a Special Advisory Committee on Nuclear Issues. The department will be working with that committee in developing a long-range plan for Maxey Plant, Swigart said.

**Food stamp funds given**  
Barring a last-minute hitch, Kentucky's food stamp recipients are assured of getting their usual allotment on time, state officials say.

The federal food stamp program ran out of money this month, but Congress budgeted \$2.56 billion in additional funds for the program May 15.

U.S. Agriculture Department officials had said failure of Congress to come up with more money by May 15 would have resulted in suspension of benefits June 1.

State Human Resources Secretary Grady Stumbo said Kentucky's 130,000 food stamp families will get their coupons on a normal schedule in June, because the department has maintained its usual processing procedure in the hopes the program would be saved.

But while June's allotment is assured, the picture for the following three months is unclear. Stumbo said the \$2.56 billion appropriation is probably not enough to carry the food stamp program through the rest of the federal fiscal year, which ends Sept. 30.

A Congressional joint committee said May 15 it may consider setting aside more money, but not necessarily enough to fide the program over until Oct. 1, Stumbo said.

Because of the uncertainty of future food stamp appropriations, a state task force charged with finding other means of getting food to needy Kentuckians will not close up shop at this time.

Harold Greene, chairman of the Governor's Food Stamp Crisis Task Force, said the panel plans to continue to look at alternatives and will meet in four to six weeks to re-examine the matter.

Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. set up the task force last month in anticipation of a cut-off of food stamp benefits. The panel has been looking at other government programs and private aid that might help lessen the impact of the loss of food stamps.

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## Unemployment rate drops

Kentucky's unemployment rate has decreased for the second consecutive month. April's jobless rate was 4.2 percent of the state's labor force, the Department for Human Resources reported last week. The rate was below the 4.6 percent unadjusted national unemployment rate for the month and 0.3 percent lower than the state's rate for March.

Unemployment decreases in the state primarily involved persons entering the labor force for the first time or re-entering the force with previous job experience, said Robert MacDonald, the department's chief labor market analyst.

According to department statistics, the total non-farm salary employment increased in Kentucky by 3,000 in April to 1,227,000.

Even so, MacDonald said, there were 10,900 fewer jobs in the state than a year ago. Employment within Kentucky has shown no growth for the past four months, he added.

MacDonald said the April figures carry a "good news, bad news" message. "Unemployment figures are down, which of course is good news. But not all of the drop was due to people finding jobs," he said. "About 2,500 persons left the labor force in April, dropping from the measurable unemployed."

Major employment gains over the last month were in the services industry, up 6,500 jobs, and construction, 1,800 jobs. Most of the gain was due to seasonal hiring, he said.

This current downward movement in unemployment within Kentucky indicates to MacDonald the recession may not be as severe as in many other states. "Kentucky's unemployment will probably remain below the national rate for the remainder of the recession."

"It doesn't look right now like unemployment will be as bad in the state as it was during the 1975 recession," said MacDonald. "But

we're not out of the woods, either."

MacDonald stressed that national trends indicate the recession may hit the state the hardest late this year or during 1981.

Most of the job losses in Kentucky have been in the manufacturing industry, which has 14,100 fewer jobs than in

April last year. Job openings in the construction and trade industries over the past 12 months were down 9,000 and 1,200 respectively.

Substantial increases during the past year were in the service industry, which gained 8,000 jobs, and government, which added 2,500 jobs.

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