

ASC committeemen elected

Results of the December 7 election of ASC Community Committeemen for 1982 were announced this week by Eugene Letcher, chairman of the Nicholas County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) committee.

Farmers elected to the committee were:

Representatives—Bobby Brady, chairman; Clyde Miller, vice-chairman; E.V. Halsey, member; David Thomas, first alternate; and Gerald Harmon, second alternate.

Morehead/East Union—Herbert C. Deane, chairman; Cliff Hesse, vice-chairman; Roland Boyd, member; Talmadge Hatten, first alternate; and Kenneth Stephenson, second alternate.

William/Myers—Cay M. M. n. n., chairman; Carl Lefebvre, vice-chairman; Bill Hildebr Jr., member; Sterling Jackson, first alternate; and Lida Ruth Hensley, second alternate.

Carters/Park—Harold Letton, chairman; Chester Cookman, vice-chairman; Lowell Holler, member; Glenn Ritchie Jr., first alternate; and

Quinton Moreland, second alternate. All elected committeemen will assume office on January 7.

Letcher also announced the county ASC Convention to be held on Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. in the Nicholas County ASC Office, where community committeemen will elect farmers to fill vacancies on the county ASC Committee. Letcher said convention delegates will also select a county committee chairman, vice-chairman and two alternates to the committee for the coming year.

DHR reports slight dip in county unemployment during October

The most recent statistics from the Department for Human Resources reveal that 12 unemployed persons in Nicholas County found jobs during October and pushed the county's unemployment rate down by three-tenths of one percent.

The unemployment rate for the county in October was 7.0 percent. Despite the slight drop, there were still some 65 fewer persons employed in October than there was in August, when the unemployment rate was 6.5 percent in the county.

The DHR statistics just released show 231 able-bodied workers without a job in the county. Nicholas' civilian labor force is 3,397 according to the DHR.

The unemployment rate in Nicholas County is pretty much par for the course throughout the state, as Kentucky's overall unemployment rate increased to 7.1 percent in October. The national rate for October was 7.5 percent.

The actual number of Kentuckians without employment rose to 118,300 in October.

The statistics show that Nicholas was one of 23 Kentucky counties that experienced decreases in unemployment, while 19 counties reported increases. Five counties indicated no change.

Morehead County had the state's highest rate, 26.6 percent, while Woodford County had the lowest, 3.3 percent. Secretary Credo Stumbo attributed the rise in the state's unemployment to layoffs, which were not concentrated in

any one area of the state.

The number of unemployed persons in the Lexington metropolitan area rose by 622 from September to October, placing the area's rate at 4.4 percent. The Louisville area's unemployment rate was 7.0 percent for the month, representing a total of 32,806 unemployed persons.

October unemployment in the Bluegrass area continued to be the lowest in the state, even though the area's rate increased to 5.5 percent for the month. There were 16,098 persons working in the area during October.

Not all counties in the Bluegrass area fared so well during the month. There were three counties with unemployment rates above the 10 percent mark. Powell County had the area's highest rate, 14.7 percent, followed closely by Elliott and Lincoln Counties with rates of 13.4 and 12.9 percent.

"Industrial balance," said Stumbo, "plus off types of industry located within the area, particularly the Lexington vicinity, enabled this area to keep most of its labor force working."

A survey of persons receiving unemployment insurance benefits in the Bluegrass area during October showed that 42.3 percent of them had been previously employed by manufacturing industries, 18.2 percent in the trade industries, and 1.9 percent in the service industries.

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In looking at neighboring counties, Nicholas is weathering the recession at this point better than Bath, Fleming and Robertson Counties.

Bath County had a 13.9 percent unemployment rate in October, while Fleming had a rate of 8.4 percent, and Robertson had the highest rate in northern Kentucky area at 16.3 percent.

Bourbon and Harrison Counties continued to fare better than Nicholas in the statistics. Bourbon County had an unemployment rate of 4.8, while Harrison had a rate of 5.5 percent.

Home burglarized over the weekend

Constable Ronald McDonald reported a burglary in the county that was discovered over the weekend.

According to McDonald, the burglary occurred at the home of Bobby Austin on the Boone Ridge Road near the Nicholas-Bourbon County line.

McDonald said that no one had been in the house since Tuesday and that 42.3 percent of them had been previously employed by manufacturing industries, 18.2 percent in the trade industries, and 1.9 percent in the service industries.

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Good 45.00-50.00

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Lawmaker's roundup

Parrelled in Kentucky Dam Village

The pre-legislative conference is now an item of the agenda for the 1982 General Assembly. Beginning in January of 1982, members of the General Assembly, old and new, will meet in Frankfort for a 10-day "organizational" session. New members will be elected for the two houses and the new legislators who will arrive a year before the Legislature convenes.

And leadership for the two houses will also be selected at this time.

At the time of the conference, 18 men and women who campaigned tirelessly at the Kentucky Dam Village Conference last week will lead the 1982 General Assembly and serve on the powerful Legislative Research Commission during the interim.

Elected to leadership positions in the Senate are:

President Pro Tem, Joe Prather, D-Vine Grove; Assistant President Pro Tem, Delbert Murphy, D-Owensboro; Democratic Floor Leader, Joe Wright, D-Harrod; Republican Floor Leader, Eugene Stuart, R-Frueport; Democratic Caucus Chairman, David Karen, D-Louisville; Republican Caucus Chairman, Doug Moseley, R-Columbia; Democratic Whip, Helen Garrett, D-Fredricks; Republican Whip, Clay Middleton, R-P. Mitchell.

Elected to leadership positions in the House are:

Speaker, Bobby Richardson, D-Glasgow; Speaker Pro Tem, Dave Thompson, R-Henderson; Democratic Floor Leader, Jim Ladd, D-Fairfax; Republican Floor Leader, Charles Schmidt, R-Cold Spring; Democratic Caucus Chairman, Bill Demoreau, D-Belleve; Republican Caucus Chairman, Norman Hattiff, R-Campbell; Democratic Whip, Jim Dunn, D-Pleasure Ridge Park; and Republican Whip, Woody Allen, R-Morgan-town.

In addition to leadership elections and orientation sessions, the interim joint committee meetings were also held during the course of the four-day conference.

Responsibility for area development districts should be transferred to the governor's office according to members of the subcommittee on ADDE. And the panel passed a resolution to that effect.

A bill relating to solid waste disposal by Kentucky counties was approved by the Interim Joint Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The Appropriations and Revenue Committee met for several hours and discussed the impact of federal legislation on the topic of discussion—besides gloomy budget predictions—was tax incentives for businesses.

A controversial thoroughbred racing bill was passed by the Business Organizations and Professions Interim Joint Committee. But the pre-filed bill will differ from one presented to the committee earlier. References to off-track betting have been removed and existing horse-medication rules are unchanged.

A congressional redistricting plan approved by the subcommittee on redistricting was not enthusiastically supported by the Interim Joint Committee on State Government. That committee will continue looking at reapportionment proposals.

And the LRIC approved a contract to monitor the impact of federal legislation on Kentucky.

Pre-conference notes—

—72 days counting.

The fate of the controversial statewide Sikahy helicopter, for sale since last March, may rest with the 1982 Legislature.

State Adjutant General Billy Wellman told members of the subcommittee on state personnel and the Capital

Construction and Equipment Purchase Oversight Committee that several inquiries have been made toward the purchase of the helicopter. However, the governor decided to leave it up to the next General Assembly to decide if it should be sold.

The legislators asked Wellman and Air Transport Director Robert Kellogg to help gather information on the cost of air transportation for state government.

Kellogg explained that the contract with Omni Air specifies the use of 400 hours of air travel per year. The charter service would be for time in addition to the use of the helicopter. In response to legislators' questions on the sale of the state air fleet, Kellogg replied: "We didn't set ourselves short, we sold ourselves out."

—After task force work continues, the Kentucky River Task Force will investigate legislative options for keeping 10 locks and dams on the Kentucky River open, gather information from West Virginia and Pennsylvania on their experiences of taking over the systems on their rivers, gather detailed information from the Army Corps of Engineers, and obtain a status report from the Kentucky congressional delegation on their actions to prohibit the permanent closure of the system. The task force will meet Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. in Frankfort to discuss their findings.

Sen. Ed Ford, D-Cynthiana, pauses for a moment during the hectic schedule of the pre-legislative conference at Kentucky Dam Village. The conference functioned as freshman orientation, plus a mechanism for the legislators to elect 1982 leadership. — Photo submitted.

Wrapping up orientation, plus a mechanism for the legislators to elect 1982 leadership. — Photo submitted.

Kentucky Business Scene

(By Bill) Kentucky Business Ledger, Inc.

Eight years ago, the Small Business Administration issued a policy statement that "helping women become successful, independent entrepreneurs is a major goal" of the SBA. And in 1977, the federal agency established a National Women's Business Ownership Campaign, directing all its field offices to "give women loan applicants special attention with the goal of substantially increasing loans to women."

An official in the Kentucky SBA office, headquartered in Louisville, said an unwritten goal was the granting of half of the SBA's direct loan dollars to women, as well as racial minorities.

In a major shift in policy, the SBA has announced that the agency is eliminating the special targeting of loans to women and minority-owned businesses. Previous philosophy, according to new SBA federal administrator Michael Cardenas, "resulted in approval of too many bad loans. We cannot permit such an approach to continue. SBA is a business organization, not a social organization."

In fact, the previous policy didn't amount to much. SBA's announced preferential assistance peaked in fiscal year 1978 when 2,609 loans, or 10 percent of the national total, went to women-owned businesses. That translated to more than \$444 million in loans, or 10 percent of the total loan dollars.

In Kentucky, the percentages were lower than that. During the most recent fiscal year, which ended last October, the Kentucky SBA office made 600 non-farm direct loans or loan guarantees to Kentucky businesses. Just 14.2

will make special efforts to help those entrepreneurs who face unusual difficulties in the private financial markets.

But, he said, "we have changed our philosophy governing administration of all of our lending programs because the quality of loan requests has improved."

"By statute, we must require 'reasonable assurance of repayment' on all loans. Unfortunately, this requirement had been subordinated to administrative considerations such as numerical goals and quotas. Reasonable, measurable, verifiable, and enforceable for easy-to-use contractors."

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