

# Deaths

### ALBERT C. HENNY

Albert Clarence Henny, 55, died Wednesday, July 15, 1981 at the NHE Nursing Home in Lexington.

He was a native of Bourbon County, member of the First Christian Church, Carlisle, a retired farmer and a Kentucky Colonist.

Survivors are one daughter, Mrs. James Short, Lexington, two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Services were held Saturday, July 18 at Mathey-Gaunce Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Merrill Mitchell with burial in the Crown Hill Cemetery, Sharpshurg.

Pallbearers were Ronald, Edgar and Marcus Boyd and James, Hobbs and Tommy Lane.

# State sets property tax rate at 22.9 cents

The Department of Revenue has set the 1981 state real property tax rate at 22.9 cents per \$100 valuation. The first time in recent years the department has been able to set the state rate by the statutory July 1.

The 1981 rate is 1.3 cents less than the 1980 rate and the third consecutive rollback of the state rate under House Bill 44.

Revenue Commissioner Robert Allison said setting the rate on schedule will allow school districts, county governments and municipalities throughout the state to anticipate their collecting processes and mail tax bills out for timely collection.

During the past two years, due to legal controversies over property assessments, the department set the

state rate in early September, forcing some local governments to begin late collections of property taxes.

This year, under policies established by the Department of Revenue, local property assessments have proceeded smoothly across the state, Allison said.

The assessments of more than 16 million counties have been given preliminary approval by the department, Allison said. Approval in 90 counties is required for the department to set the state rate.

The statewide assessment on real property in 1981 rose to an estimated \$41.73 billion, up from \$39 billion last year. The new rate is designed to produce a four percent increase in revenue from real property under the provisions of House Bill 44.

# News briefly

## Two fires reported in county

Fire Chief Woody Wilson reported Tuesday that there were two fires in the county during the past week.

The first fire broke out at 7:30 p.m. last Thursday at the home of Brooks House on the Myers Station Road. Wilson described the car as a complete loss.

The second fire in the county occurred Sunday night at 11:30 p.m. on the Dixie Highway, when a 1976 Oldsmobile Cutlass owned by Jimmy Joe Mitchell went up in flames. Chief Wilson described the car as a complete loss.

The first was not severely damaged.

## Sheriff reports local accidents

Nicholas County Sheriff J.W. Ertou reported that two accidents occurred in the county last week.

The first was an incident of last Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. when vehicles driven by Jimmy Richardson, of Otwellville, and Freddie McFarland, of House 1, Carlisle, collided on Maple Grove Road.

Sheriff Ertou said that it appeared to him that both cars were "bugging the middle of the road" immediately prior to the collision. He said the incident occurred at a point in the road where the pavement is only 11' wide.

Sheriff Ertou stated further that McFarland's car, which was totaled in the crash, took the ditch first and apparently had all four wheels off the road at the time of impact. Richardson's vehicle was not severely damaged.

A second accident occurred on U.S. 42 at 9 p.m. Saturday, an automobile driven by Van L. Ingram, Plumprey Street, Flemingsburg, attempted to pass an auto driven by David Hall, Route 2, Spangfield.

According to the accident report, Ingram claimed that Hall's car crossed the center line while he was trying to pass, and caused the collision.

There was only slight damage to both vehicles.

## Unemployment statistics released

Unemployment in Kentucky dropped for the fourth consecutive month, reaching a low of 7.3 percent of the labor force by mid-May. Department of Human Resources statistics show that in Nicholas County there were 164 persons unemployed, for a rate of 5.5 percent.

In May 33 of the 120 counties had unemployment rates of 10 percent or higher. Statewide, Menzies County had the highest rate of 21.3 percent, while Scott County had the lowest at 3.6 percent.

"Unemployment decreased 0.3 percent in industries covered by the state employment insurance law during the month," said Dr. Grady Stumbo, secretary of the Department for Human Resources. However, unemployment increased 0.3 percent among persons who were either entering the labor force for the first time or re-entering after a period of separation.

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## Fiscal court

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furnish labor at the site to generate matching funds. According to Atkinson, the funds would not be generated because the guard is a federally funded organization.

No dates have as yet been announced as targets for completion of the preliminary paperwork on the park.

The impending crisis in the county's ambulance service was a heavy topic of conversation at last week's Fiscal Court meeting. Court members discussed the possibilities of alleviating the situation that is scheduled to crop up in January. But no details were discussed. The Court merely listened around some questions and ideas.

These questions and ideas will be put together with the questions and ideas of city councilmen when the two local governing bodies meet for a joint session on the ambulance problem Thursday, July 23, at 7 p.m. in the courthouse. The public is encouraged to come and offer suggestions.

In other major action, the Court—Officially adopted the budget resolution for the 1981 fiscal year.

Authorized County Clerk Rose Scott to begin borrowing money from the local bank that offers the lowest interest rate in order to meet general expenses. Miss Scott informed the court that the General Expense Fund would run out of money by August, and the borrowing would be necessary until this year's taxes begin coming in.

Noted that the county received \$15,000 more in Revenue Sharing funds than was expected.

Authorized County Clerk Rose Scott to redeem \$25,000 currently on certificate of deposit in order to meet county road and bridge expenses.

Approved provisional hiring of a secretary for the County's Sheriff and Justice/Executive. (See story, page 1.)

Heard from Library Board members Bob Livings and the Board may soon be in dire need of financial assistance. (See story, page 1.)

# Kentucky crop weather report

Farmers averaged 4 1/2 days of rain work last week, in spite of rain condition, while poor and good divide the remaining one-third of about 35 percent of the crop is up 24 inches in height while the remainder is over 20 inches. Tobacco is suffering from scalding, yellowness caused by wetness, aphids and black shank. Wet humid conditions experienced last week were conducive to mold development in scattered counties.

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## Local 4-H'ers attend seminar

Three young people from Nicholas County attended the Kentucky Youth Seminar at Lexington at the University of Kentucky from June 29-July 1. These high school juniors and seniors were selected as a result of their participation in the American Private Enterprise Program, which was conducted last winter in this county as a 4-H project.

Stephanie Sampson and Peggy Stewart attended as Youth Scholars. Tommy Hildre attended as a Junior Leader. Stephanie Sampson was in the top 10 on the final test and received a cash prize.

# CETA program ending

Magistrate Bibb Livingswood then asked if the Judge and Sheriff would agree to a compromise wherein the Court would pay half of the salary, and the individual offices pay the other half.

Sheriff Ertou had no strong objection to that plan, but Judge Simot was not at all happy with it. Judge Simot said that he did not think it was fair for him to have to hire a person to administrate a program that was giving the county seven free workers.

Following the Judge's statement, Magistrate Mitchell said that after the CETA program runs out he could see no need for the Judge having a secretary. He said that before the CETA program began, the Nicholas County Judge had no secretary, and even then he had additional judicial powers. (The judicial powers of the County Judge were stripped away with the Judicial Amendment of 1975.)

The money to finance this unbudgeted expense was determined to come from the Revenue-Sharing Contingency Fund.

Besides the two secretarial positions discussed above, the following persons are also currently employed by the CETA program and scheduled to lose their jobs by September 30: Danny Trubaway, Courthouse Janitor; Alda; Clay Sapp, Courthouse Janitor; Ada Hollar, Senior Citizens' Center; Joseph Beaker, Wreathmaking crew member; Karen Setters and Carol Miller, Day-Care Aides at the Community Center.

Magistrate Mitchell then proposed that the Court pay for a secretary to administrate the CETA program until it runs out. "Then," said Mitchell, "if the Judge keeps a secretary it'll up to him."

County Clerk Rose Scott then voiced her objection to paying Judge Simot's secretary the same \$13.85 per hour that the CETA program was paying. Miss Scott said that it was not fair to pay the Judge's secretary more than her deputies were receiving. The Court agreed.

Finally the Court agreed to pay Judge Simot's secretary \$13.30 an hour for 35 hours per week until the CETA program runs out on September 30. They also agreed to pay half of the cost of Sheriff Ertou's secretary from the time the program runs out until the first of the year. That agreement was also based upon a 35 hour week at \$13.30 per hour.

# Library board

Heville said she has, however, that he has checked on a loan with one of the local banks and been offered an 8 percent interest rate, and that the loan could offer a possibility for easing the burden.


The Library Board currently has "in the neighborhood of \$19,000" on hand, Darrto said, and the amount of the bill he feels they "can't swing" is between \$4,000 and \$5,000. He told the Court that the Board would not ask for more than \$1,000, and he continually stated that his appearance was not a formal request for funds, but merely to let the Court know what might lie ahead.

Magistrate Bibb Livingswood asked Darrto if he had spoken to the City

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