Southern States annual meet set for March 4

The election of the Board of Directors and the Farm Home Advisory Committee will highlight the local Southern States Cooperative's annual membership meeting on March 4 at the Nicholas County Elementary School. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m.

The business session will be preceded by a supper. Tickets are $1.75 and should be picked up well in advance at the agency.

Chester Mattox will serve as chairman of the local meeting.

Frank R. Guthrie of Lexington, a member of Southern States Cooperative's regional staff, will report on the over-all Southern States operations. This report will also include a 13-minute slide-tape presentation entitled "The importance of being politically active," which was produced by the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives.

It points out that farmers now represent only about three percent of the population and they should exert extra effort to make their voices heard in the halls of government. The presentation urges co-op members to communicate with their legislators and let them know their views about pending legislation.

Local operations and services rendered to agriculture in the community will be discussed by manager Mrs. Sudie E. Raney.

Theme of the meeting will be "Involvement: Your vote for the Future."

There will be a special recognition for local board and Farm Home Advisory Committee members who retire this year.

Nominees for the local board are W.J. Clark, James C. Lowe, Gordon Sargent and Kenneth Stephenson.

Ladies nominated for the Farm Home Advisory Committee are Mrs. Herbert C. Duncan, Mrs. A. Douglas Fryman, Mrs. Eugene Snapp and Mrs. Cliff Vice.

A safe driver award will be presented to Thrashley Markland, an employee of the Carlisle cooperative.

Tractor trailer destroyed in wreck on U.S. 68

A tractor trailer truck was demolished and its driver rushed to Nicholas County Hospital following a single vehicle accident on U.S. 68 in the county Saturday night.

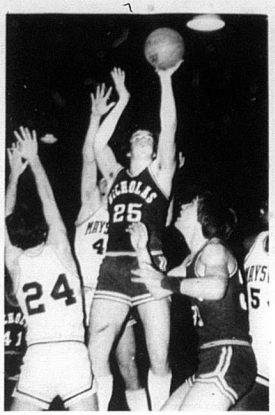
According to Kentucky State Police Trooper John Hall, the accident occurred at 8:15 p.m. Saturday night on U.S. 68 about eight miles from Carlisle, when the truck loaded with produce dropped off the shoulder of the road and struck a culvert.

The driver of the truck, Paul Mitchell, 56, of Ripley, Ohio, was treated for cuts and bruises at the Nicholas County Hospital and released.

Hall said the tractor was totally demolished in the crash.

The load of produce was transferred to another truck. Hall said it took 16 hours to clear the accident scene.

The trailer belonged to Stoops Express, Anderson, Indiana.



Jumper

Sophomore Steve Anderson put up a jumper in Friday night's game against Maysville. Anderson scored 29 points in the Jackets' losing effort. — Mercury photo.

Ky. Consumer Catalog issued

The state attorney general's office has recently published The Kentucky Consumer Catalog.

Designed to assist Kentucky consumers avoid potential problem areas in their transactions, the catalog covers everything from advertising, to automobiles, banks, medical care, insurance, housing . . . to attorney's fees.

It also includes appendices of selected consumer protection laws, and agencies to contact for consumer-related assistance.

The catalog costs $1.50 to cover printing and postage expenses. Order blanks may be obtained locally at the Carlisle Mercury office on Locust Street.

Council on aging sponsors seminar

The University of Kentucky Council on Aging, in cooperation with the Kentucky Society on Aging, Inc., is conducting a one-day seminar on **Aging in the Bluegrass — A Self Study**, on March 8. The seminar will focus on recommendations and implementation strategy which were developed as the result of a conference held in October.

The seminar will begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Carnahan House, Newtown Pike, in Lexington. The meeting will adjourn at 4 p.m. .

The program will consist of recommendations or alternative ways of providing services to the aging population in light of federal and state budget cuts.

Kentucky Afield

by John Wilson

Kentucky has the fastest growing deer population of any state in the country, according to John Phillips, the wildlife biologist in charge of deer management for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Phillips bases this statement in part on the results of the 1981 hunting season, when the deer harvest in counties open to deer hunting increased a whopping 58 percent over 1980 with 14,936 deer checked through the state's network of check stations. The harvest for the year will probably be close to 21,000, when counts from wildlife management areas, military areas, military reservations and other special hunting areas are included, Phillips says.

A breakdown of the open county totals show that gun hunters accounted for 11,450 bucks and 1,012 does, while bowhunters bagged 1,134 bucks and 696 does. Landowners, residents 65 years old or older and others who do not need hunting licenses or deer permits took an additional 600 deer.

Phillips says the longer gun season (10 days instead of six in many counties) caused only about 15 percent of the increased harvest, with the remaining jump in harvest due to more deer in many parts of the state.

The largest harvests were reported from Western Kentucky and from sections of the Northern Kentucky area south of Covington. As expected, those counties with one or two "doe days" led the list, since these were the areas where biologists had identified deer populations high enough to begin slowing the growth of the herd by allowing hunters to take antlerless deer. Only four counties did not show an increase in deer harvest in 1981, according to Phillips.

In those counties which changed from two three-day seasons to a 10-day hunt, the harvest increase was 58 percent, Phillips says. Another group of counties which went from a six-day season in 1980 to a five-day hunt in 1981 showed a 31 percent harvest increase. The highest increase (86 percent) was in those counties which went from a three-day to a five day season, while the counties which had three-day gun hunts in both 1980 and 1981 showed a 49 percent increase in deer harvest.

Phillips' figures also reveal that the number of deer killed illegally during the gun season has dropped steadily for the last three years. This is a good sign, particularly since the number of hunters has increased during this same period. Most illegal shooting during the season involves shooting does in bucks only counties and can be a definite factor in slowing herd growth.

Phillips says he's pleased with the 1981 results, which are very close to the predictions he made when the seasons were set last March. One of his predictions for the 1982 season is that the harvest of antlered bucks will increase another 23 percent as the state's deer population continues to climb.

The season dates and other regulations for this fall's deer season will be set by the Fish and Wildlife Commission at its next quarterly meeting, scheduled for Feb. 28-March 1.

Farmers, fishermen must file soon

Certain farmers and commercial fishermen must file their 1981 federal income tax returns and pay any tax due by March 1, 1982, says an Internal Revenue Service spokesman.

Persons who earned at least two-thirds of their 1980 or 1981 gross income from farming or fishing and did not make an estimated tax declaration by Jan. 18, 1982, (or who made a declaration by Jan. 18, 1982 and underestimated their liability), must file their return and pay all tax due by March 1, 1982, to avoid paying a penalty.

Free IRS Publications 225 "Farmer's Tax Guide," 595 "Tax Guide for Commercial Fishermen," and 505 "Tax Withholding and Estimated Tax," provide additional information.

To order these publications, the IRS says taxpayers should write the IRS address found in their tax package.

Computers generate interest at Farm Machinery Show

Amidst acres of huge tractors, corn pickers and combines at the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville recently, computers took a rightful place as an important farm tool.

Sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, the "Computers in Agriculture" exhibit featured a dozen or more programs analyzing various aspects of farm and home management and family living. UK Extension specialists helped visitors use the programs to address their individual farm and home situations.

In one instance, a grain farmer wanting to know how much fertilizer to apply to his crops used the "fertilizer recommendations from your soil tests" program with the help of Dr. William Thom, UK Extension soils specialist. The farmer provided the results of previous soil tests for phosphorus, magnesium and potassium, and in a matter of seconds, the computer cranked out a printout listing recommended lime and fertilizer rates for his crops. The farmer was impressed and suddenly interested in computers. He, like most visitors, asked whether such programs are available to Kentucky farmers at other times.

Arousing interest was a main reason the UK Extension specialists took their computers to the show. "The computer exhibit helps to make people aware of the programs available so they can use them later, either through their county extension office or the College of Agriculture," said George Turner, 4-H programs specialist with UK's agricultural engineering department.

Many visitors were nonetheless excited about the instant results they received from the computer. The "plan your vegetable garden" program provided users with information about the amount of seed, transplants and space, among other requirements, needed to grow selected vegetables for a certain number of people. A homemaker who used the program walked away with her printout in her hand and said to her husband, "Let's go home and plan a garden."

Homeowners who used the computerized home energy analysis program, CHEAP, to evaluate the energy efficiency and costs of their homes got printouts immediately to take home and examine. One man, who lived in a trailer, said he knew his home was not energy-efficient, but he was going to try the analysis to see what his energy problems were.

The computer exhibit had something for everyone. One youngster tested his knowledge of hunting and gun safety at the "mechanical and science programs for youth" terminal. There currently are about 60 such programs available, including personal health, energy and safety, according to Turner. He said that the programs now are being used to teach 4-Hers at camp.

Another popular program was the VIDEOTEX information system which currently is in the developmental stage at UK. The system offers timely weather, market and extension information to Kentucky farmers.

When the VIDEOTEX project is completed, users will be able to access a computer through their telephone and request the latest county weather forecast, futures prices and other information, according to Tom Priddy, Extension meteorologist.

Besides trying a program or two, visitors learned the cost of a computer, its memory capacity and what was involved in writing a program.

One farmer investigating a program on machinery cost analysis wondered if keeping records and making decisions would be easier with a computer. The answer may have been disappointing.

"It may be easier with a computer, but merely having a computer will not necessarily mean that a farmer who has not kept good records suddenly will start doing all the things he should have been doing all along," replied UK farm management specialist James Leeff.

Other programs featured in the exhibit included dairy management and nutrition, integrated pest management, a clothing "warmth" analysis and swine nutrition.

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(LEXINGTON, Kentucky Business Ledger — Even before the 1982 session of Kentucky's legislature began, it was evident that the lawmakers would revise the state's prevailing wage law.

But few people predicted it would attract so many headlines, and that it would become such an apparent victory for a coalition of business interests with city and county governments across the state.

Kentucky's prevailing wage law has been on the books since 1940 and was an outgrowth of a federal law called the Davis-Bacon Act. The federal law was passed more than 50 years ago during a boom time for federal construction projects, and its intent was to establish a "prevailing wage" for workers in a construction area to prevent the undercutting of local wage structures. It was also an attempt at quality control, to keep contractors from employing cheap labor that often was incompetent labor.

Contractors entering competitive bids for those government construction projects had to base their bids on these "prevailing wages."

Kentucky's law applies to government projects other than federal ones and was passed with the same objectives in mind. But through the years, contractors have become increasingly vocal about the additional costs to construction projects imposed by the prevailing wage law; local government officials, who pay the bills from taxpayers' dollars for most of those projects, have overcome their hesitancy to oppose organized labor on this issue and have been quite visible in the prevailing wage battle this year.

Governor John Y. Brown Jr. also had told labor leaders in Ashland last fall that they would have to expect some changes in Kentucky's law.

So the elements came together for an overhaul of the law, on four major points recommended in a Legislative Research Commission study commissioned by the 1980 legislature:

Raising the threshold for coverage under the law from the current $500 (all projects costing more than the threshold are covered) and adjusting the threshold in the future on the basis of the Consumer Price Index;

Eliminating some weekly reporting requirements for employers;

Changing the definition of "locality" — the geographic area from which the prevailing wage is calculated, which can now be as large as an entire congressional district and has meant that some urban wage rates are imposed on projects in more rural areas;

Exempting from coverage all local government projects — like schools and fire stations — unless they receive more than half of their funding from state government.

A bill that would accomplish these points made its way through the House of Representatives and was poised for full Senate passage when Governor Brown heeded labor's pleas and attempted to seek a compromise on the threshold amount and the exemption of local government projects.

The prevailing sentiment in Frankfort was that the Governor stepped in too late with his suggestions. But no one was ready to write off the possibility that the governor would be able to persuade some senators to amend the bill and send it back to the House for concurrence. Any amendment would be designed to make the bill more palatable to organized labor; a bill that would go in the other direction and completely repeal the prevailing wage law has been lying dormant in a legislative committee, with no realistic chances.

So the high drama continues to unfold, with the more interesting activity going on behind the scenes rather than on center stage. The show will go on — but it will be interesting to see how the new prompter, Governor Brown, will give the cues. And if the actors will heed them.

Kentucky stocks on the move last week: Market direction was downward. Leading gainers: Humana (NYSE), to 25 from 23 5/8; First Kentucky National (OTC), to 32¼ from 31¾; biggest declines: Brown-Forman (AMEX), to 30 from 31 1/8; General Energy (OTC), to 22½ from 23.

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NOTICE of Annual Meeting
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The agenda includes reports on Southern States Cooperative, local operations and the election of Directors and the FHA committee.
By Order of the Board of Directors
Mrs. Sudie Raney,
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By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and children attended the University of Kentucky Lady Kats Basketball game on Thursday night at Memorial Coliseum.

Russell Barlow, Carlisle, visited Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Delaney on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Wanda Gaunce, Millersburg, visited Mrs. Sterling Hollar the past Sunday evening.

Mrs. Dede Mattox, Neave, spent Thursday night and Friday with Mrs. Hazel Snapp and they also visited Mrs. Mable Stockdale at Fleming County Rest Home on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and family visited E.P. Laughlin at Country Place Nursing Home, Lexington, the past Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Clestus Ritchie and James Gaunce enjoyed a time of prayer and fellowship at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Fetback, Carlisle, on Thursday night.

Bob Kenney and sons Greg and Jason spent Saturday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Andrea Galbraith, Carlisle, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar and children. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galbraith were also visitors on Sunday evening.

Miss Lisa Doyle, Somerset, and others visited Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle the past week.

Mrs. Bill George spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Allen, Arden and Cindy Livingood visited Mike Brunker, patient at University Hospital, Lexington, the past Sunday. Mike was able to return home on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snapp Jr. and daughter Melanie, Lexington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snapp Sr. on Saturday. Mrs. Sylvia Hardin, Lexington, also spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and family and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady attended the wedding of Jeffrey Doyle and Pamela Walkins on Saturday at the Pleasant Valley Church of God.

Mrs. Hazel Snapp, Phyllis Brady, Shirley Collins and grandson David and Mrs. Clyde Snapp visited Mrs. Roger Livingood, who has been ill at her home during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar spent Sunday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Pickrell and daughter, Paris, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith McCord and son Jodie, Chatham, spent Sunday with Mrs. Hazel McCord.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny G. Fryman, Morehead, visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude Fryman, while in route to Bourbon County Hospital, Paris, to visit Mrs. Fryman's father, Everett Watkins, a patient there.

Rev. and Mrs. J.H. Ritchie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at the Campbell House in Lexington on Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Snapp, Cincinnati, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp.

The Headquarters United Methodist Men and Ladies will have their regular monthly meeting this Thursday night, Feb. 25. James Lowe will be speaker for the men and Mrs. Paula McCree will be program leader for the ladies. Soup and sandwiches will be served at the 7 o'clock meal.

Bruce and John Sheffield and Mrs. Donna Flora and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. David Earlywine and Jeff. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain and Rev. and Mrs. Sheffield were also supper guests of the Earlywines on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce and Norma. Other evening visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Snapp and baby, Mrs. Gladys Kenney and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

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