

VA benefits take 7.4% increase

A 7.4 percent increase in Veterans Administration compensation checks this month to service disabled veterans and dependents is one of numerous improvements in veterans benefits, VA Administrator Robert P. Vroman announced recently.

The increase and other improvement benefits are the result of the Veterans' Compensation, Education and Employment Amendments of 1982, signed into law by President Reagan Oct. 14.

The rate boost means an increase from \$4 to \$4.30 per month for a veteran with a disability rating of 10 percent. A veteran with a 50 percent disability now receives \$22 a month, up from \$20, and a veteran with a 100 percent disability is now receiving \$123 a month, up from \$110.

The legislation also increases the annual allowance made to certain veterans whose artificial limbs or wheelchair cause wear on their clothing. It goes from \$20 to \$25.

In addition, the bill provides a compensation rate increase to veterans who suffer from osteoarthritis and blindness in both eyes and who also have incurred the service-connected loss of use of an arm or leg.

The bill also:

- Authorizes payment of a \$300 burial allowance for outstanding copies of certain wartime veterans for deaths occurring after Sept. 30, 1950.
- Removes the bar against payment of Servicemen's Group Life Insurance and Veterans Group Life Insurance proceeds in the event a claim is filed more than four years after the insured's death.

Authorizes the VA to guarantee loans made for the purpose of financing a lien in a mortgage on a home, or for purchasing a lot for such home, and changes the term "home" to "manufactured home."

Provides that burial benefits are payable if a veteran dies while a patient in a nursing home under VA contract.

— Terminates the Veterans' Repatriation (Vet Rep) program and allows outstanding veterans' benefits to be paid to their next of kin.

— Terminates the current GI Bill requirement that vocational schools report on the numbers of their graduates who, during a specified time period, have obtained employment in the field for which the school has provided training.

— Improves administration by the Department of Labor on the provision of employment and training opportunities for disabled and Vietnam era veterans.

Temperature and light loss cause fall tree color

According to state Division of Forestry Director Donald A. Hamon, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, fall colors are one of nature's most breathtaking productions. However, contrary to what many people believe, Jack Frost is not responsible for the color changes.

Some leaves, he explains, begin to turn before we have any frost.

All through the growing season, hardwood leaves remain green, although several other color pigments are present in the leaves. During the summer months chlorophyll, the green pigment, dominates the others.

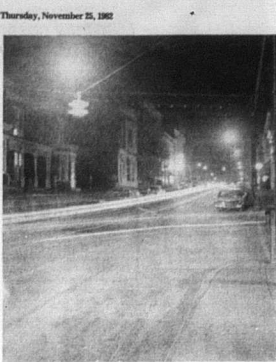
During the spring and summer, the leaves serve as factories where most of the foods necessary for the tree's growth are manufactured. This food-making process takes place in the leaf in the numerous cells containing chlorophyll. In the fall, because of changes in the period of daylight and changes in temperature, the leaves stop their food-making process. At the same time, the chlorophyll breaks down, and the green color disappears. The yellows, oranges and reds become visible at that time, thus giving leaves their fall colors.

These color changes in the leaves are produced by various pigments. The fern species of trees characteristically have certain color-bearing genes which are genetically determined. The golden shades of the leaves are the result of carotene pigments and are seen in black cherry, yew, etc.

The red, purple, and magenta pigments are predominant in black gum. A combination of the two are seen in sugar maple.

As fall colors appear, other changes are taking place. At the point where the stem of the leaf is attached to the tree, a special layer of cells develops and gradually severs the tissues that support the leaf. The leaf then is blown off by the wind or falls from its own weight.

Through fallen leaves, nature has provided for a fertile forest floor. Fallen leaves contain large amounts of calcium and potassium, which were originally a part of the soil. Decomposition of the leaf enriches the top layers of the soil by returning these minerals to the soil. At the same time, the decaying leaves increase the



Main Street Carlisle, Circa 1957
This time exposure was shot in front of Garrett's Furniture looking east sometime in the 1950's. We don't know exactly when. We do know the picture was shot with a 4 by 5 camera.

Kentucky Afield

The price of poaching

By John Wilson
A tag was recently mailed to the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, along with a short anonymous note that I had been taken from a wild turkey since illegally.

A check of the tag number revealed that the turkey was one of 12 taken from Missouri last spring and released in the Todd-Lagay county area.

This was the first release of wild turkeys in that particular part of the state. Turkeys were once native there, but they were driven from the area by unregulated hunting and the intrusion of man. The fish and wildlife department is now engaged in trying to restore wild turkeys to those places in the commonwealth where suitable habitat still exists.

The illegal killing of one wild turkey — less than one year old — when she was stocked. The odds of a young turkey nesting its first year is about 50%. Wright says, so it's possible that she did not have a chance to raise even one brood before the poacher's bullet found her.

But had she nested only once and raised five poults to maturity, and if each of her female offspring also successfully nested once, and so on for five years, that one hen could have been responsible for 300 additional wild turkeys.

"This is the real loss," Wright explains. "We're only able to stock a very few birds each year, so we have to depend upon natural reproduction to increase the flock. If the restoration program is to succeed, these turkeys must have complete protection during those first few crucial years."

The funds for wild turkey restoration programs, like almost all department of fish and wildlife financing, comes from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses. So whoever shot this wild turkey in effect stole from the sportspersons of the state. It took over 60 hunting license sales (at \$120 each) to equal the \$60 that one bird cost.

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water-absorbing capacity of the human body. But if ferns are allowed to run through the forest, the valuable fire-retarding elements are lost, and the water-holding human is destroyed.

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To: The Citizens of Carlisle

Please consider the following points when casting your vote on December 4:

I. There will be no direct benefit to public schools as a result of the sale of alcoholic beverages. If spirits are distilled in the county, schools collect a tax on the liquor distilled. Since there are no distilleries in Carlisle, there will be no increase in revenue to the school system.

II. The \$928,000, which, according to the A.B.C. board, will be spent on alcoholic beverages by Nicholas Countians each year, represents a sizeable portion of the local economy which will NOT be spent on the necessities of life—food, clothing, shelter, health care, etc. This \$928,000 is also a sizeable portion of the local economy which will not be spent with established businesses in the community. Interested citizens should be aware that approximately 2/3 of this sum, over \$600,000 will be spent outside this county with liquor wholesalers to purchase stock for liquor stores.

III. The sale of alcoholic beverages will not improve the economy of a community. Elizabethtown, a dry city, is one of the fastest growing, most progressive areas in this state. In fact in the early 1970's before economic life affected the entire country, the three counties with the fastest growing per capita income in Kentucky were Hancock, Boyd and Hardin counties, all three dry counties.

IV. The legal sale of alcoholic beverages will do nothing to stop the illegal sale of alcoholic beverages. Louisville, one of the wettest cities in Kentucky, had over 400 citations for bootlegging in one year. In Lexington, also wet, a woman was convicted and sent to prison for selling contaminated moonshine which caused the death of those who drank it.

V. There are only two valid reasons for wanting to sell alcoholic beverages in Carlisle: (1) to sell alcoholic beverages and make money or (2) in order to drink and not to go much trouble to do it.

VOTE FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY!
VOTE "NO" ON DECEMBER 4, 1982!

Paid for by Citizens for a Better Community

FmHA makes

46 community, business loans and grants

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) made 46 loans and grants to rural business and community development during Fiscal Year 1982, which ended Sept. 30. FmHA State Director Kenneth J. Sartin said recently.

FmHA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It provides loan assistance to farmers, small rural businesses, non-profit agencies and rural communities who need credit but cannot get it from other lending institutions. FmHA provides services through more than 2,000 field offices nationwide, with 77 in Kentucky.

Nationally, FmHA made 446 grants and 46 community, business loans and grants totaling \$12.8 million, plus \$2 loans for \$75 million. Other assistance included:

- 287 loans totaling \$18.1 million for essential community facilities in rural areas.
- The total for all community and business programs was \$73.8 million nationally.

In Kentucky, total grants for water and sewer systems were 11 for \$4,015,000. There is total \$9 for \$11,001,000. Other assistance during the year included:

- 1 loan for \$450,000 for community facilities;
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ARE YOU IN FAVOR OF THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN CARLISLE?

This is the Question you will see on the Polling Booth on Dec. 4, 1982.

Before you pull the Lever of your choice, consider these Factors:

— Please take into consideration that the Myers Station Precinct will probably be voted "Wet", that means alcohol will be sold on the edge of town even if Carlisle is voted "Dry".

— Also take into account that Carlisle's economy is in very poor condition. We have had too many bankruptcies filed in the past year and possibly more in the near future.

— Also consider legalizing sales of alcohol that already exist and are making approximately \$928,000 a year out of our local economy. This figure does not include other retail sales that are spent in other counties.

— Also consider control over the underage children who can now buy alcohol from our local bootleggers.

Please consider a vote "YES" for alcohol means a legal, controllable and economically sound proposition for Nicholas County.

VOTE "YES" DEC. 4, 1982

Paid for by C.C.L.

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"From Crime to Christ" Miracle Rally Crusade

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Nicky West

Nicky holds her ribbons from gymnastic competitions in Elizabethtown and Ashland townships. She is the granddaughter of Ruby Bradley of Morefield. — Photo submitted.

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