Lottery, gas tax hike possible, legislator tells Farm Bureau

No new general fund taxes will be approved during the upcoming session of the state legislature, a top member of the Kentucky House leadership predicted Saturday.

But escalating pressure for new revenues could prompt passage of a state lottery and a hike in the gasoline tax for road funding, Rep. Pete Worthington, (D-Ewing) told a Kentucky Farm Bureau legislative breakfast Saturday.

And Worthington, who serves as speaker pro tem in the state House, further tempered his no-new-tax prediction with a warning to the farm group that a major battle could develop over property tax limitations.

REVENUES from property taxes have been effectively capped at four percent annual growth since 1979, when a special legislative session enacted House Bill 44. Revenue increases higher than four percent can be brought before the voters under the bill's provisions. Farm Bureau has been a staunch defender of the property tax limits since winning their approval six years ago.

The Fleming County representative blamed planned revenue sharing cutbacks for much of the pressure by local governments to ease property tax restrictions. Those federal moneys comprise around 20 percent of most county and municipal budgets, he said, and their loss would require officials to levy new taxes or sharply reduce services.

WORTHINGTON said the '86 legislature should have at its disposal some $225 million in unused revenues for new programs, but noted that the surplus may not be large enough to pay for all the program expansion currently being discussed.

Debt service on some 1984 road-building revenue bonds, plus major outlays to improve elementary education, bolster Medicaid funding and build new prisons would exhaust any expected overage left in the current state budget, he said.

Hardin earns $1,000 scholarship

Bill Service, general manager of WTVQ-TV presents a $1,000 check for a scholarship to Barry Hardin of Lexington. a University of Kentucky telecommunications senior second from left. Dr. Herbert N. Drennon, dean of the College of Communications, is at the left and Dr. Joseph M. Ripley, chairman of the telecommunications department, is at the right. Hardin is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hardin of Moorefield and holds a 3.6 grade average. He is interning this semester in a public relations firm in Lexington. — Photo submitted

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Classes vary from computer programming, to basic composition, to basketball officiating and meet during the morning hours.

For more information or registration procedures, call 606-622-2106.

Saltwell ... by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny G. Fryman, Morehead, accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Claudie Fryman to London on Sunday to spend the day with their son and grandson, Alison Fryman and Mrs. Fryman. On returning home they also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Polk, Lexington.

Mrs. Frankie Feeback entered Nicholas County Hospital on Saturday for tests and x-rays and remains a patient there.

Mrs. Bobby Brady and Robbie Doyle enjoyed a Christmas play at Faith Baptist Church, Cynthiana, on Saturday night directed by Mrs. Linda Beckett.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Eden and children Chad, Brad and Heather, near Scott County, and Mrs. Mary Stubbs and Cayce Howard, Harrison County, were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jobie Howard. Tracie, Aimee and Shane. Cayce Howard remained for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCoy visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Fultz, Olive Hill, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snapp Jr. and Melanie and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Young, Lexington, spent Sunday with Mr and Mrs. Clyde Snapp Sr., Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Mrs. Herbert Blakeman, Dana, Fenni and Kim, all of Lexington, and Miss Frances Barlow spent Sunday with Martha and Daley Kennedy.

Layne Hollar spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Mrs. Dorothy Gaunce and Greg, Lexington, and Mrs. Naomi Gaunce were Saturday dinner guests of Mrs. Andrew Grey, Carlisle.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Caserta and son Jonathan will leave the following week to visit their parents in Pensacola, Fl. and Montgomery, AL.

Mrs. Andrew Grey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger C. Boots and family of Lexington. She also visited Julian Gaunce later in the afternoon.

A very large crowd attended the Christmas program at the Headquarters Church on Sunday night. A lovely supper followed the program and all the children enjoyed a visit and treat from Santa. Mrs. Mary Caserta also celebrated her 36th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain Sr. spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Woosley and children, Carlisle.

Mrs. Glenda Feeback visited Mrs. Alice Marie Feeback one evening during the week.

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PARIS STOCKYARDS
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CATTLE RECEIPTS	1963
SLAUGHTER COWS	
Price trend	1.00-2.00 lower
Breaking utility	31.25-32.75
Boning utility	32.50-38.25
Canner and cutter	26.75-32.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS	
Price trend	1.00-2.00 lower
Yield grade 1-2	46.00-46.75
VEALERS	
Price trend	Untested
FEEDER STEERS. Med. frame No 1	
Price trend	2.00-3.00 lower
300-400 lbs.	62.00-66.00
400-500 lbs.	61.25-64.75
500-600 lbs.	56.00-63.00
600-700 lbs.	56.00-60.75
700-800 lbs.	54.00-57.75
HEIFERS	
Price trend	2.00-3.00 lower
300-400 lbs.	56.00-63.00
400-500 lbs.	49.50-62.25
500-600 lbs.	48.00-51.00
600-700 lbs.	48.00-52.00
STOCK COWS	260.00-500.00
COWS W/CALVES	410.00-485.00
BABY CALVES	25.00-90.00
SLAUGHTER HOGS	
Receipts	394
BARROWS, GILTS	
Price trend	Steady
U.S. 1-2, 215-235 lbs.	47.15
SOWS	
Price trend	2.00 lower
U.S. 1-3, 400-550 lbs.	36.00-37.25
BOARS	
Over 300 lbs.	33.00

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Canner and cutter	27.00-31.00
SLAUGHTER BULLS	
Yield grade 1-2	44.00
FEEDER STEERS. Med. frame No. 1	
200-400 lbs.	57.00-64.50
400-500 lbs.	56.50-59.60
500-600 lbs.	56.00-58.90
600-700 lbs.	54.25-57.75
700-800 lbs.	53.50-55.95
800-900 lbs.	53.75-56.95
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300-400 lbs.	45.00-50.25
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CATTLE RECEIPTS	1482
Steers	36-67
Heifers	32-53
Baby Beeves	41-67
Slaughter Cows	26-37
Slaughter Bulls	35-46.50
Cows by head	195-340.00
Cow and Calf by head	220-725
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Call legislators on toll-free lines

Kentuckians will have two toll-free telephone lines available to them to leave messages for their legislators and to check on the status of bills during the 1986 session of the General Assembly.

The message line — 1-800-372-7181 — operates year-round and is intended for anyone wishing to leave a message with an individual legislator.

The bill-status line — 1-800-633-4271 — will be available beginning Jan. 7 for citizens who desire an up-to-the-minute report on specific legislation.

The Geoffrey Assembly will convene at noon on Jan. 7.

Rossini tribute set in Versailles

Paris — the city of composer Giaocchino Rossini's greatest successes and of his farewell to the lyric stage — is the setting for "Rossini at Versailles," the sparkling celebration of his music which will be aired on "Great Performances" Monday, Dec. 30 at 8 p.m. on KET.

Videotaped in the Royal Opera House and in the chapel at the Palace of Versailles, the program is staged as a 19th century gala tribute with Montserrat Caballe, Marilyn Horne, and an all-star cast singing the composer's arias, duets and ensembles.

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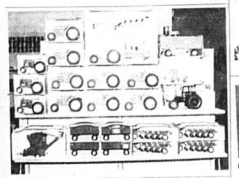

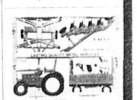

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Doug French, freshman at Nicholas County High School, sold 60 poinsettias for the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America during the annual sale held the last two weeks. — Staff photo

Holiday safety begins at home

Christmas and the holiday season is a festive time of year. It should also be a cautious time of year for fire safety in the home, according to State Fire Marshal Gayle Horn.

Trees and lights brighten the home and the spirits during the holidays," Horn said. "At the same time, Kentuckians need to remember certain rules when buying trees or stringing lights."

The following precautions should be taken when selecting and setting up a tree:

*If buying an artificial tree made of plastic, check for the Underwriters Laboratories label (UL). Some unlabeled trees burn easily.

*When buying live trees, look for the freshest one.

Check for freshness by looking for a deep green color, by smelling for a strong evergreen scent, by feeling for needles that are firmly attached to the limbs and by feeling for a sticky, sappy tree trunk.

*Once the tree is home, mount it in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water so the tree won't dry out and become a fire hazard.

*At home, keep the tree away from fireplaces, radiators or other heat sources.

IN ADDITION to trees, Horn explained that lights — whether inside or out — should be used carefully. Be sure to consider the following points before turning on the switch:

*Use only lights that have been tested for safety. Identify these by the UL label.

*Check each set of lights for broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires or loose connections. Discard the unsafe ones.

*Never use indoor lights outside. Before setting up outdoor decorations, make sure the bulbs have been approved for outdoor use. Then, firmly attach the lights to trees or walls to prevent wind damage.

*Use no more than three sets of lights for every single extension. Follow the manufacturers suggestion on the number of lights permitted in each circuit.

*Always turn off lights and other decorations before leaving home or going to bed. A short in any of the equipment is a fire hazard.

*Never use metallic lights on a metallic tree. Instead, use colored spotlights above or beside a metal tree.

*Keep children away from lights and electrical decorations. Children risk shock or injury when they play with bright lights.

EKU establishes scholarship fund for 'Turkey' Hughes

A memorial scholarship fund honoring the memory of the late Charles T. "Turkey" Hughes has been established at Eastern Kentucky University, where Hughes served as coach, teacher and administrator for 43 years.

Hughes, who retired from EKU in 1972, died August 31 following a long illness.

Contributions to the scholarship fund may be tax deductible and should be sent to "Turkey" Hughes Scholarship Committee, Coates Box 19A, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky. 40475. Additional information: phone (606) 622-1583.

Strauss music on KET special

For more than a century, the Viennese have begun the New Year with a festive program of music by Johann Strauss, the "waltz king," performed by the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra in the historic Musikverein. This annual event, televised throughout Europe for the past 25 years, will air in the United States for the first time this year, via satellite.

Hosted and narrated by Walter Cronkite, "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 1986," airs on KET Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 9 p.m.

Corporate farm operations suffering too

If misery loves company, the beat financial news many farmers may get for a while is that corporations involved in agriculture are suffering right along with the family farmer.

"All is not rosey with corporations. The current financial crisis did not spare corporations," Chuck Moore said in response to concerns expressed over the belief that corporations are taking over farming in Kentucky and across the U.S.

"Corporations haven't been, aren't and will not overtake agriculture," said Moore, an Extension agricultural economist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Contrary to persistent myths, raised again during debate on the current farm bill, U.S. Department of Agriculture figures show that corporate farming is not on the increase in the U.S., Moore said.

NUMBERS alone don't always provide an accurate picture, however. To get a clear understanding of corporate involvement in farming it is necessary to look at the number of acres of farmland corporations own and to remember that families can become corporations. A large part of what appears to be an increase in corporate ownership of farms is the result of family farms being incorporated, often for tax purposes.

Between 1978 and 1982 the percentage of farms in the U.S. owned by corporations increased from two percent of all farms to 2.7 percent of all farms. Of that increase only 1/10th of one percent was due to non-family corporations buying farms. That works out to an increase of one acre in a thousand over a four-year period, Moore said.

Even among the non-family-owned corporate farms, the idea of a giant conglomerate headquartered in another state is often not the case.

"Here in Kentucky we've seen an increase in the number of non-family corporate farms, but a decline in the number of acres they control," Moore said.

IN 1978 there were 720 corporate farms in Kentucky, 630 of them family owned, 16 of them non-family owned. Those 16 non-family owned farms controlled 66,750 of Kentucky's 14.5 million acres of farmland.

By 1982 the number of non-family-owned corporate farms had increased from 90 to 130, but the amount of land involved had declined from 66,750 acres to 52,412 acres.

That's less than half of one percent of the farmland, and perhaps even more important is the fact that of the 130 non-family-owned corporate farms, only eight had more than 10 stockholders," Moore said.

Corporations have traditionally not been interested in investing in farmland. The returns are generally too low, averaging about two percent per year. Moore said the economic situation of the late 70s, in which inflation rates were higher than interest rates, may have induced some corporations to invest in farmland.

Corporations and family farmers alike are struggling to handle the current financial crunch, but the family farmer, struggling to hold on to a home, perhaps the family birthplace, in addition to the farm, is likely to be more willing to endure low returns than would a giant conglomerate headquartered in another state.

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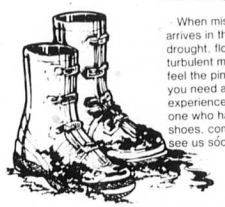

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