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Heating funds are now available at CHR

For the first time since the Home Energy Assistance Program began in 1981, the Cabinet for Human Resources has reserved funds to help those who are completely without heat in the coldest weather, and low income households were applying for funds Monday, Jan. 7.

"We know there would be households without any source of heat in the coldest part of winter, so we hold back \$4 million to help meet this need," said Department for Social Insurance Commissioner Jack Waddell.

APPLICATIONS WILL BE TAKEN at the Department for Social Insurance until at least May 31, or until available funds are spent. Waddell said \$400,000 not spent in the previous application periods would be added to the \$4 million, making a total of \$4.4 million to

assist those without heat. An estimated 17,000 households can be served with the \$4.4 million.

Benefits in this component of HEAP will vary from \$200 to \$300 per household. To be eligible, applicants must certify that they are completely without fuel or energy to heat their homes.

Waddell said any low income household without heat may apply for this portion of the Home Energy Assistance Program, including households which received HEAP benefits earlier this year.



How is your memory?

Can you identify this parade route? Note Vaux's Store across Main Street of Carlisle. This picture was among some items recently donated by Roy Hunt to the Nicholas County Historical Society Museum.

Forest tree seedlings offered

The Division of Forestry, Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, Commonwealth of Kentucky, is again offering low cost Forest Tree Seedlings to landowners.

Seedlings may be used for reforestation of idle land for timber production, erosion control, windbreaks, noise barriers, covering of landfill dumps, enhancing wildlife habitat and beautification.

For further details contact: Bradley Witt, county ranger, 408-296, Mt. Sterling, or Gene Barnes, county ranger, 408-200, Jeffersonville, Ky.

Gov. Collins urges tobacco import restrictions in DC

Tentative by Governor Martha Layne Collins last week urged restrictions on tobacco imports in testimony entered into the record during an International Trade Commission hearing in Washington.

The hearing was requested last September at the urging of tobacco-state legislators to determine whether rising tobacco imports are endangering federal price support system for domestic tobacco.

Although Governor Collins is still recuperating from recent abdominal surgery and was unable to attend the hearing, her written testimony was presented to the Commission by representatives of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation, who along with members of the state's Congressional delegation, have asked President Reagan to impose restrictions on tobacco imports.

"Our growers deserve this consideration," Governor Collins said. "Some tobacco imports as the primary culprit behind growing tobacco pool inventories, and increased growers' assessments."

"Increased imports have risen by 30 percent since 1980, barley imports by 11.1 percent since 1978, yet growers who voluntarily restricting production and accepting a freeze price support levels to compete with foreign imports have placed an average of almost 10 percent of the last three barley crop to surplus pool inventories."

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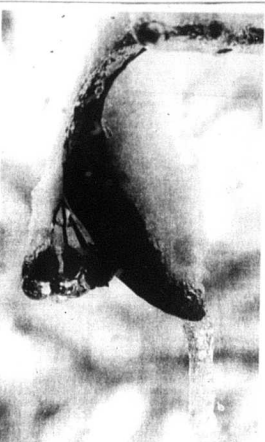
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Color it red

If the cherry like berries of the Redmond Linden had been planted with red ink on them, we might have been able to spy the wackad who had sent us out to find ultraviolet with snow on the ground, folks like Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. We just hope the little ticks of the bottom of the leaf that holds the Linden berry reproduces. —Mercury photo

Trio arrested; are charged with burglary

Kentucky State Police Post 4, Dry Ridge, announces the arrest of Johnny D. Morris, 21, of Millersburg, Wayne English, 23, Carlisle, and a 17-year-old juvenile. Trooper John Hall has charged the trio with two counts each of burglary.

The three were arrested at their respective residences on January 7, 1985, according to Trooper Hall, who said they have been charged with the January 1 burglary of the Goodyear Tire Center, Elm Street in Carlisle and the January 2 burglary of the Nicholas County Parking Company.

The stolen property, valued at over \$100, has been recovered by Trooper Hall. "Other arrests are anticipated as a result of the investigation," Hall added.

English and Morris were lodged in the Mason County jail and the juvenile in the custody of parents.

Bethel shooting leaves one dead, two wounded

Gunfire at a Bethel pool hall early Saturday, January 5, killed one man and wounded two others, according to state police.

John Farrow, 21, of Carlisle, is listed in stable condition at the University of Kentucky's Albert B. Chandler Medical Center with wounds to his left leg.

Thomas Greg Swartz, 30, of Bethel, was dead on arrival at Mary Childs Hospital in Mount Sterling, a spokesman for the state police post at Bethel said.

Leo Sanders, 22, of Sharplesburg, was shot in the right eye and remains in serious condition at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington.

The incident occurred about 11:45 a.m. at the Burgess Pool Room near Bethel in Hancock County. State police have arrested Lester Smith, 25, of Orangeville, and charged Smith with first-degree assault. The case is still under investigation.

'FARMATCH' Farm Bureau program may help young and old

A new program to match up agribusiness young farmers with older farmers willing to retire has been unveiled by Kentucky Farm Bureau.

Kenneth "Farmatch," the new effort seeks to initiate information sharing and referral services that could help persons

wishing to get started in the farming business, as well as established farmers who want to ensure their farms continue in business. Kentucky Farm Bureau is setting up separate files containing information forms to be completed by both new and established farmers who wish to explore various alternatives for transferring farm businesses, according to Paul D. Everman, KFB executive vice president.

THE APPLICATIONS, which are now being distributed through county Farm Bureau and local extension offices, will be reviewed and conferences arranged, with two applicants appear to be a prospective match, Everman said.

Farm Bureau's new program is the outgrowth of a special committee which spent two years researching possible ways to assist beginning farmers, W.B. Spurgeon, a Union County farmer and first vice president of Kentucky Farm Bureau, chaired the group.

Spurgeon says the economics of the 1980s make farm transfers very difficult for both aspiring and established farmers. High farmland costs, high interest rates and the uncertain future of commodity prices deter would-be farmers and dry up the open market for prospective farm returns, he noted.

"FOR YOUNG FARMERS, these factors make it seem virtually impossible to find realistic

opportunities," Spurgeon said. "And finding the right people to transfer a business to, while still protecting the results of many years labor."

Everman stressed that Farm Bureau's program is designed to bring "matching" prospects together, not to serve as an agent in the consummation of an agreement. He said all "Farmatch" participants would have to secure the services of an attorney, accountant or other third party to establish a business contract.

The "Farmatch" service will be offered at no cost to Farm Bureau members. Everman explained. Cost to a nonmember will be \$50.

COORDINATING the program will be Doyle Cunningham, young farmer director for Kentucky Farm Bureau, Cincinnati, who has headed the bureau's young farmer programs since 1982, is a former area field service director for the organization in Western Kentucky. He is a three-generation Kentucky native.



Another Historical Society Museum donation

This picture, believed to be the second group called upon during World War I, was among some recent items donated to the Nicholas County Historical Society Museum by Roy Hunt of Myers. He thinks the items, including a C.C. Cole 1922 Calendar, Date Book, originally belonged to Melvin Cump. Let us know if you can identify any of these men. Some other items donated to the Museum recently include two old, old

children's books, "Madeline's Voyage" and "The Two Verses," donated by Elizabeth Dean and an old Borterville Store ledger donated by Beulah Cannon. The Society is still seeking interesting items for the Museum at the Carlisle Depot. Check your attic and trunk and contact Annette Buckley if you think you might have something for the Museum.

The directors elected for 1985 were Chester Blair, Lovell Hillier, W.B. Parker, Robert B. Sparks, James Wells, Roger C. Warwick and William N. Young.

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