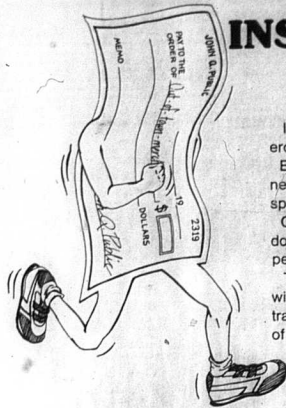


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GENERAL NEWS

Adrian Arnold to run for re-election

State Representative Adrian Arnold, D-Mount Sterling, has announced his decision to run for re-election to the Kentucky House of Representatives from the 74th District. Representative Arnold has filed for candidacy with the State Board of Elections in Frankfort.

"My 14 years experience as representative will be valuable as I seek to continue representing the 74th District in Frankfort," says Representative Arnold.

Representative Arnold owns, operates, and lives on a farm in Montgomery County.

Representative Arnold believes that economic development, the future of agriculture, improving education, and good roads are important areas of concern for this area.

Representative Arnold says

that during his tenure as state representative, he has seen the General Assembly emerge as an equal

branch of government with legislative independence.

In addition to his legislative responsibilities during the session, Representative Arnold is chairman of the House Counties and Special Districts committees and also serves on the House Agriculture and Small Business committee.

Representative Arnold is slated in July to become chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Development committee of the Council of State Governments.

During the interim, Representative Arnold was also a member of the Tobacco Task Force, Rural Business Task Force, and the Program Review and Investigation committee.

The 74th District includes Bath, Montgomery, and Nicholas Counties.

More importantly, students will suffer because of the total impact of the Governor's budget, continued reductions in class sizes and adequate funding for new buildings is an absolute must for students in Kentucky to move ahead.

The meeting was called by KEA to bring local leaders up to date on the legislative session and to discuss the Association's legislative efforts.

The teachers attending the meeting affirmed their commitment to working with other concerned Kentuckians to see that Kentucky's children receive an education equal to their counterparts in other states.

Approximately 300 teacher leaders from across the state attended the meeting to express their alarm about the status of educational funding.

Those participating in the meeting expressed dismay that Kentucky's plan not to put \$40 million a year of the money allocated to our retirement into that

not included in the Governor's



proposed budget. The state's method of assisting its poorest school districts, Power Equalization, has even been reduced.

Ma Hopkins, the local teacher leader said, "The schools and teachers in the entire state will be hurt if the state does not find new sources of revenue."

Teachers will receive a raise that amounts to less than \$40 a month. Their health insurance benefits will suffer as well. We are especially concerned that the teachers retirement system is also

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Gary Jolly of Myers Station charged that TTI railroad is not properly maintaining tracks running beside his property. Pictured above is water damage apparently caused by the draining of water from the tracks down through Jolly's back yard. Jolly maintains he contacted the railroad and nothing was done of the water ditch along the tracks and of the damage to his property. A TTI spokesman said in a press release Monday, "The railroad makes every effort possible to be good neighbors to all property owners adjoining our right-of-way. We try to respond on a timely basis to all requests and complaints. A smaller than usual work force through the winter months makes it difficult to address all issues. TTI personnel are currently investigating a complaint expressed by Gary Jolly of Myers Station. If we are negligent in our right-of-way maintenance along the Jolly property, we plan to make the necessary correction."

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