

## GENERAL NEWS

### Consumers should wait

If consumers can wait, they'll be able to save a few dollars at the meat counter.

"Comparing today's prices with prices from the early 1980s, the prices of all meats have climbed 30 to 50 percent. But the situation is beginning to change, as production is rising," said Lee Meyer, Extension agricultural economist with the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

While poultry prices have climbed steadily, beef and pork look recent happy. "As beef production declined about two years ago, prices rose from an average of \$2.00 to \$3.00 per pound. Pork prices also rose at the

same time, Meyer said. Indications of lower pork prices come from a drop in live hog prices—from 62 cents per pound earlier this year to about 50 cents per pound now, the economist said.

"Lower retail pork prices should increase demand for pork and lower beef demand somewhat which may lead to lower beef prices, too," Meyer said.

In addition, broiler production is up 7 percent, which should further dampen enthusiasm for retail beef, putting downward pressure on prices. Although it is uncertain when retail prices will drop, Meyer said to look for Labor Day as a possible trigger.

### Washington to celebrate

The village of Washington will celebrate its frontier heritage at the 14th annual Simon Kenton Festival to be held September 15 and 16.

The 1700s era town, at one time the county seat of Mason County and one of the largest cities in Kentucky, hosts the Simon Kenton Festival each year during the third weekend in September. The festival, sponsored by the Historic Washington Shakerkeeper's Assoc., is named in honor of the famous wilderness explorer and pioneer, Simon Kenton, who spent 14 years of his life in Washington.

The festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and will feature a parade, frontier craft demonstrations and much

more. In addition to the 5 museums which are an integral part of Washington's tourist attractions, the Pillsbury House (circa 1812) will be open for tours from 2 to 4 p.m. both days. Food booths, Kent's Club Shop, antique and craft exhibitors form throughout the weekend will line the streets.

Barry Tucker, master of ceremonies for the two-day event, will open the festivities at noon on Saturday. Entertainment is scheduled throughout the afternoon and evening and a street dance featuring the Embury Band will begin at 7 o'clock. On Sunday the entertainment begins at noon with the parade scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.

A large bonfire, used during the Civil War era to weave bedding will be exhibited by

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — Eleven teams of educators have been named to help frame measurable learning goals for students in Kentucky public schools.

The 125 appointees will advise the Council on School Performance Standards on what students should know and be able to do. Under the state's school-reform law, the council must decide what knowledge and skills are most essential and design ways to assess whether students have mastered them.

Seven teams will concentrate on subject areas, three will deal with grade-level areas and one will address learning that involves computers and other applied technology. Each team consists of at least four teachers, a principal and an instructional supervisor.

Efforts were also made to include minority members and reflect all areas of the state in the team makeup, according to Roger Pankratz, executive director of the Council on School Performance Standards.

Pankratz said more than 450 people applied to serve on the advisory team, which the council is calling "task forces." A council subcommittee picked the members. The task forces will hold their first meeting Thursday

and Friday in Frankfort. Their final report will be presented in August 1991 to the council.

### We Loan Folks Money!



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opment Director. To this end homework is sent home and is designed to be done by both parent and child.

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