SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD PROTESTS PROPOSED BUDGET CUT

Members of the Board of Supervisors of the Letcher County Soil Conservation District have written Governor Adams and the state and local governments, to protest a proposed cut in the federal budget for soil conservation districts.

The letters make three points:
1. The cut would slow down soil and water conservation efforts on private land in the United States and would reverse a 30-year policy established by Congress that makes technical assistance available to landowners without charge. The cut would break faith with state and local governments.
2. The cut would penalize the small farmer, who could not pay for technical advice, and this would slow down the conservation program.
3. The cut would slow efforts to reduce water pollution, one of the country’s greatest problems today, because decisions are still made on the basis of cost-benefit analysis.

The letters are signed by Dr. Robert Howland of the University of Kentucky South- east Community College in Camberland.

The event will open at 9:30 a.m. with a keynote address by former Governor Bert Combs. He will speak on “Changes in Eastern Kentucky.”

During the morning session, Dr. A. Lee Coleman, chairman of the University of Kentucky Department of Sociology and Rural Sociology, will outline and discuss the definition of the theme: Dr. Thomas E. Feek, also of the university, will speak on “Socio-Major Changes in Our Society and Their Implications for Education” and Dr. Grant Yorinks, UK rural sociologist, will discuss “Educational and Cultural Factors.”

The afternoon session will open with an address by Dr. R. E. McGee, a UK economist. The subject will be “Economic Factors in Eastern Kentucky Development.”

Climaxing the conference will be a panel discussion on desirable developmental changes in Eastern Kentucky. The panel members will include Harry Combs, Whitesburg lawyer and author; the Rev. C. Lynn White, Harlan County, Dr. James Croswell, Herlan school superintendent; Dr. John Dedmon, Union County Graduate School director; Miss Sharon Bach, a student at the college, and Burton Rogers, director of Pine Mountain Settlement School.

Miner slain . . .
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since the death of Creech

The slain miner was the father of five children, and his wife is expecting another child soon. The family in Creech's truck, also workers at the mine, were not injured in the shooting.

609 households certified for stamps
A total of 609 households with 1,649 persons have been approved to receive food stamps in Letcher County, according to the Department of Economic Security.

Food stamp coupons were issued to 70 families, including 263 persons, as the program got underway here today.

According to the Department of Economic Security, the 70 families who received stamps Monday purchased $1,979 worth. That figure represented the amount of money they normally could have been expected to spend for food at local stores this month. In addition they received a total of $8,864 worth of free coupons, making a total of $4,000 worth of coupons.

A total of 19y coupons has been authorized to take part in the program.

Court repays city
Letcher Fiscal Court this week voted to pay the city of Whitesburg $500 to repay the cost of repainting and sanding the floors in City Hall.

The building was used as a temporary courthouse during the time the courthouse was under construction, and the court had promised to return it to good shape. The city spent about $600 in addition to the amount paid by the county. County Attorney Lee Moore said.

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