

Sensing The News

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FAMILY ASSISTANCE FINANCIAL
In recommending drastic overhaul of California's welfare system, Gov. Ronald Reagan rightly termed welfare "a cancer eating at our vital." He also called for elimination of "the cloak of secrecy" around welfare cases. This recommendation by the Reagan administration in California constitutes genuine reform of the welfare system whereas the Family Assistance Act would only spread the "cancer" of welfare.

The harmful effect of the Family Assistance Act was fully spelled out some time ago by U.S. Rep. Phil M. Landrum (D-Ga.) in a speech on the floor of the House of Representatives. The congressman made these telling points:

"We now have about two million people on the welfare rolls. As I understand it, but we are, with this bill the FAF is to add 15 million as a minimum estimate, but as a maximum estimate, by my judgment, between 25 and 30 million. And to administer the law for all these new welfare recipients literally thousands of new employees will be needed."

It is hard to believe that President Nixon, who in 1968 promised to reduce the welfare load, truly understands the effects of the FAF legislation he is pushing so hard.

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more responsible citizen who works alongside him on the job. The latter pays the tax, while the irresponsible citizen gets a subsidy. In other words, the Family Assistance Plan would take the money out of the pocket of the man who is responsible, working citizen.

Equally as the Family Assistance Plan would be in dollars, it would be even more costly to the nation in terms of lost incentive. The plan would take away the incentive to acquire skills, as Congressman Landrum observed, the administration is proposing a statute "that does something we have never done before by telling a working man that because he makes less than so much because he is poor and the government is going to take public money and pay you a subsidy."

In other words, the Nixon administration's Family Assistance Plan is completely out of character with the way America has done things. The administration is proposing to guarantee -- whether or not a man works -- an annual income equal to the amount the federal government decides he should have. If that's the way we are to do things in future, many people, and the indolent element in the country, won't work in future. They will say, "I don't need to work. I've got federal Family Assistance."

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Cumberland Gap Is Good Camping

With the advent of spring and summer soon to follow, many a person's thoughts turn to the joys of camping and to the excellent camping possibilities in Kentucky. One of the most desirable is Cumberland Gap National Historical Park.

When Daniel Boone backed a rough trail through Cumberland Gap in 1775, he opened the hills of Kentucky and Tennessee to settlement by western moving pioneers. Although the area through which he passed has been Indian, settler, hunter, armer and industrialist, it still remains basically as Boone first saw it nearly two centuries ago which makes it an exceptionally attractive camping area. Cumberland Gap's campground on U.S. 58 offers some 165 campsites and is seldom crowded according to National Park officials. The Park recorded only 262,000 visits in 1976.

The Cumberland Gap National Historical Park preserves one of the famous "Gaps" in the Cumberland Mountain range, but also much more. It consists of more than 20,000 acres of land in Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia including vestiges of the "Wilderness Road" which Daniel Boone, Civil War fortifications, an abandoned hill settlement, natural caves, treeless forests and the remains of a 19th century ironworks.

There are many hiking trails through the Park's thousands of miles of rugged terrain. The Ridge Trail which roughly parallels the Virginia-Kentucky border from the Gap to the Park's northeast boundary for some 19 park landmarks as Honey Tree, Chickasaw Gap, and Skyline Cave. The rugged Skyline Cave Trail not only takes hikers to the cave, but also connects the Ridge Trail with the campground in the valley below.

Who Park also provides guided nature walks and extended hikes. All-day trips take hiking parties to Sand Cave, a high-altitude cavern near the Ridge Trail, or to Henley Settlement, a mountain village

NO NEED

For Alarm Due To Soaring Electrical Demand in Area

There will be enough electricity available in Nicholas County this summer, as all local needs? Or will there be shortages at certain times, as was the case in many communities last year?

Editor's Note: Recently W. A. Dunca, president of Kentucky Utilities Company stated his company expected to meet all electrical demands of its customers this summer, and have adequate reserves, barring major equipment breakdowns or other extreme conditions.

On the basis of a nationwide survey, the Federal Power Commission warned that "some areas of the country may experience a serious shortage of electric power in 1978, as a result of a decline in capacity to meet forecasted summer peak loads."

Because there are many more air conditioners, television sets, electric stoves, washing machines and other appliances in use locally than there were in earlier years, the demand for electricity has been increasing.

According to the Department of Commerce, the per capita requirement for electricity is expected to increase by 15 percent this year.

Mean while, this summer included, there will be power cutbacks, known as brownouts, in hard-tressed areas. People will then be asked to switch off their air conditioning and other appliances. Commercial and industrial users will also be asked to cut down, as they were last summer.

One company, the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, has announced that it has stopped looking for new customers. It has difficulty meeting its present commitments.

The residential use of electricity is increasing throughout the country. Compared with Nicholas County's estimated consumption of 6,250 kilowatt hours a year per household, the average nationally is 6,430 per household. It amounts to 6,594 in the East South Central States.

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Deeds Recorded

Arthur Brest and wife, tract of land on Highway 36 east of Coal Dale to Kenneth L. Baker and wife.

P. P. Alexander and wife, two lots in Alexander Subdivision to Teddy Shaw and wife.

Fair C. Garrett, Jr. and wife, 0.59 acres on Carlisle and Jacksonville Turnpike to Kenneth Vaughn and wife.

Virgie B. Smoot and Paul Smoot and wife, lot in Lake Carmo Estates to Everett Earl Pfandt and wife.

OBITUARIES

MRS. STELLA WATKINS
Mrs. Stella Watkins, 84, died 11:30 p.m. Sunday, June 13, 1978, at the Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home.

She was a native of Fleming County, a member of the Methodist church. Survivors are five sons, Charney Watkins, Nicholas County; Carl Watkins, Carlisle; Albert and Claude Watkins, Fla.; Charley Watkins, Nicholas County; three daughters, Mrs. Cecil Sapp and Mrs. Martin Dixon, Georgia; Mrs. Taisy Rose, Ludlow; two brothers, Clifton and Leonard Johnson, Winchester; two sisters, Mrs. Emma Dale, Sharpburg; Mrs. Callie Gilts, Bethel; twenty-six grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, June 16 from the Mathers-Shearer Chapel by Rev. Dallas Sugg, pastor in the Carlisle Cemetery, FallBazaar; Gerald, Dorsey Lynn, Dennis, and Jerry Watkins, Steve Dixon and Alvin Eckler.

JACK MCKENZIE
Jack McKenzie, 83, died Saturday, June 12, 1978 in the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Covington. He was a native of Robertson County, member of the Baptist Church. Survivors, wife, Elmira F. McKenzie; two sons, Marvin McKenzie, Covington; Arnold McKenzie at home; one step-son, Elva Dotson, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. Roy Groves, Cincinnati, Mrs.

New Assignments Open To New Army Enlistees

The U. S. Army has announced its popular European enlistment option is once again open, according to Sergeant Meadows, local Army recruiter.

Under the terms of the enlistment option, young men who have previous military service may enlist for three, four, five or six-year periods. They will be in the Infantry, Armor or Artillery Career Groups before they go to their European assignments.

The Army recruiter also noted that a limited number of applicants may be accepted for enlistment in the 3rd Armored Division, 4th Armored Division, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), 10th Infantry Division (Mechanized), 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment, 14th Armored Cavalry Regiment or the 1st Infantry Division (Mechanized). All are crack combat units of U. S. Army, Europe.

After enlisting, the new soldier must complete basic combat training and Advanced Individual Training, or the equivalent, before going on to his new assignment.

Once in Europe, he is guaranteed he will be with the U. S. Army, Europe, or with the unit for which he enlisted, for a minimum of 16 months.

Full particulars on this liberal offer may be obtained by contacting Sergeant Meadows at the city building in Paris, or by calling collect at 987-6512.

WISH I'D SAID THAT

Courtship is when a man spoons but marriage is when he forks over—James E. Patterson, *The Bug Journal* and *Haviana* (Tex.)

Nobody is sicker than the man who is sick on his day off—Joe Morrison, *The Texas* (Dickens County) Spur.

tion of that went into the state's tax coffers, \$17 million into local taxes and \$47 million in federal taxes.

For Kentuckians, this great tide of tourist dollars is a novel version of the revolving fund.—Any way you look at it, it's wonderful!

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Fischers Mellwood Bacon Lb. **59¢**

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49¢ quart DUKES MAYONNAISE

Dukes Mayonnaise

LEMONS 59¢
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Travel South, Suh!

Kentucky, as every school child knows, was divided during the Civil War. Now that the shooting has died down, however, the commonwealth is reunited and has joined up with the other 10 states of the South.

This time they're not running blockades or planning cavalry strikes. They all belong to the Southern Travel Directors Council. They share their expertise and they work together to persuade people in the other 39 states to "Travel South USA!"

Their joint efforts are highly successful and Kentucky, of course, gets her share of the burgeoning traveler's dollar. In 1976, the 11 southern states took in 30 percent of the nation's \$42 billion spent on domestic travel. This means that some 120 million people took trips south of the Mason Dixon Line and they left close to \$12 billion behind them when they went home.

For the fourth straight year the South was this country's top vacation region, according to a report just released by the Council. Some 200,000 business travelers employed "way more than a million people."

The report spells out the importance of the travel industry to the South. It paid more than \$2 billion in state taxes, \$299 million in local taxes and \$665 million in federal taxes during 1976.

Kentucky's travel promotion isn't confined to its own effort with the South, of course. Far from it. With the nation's top state park system proving for it, Kentucky last year attracted around 33.5 million visitors from other states.

They spent \$394 million while they were here. Some \$173 mil-

