

PLEASE DO VOTE!

Tuesday, May 25, is the date for the Democratic Primary in Kentucky. The gubernatorial candidates have worked hard as have their local supporters who are hoping their candidate will win.

In Kentucky, this is a very important primary because it will decide which candidate will oppose the Republican candidate in the November Election.

There are two major candidates vying for the opportunity to be the Democratic nominee. We have, in a previous editorial, stated why we feel that ex-governor Bert T. Combs is the better of the two—for our local area and for all of Kentucky.

While we reiterate this point, we, too, would like to encourage all registered democrats to exercise their right to vote. Regardless of for whom you decide to vote, PLEASE DO VOTE. After all, our "right-to-vote" is one of our greatest privileges as Americans. DON'T neglect to exercise this right. VOTE ON MAY 25.

Ford Shows Poor Judgement

Lt. Gov. Wendell Ford is currently under fire—and with reason—for his handling of toll road contracts he earlier voted to approve as a member and now as chairman of the Kentucky Turnpike Authority.

Mrs. Ford's Owensboro insurance firm, of which he says he is a full partner, works performance bonds for two sections of the Owensboro-Hawley Green Parkway, guaranteeing that the contractor would satisfactorily complete the construction projects for the State Highway Department.

Although the Owensboro firm's fees for the contracts probably exceed a million dollars, the lieutenant governor, who now is a candidate for governor, showed poor judgment at the very least. He should never have permitted himself to be in the position of what appears to be a flagrant conflict of interest toward public and private profit.

The Commonwealth of Kentucky was a direct party to these contracts, and the name of the Ford insurance agency appears as a signatory on them.

Under these circumstances it is difficult to see how one can avoid the conclusion that there is not merely a moral and ethical but a legal conflict of interest.

If it is legal and ethical for Mr. Ford to negotiate these surety bonds as lieutenant governor, then by the same token he could conceivably do so as governor.

Both the lieutenant governor and the other members of the toll road governing turnpike authority, one being vice chairman and the other being chairman, are signatories of a governing prodding surety bond on all classes of toll roads.

Even a governor's wife or governor's brother could not attempt to do so in Kentucky.

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20 & 40 Years Ago

Thursday, May 24, 1951. Livecock prices continue to be good as the recently re-established Nicholas County Synagogue has its sales Tuesday afternoon.

Dr. Walter Gross, president of Centre College, Danville, will speak at 8 p.m. Thursday at the commencement exercises at Carlisle High School.

Miss Mary Lou Dorsey, daughter of Mrs. Howard A. Dorsey and Mr. Dorsey, received her diploma cap at ceremonies Wednesday at St. Joseph's Hospital, Lexington.

Lucy Nell Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Henry, and a junior history student, was featured in the Phi Mu Social assembly at Transylvania College, Lexington.

Joseph Snapp, incumbent state representative from the 67th District, Monday announced he is a candidate for re-election.

Miss Mary Jo Blahod, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Curtis and Mrs. John Blahod, was elected a member of the graduating class at Hazel Green Academy, Lexington.

THE MOVIE

By Russ Metz

This National Award-Winning Home Motion Picture will be resumed next week.

LETTERS

The Carlisle Mercury: Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harper of Carlisle, Kentucky contacted Rev. Buddy Galley, former pastor of the Moorefield and Headquarters Methodist Churches (1955-58) who is now a missionary in Hong Kong.

Rev. Guyna drey Harper, around Kowloon, the city located on the peninsula of the Ch'na Mainland. He showed them the missionary work of the O.M.S., the reestablishment of the many of the refugees here, the industrial sections, and many of the busy streets of this crowded city.

The Harper's also paid a short visit in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Galley to meet the wife and two daughters, Louise (born in the Nicholas County Home Hospital, Angle, Tenn.) in Lexington, Ky., and a daughter, Bernice, while in their home.

The Harper's had a lesson from the original of Chinese characters, which is a delight to meet Kentucky friends of Nicholas County in a crowded place.

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