

What a way to waste your tax money! BIG PAY-NO WORK

PSC aides work at home

By LIVINGSTON TAYLOR

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appointed by Gov. Nunn to the PSC in early 1968, died later that year.

James L. Reed, 57, of Louisville, listed in the Louisville city directory as president of Oates-Perna-Gotters, Inc.

Raymond F. Grizzle, 75, of Mount Sterling, listed in state records as a former school-book sales manager.

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Are Republicans BUYING Governor's Office?

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State GOP raises, spends more on election than Democrats

2nd member, 'disillusioned,' quits GOP's state committee

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Describing himself as disillusioned with the state Republican administration, a second member says he has resigned from the GOP State Central Committee.

John Sharp, Williamsburg, said he submitted his resignation to GOP State Chairman John Kerr Jr. last Thursday but Kerr said yesterday that he would not receive it. Kerr declined to comment on the matter until he receives formal notification.

Sharp's resignation comes less than a month after Marshall (Nick) Barlow of Owensboro resigned from the committee.

Barlow said he was resigning because he supported Lt. Gov. Wendell Ford, a Democrat, also from Owensboro, in next

month's gubernatorial election rather than Tom Emberton, the Republican.

Sharp, in explaining his resignation, said he felt he had been "slipped in the face" by the state GOP administration when "about a couple of months ago they started paying attention to other ideas."

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Editorial Comment from the Russellville, (Ky.) News Democrat



The Man Who Proved His Right To Be A Leader

WE WERE looking through our files near press time this week in search of a suitable picture of Wendell Ford to run in the paper along with the story that he would be in Logan County for yet another campaign visit.

What a life it is. . . . What a witness to one be it at a Rotary meeting, chatting away with several fellows while "Doc" Houchamp looks on with a smile that could only be described as "incurable."

Then, here he is again, grinning at a pretty girl who was a winner in the Tobacco Festival Beauty contest. In dead of winter, he is slivering on the platform while the Lewisburg Christmas parade passes in review—the only major politician who found his way to the Con Range in the middle of December. A factory scene flashes up—the back of candidate Ford, arms outstretched across a pile of garments to touch the hand of a Logan woman.

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little airplane, pensively listening to a faithful friend, usually Doug Shouder, that persistent and enduring buddy from the Jaycees, or James Milan, in earnest conversation. There's something rather jaunty about those airport pictures. They were in the primary when the running seemed all uphill against the big man—Bert Combs—and there wasn't much money (there has never been) to buy the gas, and the wise boys said the Ford campaign would run out of money and votes before the primary election day.

Another set of pictures—at Doc Houchamp's funeral, Wendell Ford at the edge of the Scene, keenly aware that Houchamp was joined with Combs, but somehow determined to show his respect to the old party hero just the same.

TUNING FURTHER, there's a picture of Wendell Ford at the Stewberry Festival, just before the primary. He's stuck against a misplaced picture from an earlier visit when they asked him to make Logan women.

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another shot. He's walking toward the Courthouse with a serious-faced band of youngsters who are making their debut in politics as his Russellville workers. The candidate is just a few feet away from the barber shop where he won some votes four years ago when he was running for lieutenant governor. . . .

Wendell Ford didn't carry Logan in that race for lieutenant governor, but he almost did—and the votes that he did get may have been the difference in his 1967 victory, for his opponent had expected to win a large majority here. This year, Wendell Ford didn't capture Logan either, but his loss margin was slim, and there was no doubt that in all those visits Wendell Ford had won the hearts of many Logan counties.

Now at last the nominee and standard bearer of the Democratic Party, Wendell Ford comes back to this familiar stumping area the winner of a smashing primary upset and the leader under whose banner the Logan County Democrats have buried their factional hatchets.

He has worked for and earned every vote he ever got in this community. Each fight has been uphill, and his courage and warm personality have brought around more voters in every campaign. In politics, all campaigns are crucial, there is never a minor election for the candidate whose name is on the ballot. But for Wendell Ford, the test of tests is just a few weeks away.

Through perseverance, a dogged determination to get through the politicians and into the hearts of the people, by dint of much hard work, and because he has shown himself a man who doesn't know how to give up, he is returning to Logan County in the closing days of the campaign as a man who has proven his right to the leadership of the party. He will find a warm welcome here, reflective, we are sure, of a hearty vote in November when, most observers believe, Wendell Ford will carry Logan County and earn, at last, that majority for which he has so diligently and gallantly labored.

Man To Man

An appraisal of Wendell Ford by a campaign worker

He is a person who works constantly at the job of getting along with other people and helping them to get along with each other. His goal out of his way to see the other fellows point of view and help bring understanding where there is none. Although he himself may be able to jump across the chasm that he sees in human relations, he thinks of the other people affected by it and starts to build a bridge of understanding, cooperation and good will.

Radiance and joy are characteristic of this person who has this quality of personality. He is not afraid of fighting, but he is concerned with fighting over things that are trivial and not worth the struggle of the soul. He is concerned of the damage that can come from human personality from an unkind word thoughtlessly spoken. He is concerned of the prejudices that like leeches suck away the life of a nation. He is concerned, but he is concerned with the

tensions between races and groups and classes of people. He is concerned, but he is honest and courageous, and so he builds bridges of appreciation, of understanding, and of cooperation.

He works at the job of helping people live together in peace and harmony.

Is there anybody our state needs more right now than this person? Is there any of us who could not work better at becoming this kind of person?

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