

### A dangerous business

It is an old saw that the power to tax is the power to destroy. Of equal weight in American tradition is recognition that government, like fire, can be a useful servant or a harmful master. These ancient maxims are brought to mind by a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision which brands an extremely dangerous drug.

Specifically, we refer to the Court's ruling against a religious school, Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., and in favor of an Internal Revenue Service move to deny the tax-exempt status of the school.

An independent, fundamentalist religious school, Bob Jones University has a policy of no admission to black students. This policy is based upon the religious conviction of the school that God intends the races of mankind to be segregated, and further that the Bible, which the school holds to be the Word of God, forbids interracial marriage.

The fact that everyone is free to agree or disagree with this interpretation of the scriptures in the view of the great features of American liberty and independence. At least, up to now, that is it.

In 1970 the IRS announced a new policy that would no longer allow tax-exemption to private schools failing to provide "proof" of a "non-discriminatory admission policy." When Bob Jones University did not provide such proof the IRS began procedures designed to revoke the school's tax exemption.

The United States District Court in South Carolina enjoined IRS from

proceeding with its proposed action against Bob Jones University. However, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit reversed the lower Court. This ruling was then appealed to the Supreme Court, which upheld the Court of Appeals on the narrow ground that a court—any court, apparently—cannot enjoin IRS from affording the tax-exempt status of the school.

At this moment, Bob Jones University still has its tax-exempt status and tax-exempt contributions may still be made, as the contending parties ponder their next moves.

In the meantime, however, IRS has ventured upon very dangerous ground. Since when does a non-elected bureaucrat in the government have the power to take action against an institution, be that which is in accord with official government policy? Is the Commissioner of the IRS empowered to penalize any organization which holds to religious convictions that are, or may be, unpopular? Is not such action terrifyingly similar to that which we observe in the Soviet Union and behind the iron curtain?

If the courts ultimately rule against Bob Jones University in this matter, then what action will the Commissioner of the IRS take against other religious groups or individuals with whom he disagrees? What will happen to the principle of separation of church and state?

The situation is fraught with grave peril.



Thursday, June 10, 1954  
John L. Power and Woodrow Wilson were re-elected commander and first vice commander, respectively, at a meeting of the Nicholas Post 37, American Legion, June 4.

Several athletic teams have been organized in Nicholas county. Unimproved selected are Ralph Steiner, Jimmy Brummett and "Huddy" Snapp. Commissioners are Lewis Henry Tomlin, Johnson and Raymond Hooper. Mrs. Ruth Curtis and Mrs. Jesse Hunt were seriously injured last Thursday afternoon at Moorefield Station when a swinging foot bridge they were crossing over Scrub Grass Creek, broke. They fell about 20 feet. Each suffered fractured leg.

It has been announced that the leading seller of American Legion poppies is Elizabeth Caywood. Second is Leona Roberts, three. Bassett Barton and fourth, Joy Conley. A total of \$175 was collected.

**BORN—**To Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sping, a son Billy Ray, June 2. To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gray of Paris, a son Larry Thomas, June 4.

**MARRIED—**Miss Jane Ellen Gillispie, to David Kimball Booth, June 4 at Third Street Methodist Church in Overton.

**DIED—**Mrs. Leona Branson Whitaker, 55, Perry county, last Wednesday. Mrs. Ida Hamm Talbert, 65, Covington, Sunday in Carlisle.

**SANDED—**Thomas Cameron, 78, Tuesday at his home. Mrs. Margaret McLean Mathias, Sunday at her home.

**MARRIED—**Miss Nancy B. McClure and Robert F. Hardin, Saturday afternoon.

**DIED—**Mrs. Mollie Sharp Kincaid, wife of H. K. Kincaid of Kansas City, Tuesday. Mrs. June Desha Stone, 69, at her home in Skatook, Okla., Friday. Christopher Anderson—Eyrean, 44, at his home in Centerville, Bourbon county, Saturday afternoon—Eyrean T. Crump, 71, at his home near Millersburg, Tuesday afternoon.—N. N. Brock, Friday at his home in Gary, Ind.

and disrupting the supply of energy source from nuclear to coal.

It was a list easier to figure out what the coming months will bring it various levels of government had needed so much in the economic life of the nation. Politics and the production of essential goods and services never did mix, and they still don't. This is something to keep in mind during the current pocketbook pinch. And it is something that should not be forgotten when it is time to vote come November.

NATIONAL AND STATE AWARD-WINNING SYNDICATED NEWSPAPER COLUMN

Message to Garcia: If you think it is hot in Cuba, you ought to come to Washington

### Roads Meet

"Point of order, Mr. Chairman. We are not here to crucify Lt. Rowan, but to investigate the President's inadequate coverage of the Gargate affair," a congressman shouted.

Sen. Samuel J. Haggerty, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, was standing, bowing to his audience of journalists and courthouse boys after a particularly stinging question from the Good Book—and a few bad ones.

"I am quite aware of our purpose here, that of bringing that scoundrel, Republican, President McKinley, before the Impugnation Board for his underhanded, unauthorized handling of this unpopular war with Spain and a few other body parts."

"Mr. Chairman, will you allow Lt. Andy Rowan to continue his testimony and kindly refrain the heckling and cat-calling for the press until he is finished?" asked the senior member from New York.

"Yes, sir, very well, Lt. Rowan, tell us did you deliver a message to an alleged Cuban called Garcia?"

"Well, yes, and I don't know."

"Are you trying to be clever with this government committee, soldier?"

"No sir, I did deliver a message to

Gen. Garcia. Actually, it wasn't much of a message, good, but meant to be a message of good. I understood, Lieutenant, your question, and then I sent my messenger. My question is this: would you be so kind as to inform the President for a Democratic President?"

"And is your trip funded by the President of the United States?"

"It was my duty, sir, President. I was swayed by all that freshly-laundered money that was being poured into our pocket. I don't see any \$100 bills."

"How did you know that was an authentic Presidential message, instead of one from his counsel?"

"The President McKinley was eating, law and chills at the time and got some great messages on the table. I authorized a handling of this unpopular war with Spain and a few other body parts."

"Are you saying that you are a segment of the missing four squares inches of that message?"

"Yes, sir, actually I had the message taken to the restaurant in Richmond and mistakenly took a bite out of it while dining my boys."

"At this point the committee went

into executive session to order its own investigation into another unpopular war, but without congressional approval. It was called the Gargate affair, a congressman shouted.

"You sir, but I did not give a copy of the message to Hubbard either. It is my understanding that he stole it from the President's desk."

"That is true, Lt. Rowan. Hubbard was the only congressman considered a great patriot now that he has information as to what is going on. Those dirty tricks devils who broke into Hubbard's cupboard looking for skeletons are already in the slumbers where they can snore until the election. Now, what did Garcia do when he took the message from you?"

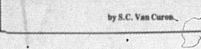
"He ordered a Spanish omelette and punched the waiter."

"Did he ask for American troops?"

"No, he asked for mustard and a dash of cayenne pepper."

"The chairman raised his gavel and shouted, 'I will not let high time summer down, Bunker.' The lieutenant has already caught himself. He said that Charles Grand jury by stating he did not know that hot gas was pepper-scrubbed by the committee to determine if there was a conspiracy to

### Agree or Not



**FRANKFORD**—The localist's primary forbodes one of the hottest U.S. Senatorial elections in November that Kentuckyans have seen in many a year.

There are plenty of issues—Washington scandals versus Frankfort scandals, Democrat Governor Wallace versus Albert S. Bibbfield in far Western Kentucky.

Cook has a tremendous uphill battle for registration in Kentucky is about two to one he can rely on the Fifth District Democratic and he has had to two he is going to do in Jefferson county where he is the local election? Herein lies the key to the November election.

Ford has the strong state administration and the Jefferson county forces in his favor and the political machine to get the job done. This is formidable.

There are really going to be only two races in Kentucky in November. The second is going to be between incumbent Frankfort District Republican Gene Snyder, who is opposed by Democrat Kyle Hubbard, and the younger brother of First District nominee Carl Hubbard, in November. While Snyder had been able to carry predominantly Democratic Northern Kentucky, there may be a disconnect there in November. The other five incumbent Democrats seem to be shoeing Carroll Hubbard is a cinch.

Meanwhile, don't overlook the 1975 state races. Lt. Gov. Julian Carrington may win the Democratic nomination without serious opposition, and he is going to be hard to beat. But the incumbent governor's race is a horse of a different color. There are many possibilities. Demo State Senator Bill Ward of Versailles is forming an organization right now.

### LETTERS from our readers

**The Carlisle Mercury:**  
We certainly appreciate the coverage you gave our activities this year. This type of coverage you give our people who have given the best part of their lives to our country. Yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Mary S. Courtney  
Secretary to the President Blue Grass Industries, Inc.

**The Carlisle Mercury:**  
I don't want to need the pay for another year. I enjoy The Mercury so much and there's never a paper that I don't hear from some of my people when I have never met yet. Thanks for your pleasure.  
Mrs. Mary S. Courtney

**Pythian Soft Ball:** A disease which has tobacco plants about a week after setting, caused problems in a number of Nicholas county tobacco fields last year. The disease causes tobacco plants to suddenly wilt and die. When plants affected by the disease are removed from the ground, they have a soft, watery rot in the stems. In fields where the disease is present, some plants may die each day for a week or two. The disease is caused by a soil-borne fungus, and is more of a problem when the weather is cool and damp after setting. It is more likely to occur where the soil is not completely dry. The loss of plants because of the disease is usually not great. However, in severe cases, as many as one-third of the plants in the field may die. If the number of plants that die is high (15 percent or more), the field should be disked and reseeded between the old rows.

**Some very simple operating strategies can help farmers realize substantial savings on their fuel needs. Below are some practices recommended by USDA Extension engineers which farmers may wish to adopt:**  
"Use top quality adjustment of the fuel-air ratio, correct timing, good plugs, and a clean cooling system are essential for efficient engine operation."

### Nicholas County High School awards presented



Home Hall—1st row, Judy Hamm, Susan Snapp, Cindy McDonald, Bill Miller, William, Ann Marshall, Susan Hawkins, Lisa Rawlings, Ricky Shirley, Lyone, Greg Leitcher, Carol Hunt; 2nd row, Mary Coburn, Patty Beverly Hamilton, Diana Allison, Kathy Austin, Roxanne Bow, Jeff Rose, Mike Rawlings—Smith photo

**Stringed Instrument Players**  
still needed for Contest  
Thursday, June 27, at 7 p.m.  
Contact Farrell Alexander or Farm Bureau Office 289-5597  
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Antique Farm Machinery  
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day 289-5908

### Achievement



Achievement Program Awards—1st row, Kathy Austin, Jeff Rose, Roxanne Bow, Mike Rawlings—Smith photo  
Achievement Awards—1st row, Vickie Priddy Sparks, Tara Bowen, Susan Wilson, Judy Hamm, Ann Marshall, Courtney, Ricky Hicks, Doug Jones; 2nd row, Terry Jones, Hugh Wilson, Kathy Austin, Roxanne Bow, Jeff Rose, Mike Rawlings—Smith photo

**Health & Editor**  
Health and Editor Awards—Shirley Cindy Wilks, Diana Allan, Lisa Lyons, Health Award; Editor Medals, Reynolds, Carl Hunt—Smith photo

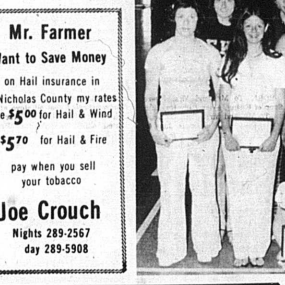


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Senior Plaques and Basketball Trophies—1st row, Delma Snapp, Kenneth Stone; 2nd row, Rachel Booth, Patty Doyle, Vanessa Williams, Doug Jones, Ricky Hicks; 3rd row, Kathy Austin, Joe Wilson, Robbie Lyons, Doug Fryman, Greg Reid, Raymond Compton—Smith photo

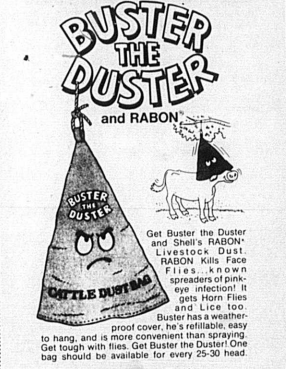
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