

# Kentucky reflections

by George Street Boone

Watching the transition of an official from the legislative to the executive branch of government is interesting. Governor Carroll's responses to the changing responsibilities have, in the main, been reassuring to the people.

Having served 13 years as a member and presiding officer of the House of the General Assembly, he reminded the Legislature of the measures he had supported to strengthen the citizen's involvement in the legislative process.

establishing year-round interim legislative committees.

Independence is in many ways more attractive than power. In abstract thought one has alternatives that he does not have when he must make decisions here and now. In the legislative process, the legislator's power is less direct, more diffused. The challenge to the Governor are different from those of a legislator. The responses can be illuminating.

But one does remember legislators-become-governors who soon forgot the needs of the legislative branch. Governors in Kentucky who have sought from that office to increase the power and prestige of the legislature have been rare.

Perhaps Lord Corbin's judgment that power tends to corrupt is more readily observable in the actions of an executive because attention of the public is more commonly than to the Legislature.

But Governor's Carroll's pledge to the Kentucky Press Association to support a comprehensive, responsible open-records law, his legislative proposals, his proposal to require financial disclosures by high ranking officials in his administration, all are reassuring signs that he plans an open administration.

His proposal to use the Kentucky Educational Television Network to make quarterly reports to the people of Kentucky is welcome. He suggests that K.E.T. might even be used to cover meetings of his executive cabinet to assure that the citizens gain familiarity with government.

One of the most important elements in the accrual of power to the presidency has been the effective and rapid increase in the use of television by the occupants of that office. This has been free of charge as in the past.

Mayville Community College will be pleased to send a complete list of this semester's offerings with times and dates to those interested. For your schedule of Library Lecture Series program, write Mayville Community College or call 729-2431.

Following a very successful program in the fall semester the Library Lecture Series this spring will again include a wide variety of topics ranging from folk music concerts, to poetry, to discussions of prison life and rehabilitation. The films offered in this semester's series are from a special collection organized by the National Gallery of Art and are narrated by Sir Kenneth Clark. The subject of these films is impressionism and impressionist painters.

The first offering in the series will be a talk by J. Robert Shirley, poet, publisher and teacher who has recently published a new book of poems entitled Another Window. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the college library on Jan. 27.

A film on the life and work of Monet will be presented in the college auditorium at 7:00 p.m. on Feb. 3. Another painter and his work, Cezanne, will be examined on film at 7:00 p.m. in the college auditorium on Feb. 10. At 8:00 p.m. that same evening, Ray and Geneva Kinney will present a folk music concert in the college library.

Films about other artists, Monet, Seurat, Rousseau and Manet will be offered throughout the semester. Other lecture programs will include, a panel discussion of prison life by inmates and officials from the Federal Correctional Institute in Lexington, a discussion of Blagostin made by WLEX newsman, John Duval and a musical concert by the Wilmington College Collegium Musica directed by Michael Zarek.

Admission to the lectures and films



Head Start children are pictured during their Christmas trip to both Lexington and Louisville. From left: Connie Neel, Robert Glase, Roberta Hatfield, Charles Cox, George Watkins, Lisa Beverly, David Dallasanne Earlywine, Susan McCarty, Susan Smith, Dalphine Goldy and Albert Freback. Right: Front row: Johnny Snapp, Wendy McChab, Shannon Thacker, Kelly Howard, Darrell Sargent. Back row: Dudley Inland, Carol Caudill, April Sparks, Robert McGuffey, Ray McClodun, Terry Freback Jr., Betty Gray and Robert Freback.

## Kentucky coal to meet nation's needs

by Patricia Mellen

FRANKFORT—Kentucky will play a crucial role in helping to solve the nation's economic and energy problems, said Dr. Don Akers as he returns from President Gerald Ford's briefing on the state of the union. Dr. Akers, secretary of the state's Development Cabinet, represented Gov. Julian Carroll at the White House briefing for governors and local officials. The secretary met with the President and his cabinet to discuss the chief executive's economic and energy

"It is quite clear that the nation's economic and energy problems are very serious," said Dr. Akers. "Kentucky's abundant coal resources will play an important role in solving these national problems. The energy shortage is the major cause of this country's economic problems, he continued. "Coal represents a near-term solution to this energy problem, both as a fuel and as a source of other forms of energy."

Kentucky's proximity to northern markets is also important, Dr. Akers added. Northeastern and New England states, once heavy users of imported fuel, are particularly dependent on Kentucky's increased production. The President's plans for natural energy independence stressed the need for expanded coal production. The secretary said, as well as increased emphasis on alternative energy sources developed from coal.

Dr. Akers anticipates a wide scope of energy-related projects. He foresees even greater increase in coal production" for Kentucky, already leading the nation in coal production. "We'll make an effort to address our energy problems more efficiently. The federal government is now our partner in efforts to develop coal alternatives. We can expect them to step up their efforts, as well as increase ours," Kentucky can expect an expansion of coal research and pilot projects in the Commonwealth. By focusing attention on the developmental phase of their work, coal researchers may accelerate the operation of demonstration liquefaction

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