

People help shape the Spirit of Kentucky.



Daniel Boone, George Rogers Clark, Abraham Lincoln, Henry Clay. Just a few of the names from the past who have played important roles in Kentucky's history. During the past 200 years, there have been many others. And even today, all across this great Commonwealth, there are people who are continuing to make great contributions. Government leaders, civic leaders, teachers, businessmen, average citizens who are working day and night to keep the great traditions of our state going strong, to create a better way of life for all us. We at the Kentucky Group Banks want to do our share. That's why we're taking giant steps ahead in the banking field. That's why we're constantly looking for ways to make banking service better. For instance: we're now open more hours than any other bank in

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REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

MINE TRAINING CENTER FOR KENTUCKY

A very serious problem in Kentucky today is the increased number of mine deaths, with a total of 40 already recorded this year. That compares with just 24 for all of 1974.

Safety in the mines for Kentucky's 23,700 miners has to be achieved in two ways—through enforcement of safety standards and through safety training and education for miners.

Last April, I started working with the Department of the Interior to secure a mine safety and health training center for Kentucky, which although is the nation's largest coal-producing state is the only major coal state without such a center.

The Department of the Interior has now agreed to establish in Lexington such a center, which will serve both the Eastern and Western Coalfields of the Commonwealth. The addition of this facility will include approximately 12 new personnel, most of them highly qualified mine safety instructors. The Department also has taken steps to increase the frequency of mine

inspection by assigning additional federal inspectors at the Mine Enforcement Safety Administration (MESA) offices at Madisonville, Barbooursville, and Pikeville. Also, MESA will schedule additional seminars for mine safety commitments and assign more inspection and technical personnel to MESA offices in Kentucky.

These represent significant steps toward alleviating the problem of mine safety in Kentucky, and hopefully it will bring about a reduction in the number of deaths we are experiencing. Certainly we can anticipate continued growth of the coal mine industry in Kentucky, which requires that we do everything possible to protect the miners' health and safety.

In addition, efforts are underway in the House of Representatives, led by Representative Carl D. Perkins, to improve the black lung program that is so vital both to the miners and those who have retired from the mines.

All of these developments represent improvements or the beginning of improvements in mine safety and health.

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Agricultural land being lost to urbanity

WASHINGTON—Americans everywhere need to become more concerned about what is happening to our agricultural and forest land. It is being lost at a rate of about 1.2 billion acres a year to urban and other developmental uses.

The annual rate of loss currently equals the total acreage of the state of Delaware. At this rate, the amount of land given over to development would be equivalent to the combined areas of Maryland and Massachusetts every 10 years.

Acceptable alternatives to current practices of wasteful land use are clearly needed.

As little as five years ago, the enrollment of farmland was largely due to metropolitan expansion. Since 1970, however, rural development has become a vigorous national movement that is being stimulated by an outflow of city people to rural communities. Prior to 1970, most rural counties were losing population.

Industry also is discovering the advantages of small community locations and the nonmetropolitan labor market, with the result that thousands of manufacturing plants are appearing on rural land that only a few years ago was under the plow.

Development can bring many benefits to rural communities. They need growth, and the country needs an alternative to a past that saw its youth leave small towns for life in the cities, but we cannot afford the waste of land that results from development based solely on expediency and convenience of the farmer.

The current trend of migration from the cities to rural communities may be the start of a new era in the nature of American growth. At the same time, our population is increasing. About 50 million more Americans are expected within the next 25 years. During the same period, the world population probably will increase by an additional 2 1/2 billion persons.

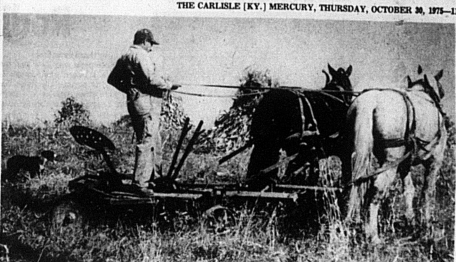
Aside from a moral obligation to contribute to the alleviation of world hunger, our country needs the foreign exchange produced through increasing sales of agricultural products for the growing population. Far-sighted husbandry of the land is essential.

Rural development and agriculture can coexist in harmony and mutual benefit, but a basis for accommodation is necessary. The basis is sensible land-use planning, including the challenging and controversial subject of county and municipal zoning. However, the alternative to zoning, or some comparable regulatory measure, is to forego the option of community or county self-determination as growth occurs.

One way that local governments can preserve agricultural land and control development is through the purchase of development rights (by means of so-called bids from landowners). In selling such rights to a county, for example, the landowner retains raw title, fee possession, and the right to use the land for agricultural purposes. At the same time, the county government can prevent random or exploitive development. This technique is being used in Suffolk County, N.Y., and other places.

There is no question that land-use planning can result in development taking place on sites best suited for it... especially since there is ample space available for development. About 75 percent of us live on only two percent of the land.

Only by giving development its place and leaving agricultural land in its place can we ensure a better America for our children.



Very few left

J.B. Minton is shown riding a harrow and driving one of the few teams of horses used for farm work in Nicholas county, Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 27.

USDA clarifies proposal on curing use of nitrate

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), has announced that it will shortly propose regulations to terminate the use of most nitrate and reduce the use of nitrates in the curing of meat and poultry products.

The proposal will be based on recommendations made by the Secretary's Expert Panel on Nitrate and Nitroamines, according to Dr. Harry C. Musman, Associate Administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS). The panel recommended that the level of nitrite used as a cure would be set at 156 parts per million (ppm) in all categories except bacon and dry cured products. Residual nitrite levels would be reduced from 200 to 100 ppm in cooked sausage; to 125 ppm in pickle cured and canned, cured, shelf stable or perishable products; and 50 ppm in canned, cured sterile products.

"These recommendations take into account the very real danger to people of botulism poisoning if too little nitrite is used, as weighed against the potential hazard of cancer resulting from nitrosamine formation," Dr. Musman said.

"Because of botulism threat, we cannot pull nitrates out of the meat curing process immediately. However, by eliminating nitrate, we can have better control over the levels of nitrite used in curing," according to Dr. Musman.

"Both the Expert Panel and APHIS feel this additional control should result in maximum consumer protection against both health hazards."

Dr. Musman said that tests on fried bacon have shown detectable levels of nitrosopyrrolidine, a nitrosamine and a carcinogen. However, levels encountered in bacon have been falling steadily and are now found at levels around 10 to 20 parts per billion. The scientific community is divided as to the significance of these findings.

The Expert Panel recommended that nitrate be banned from cooked sausage including frankfurters; canned, cured, perishable or shelf stable produced (canned ham and corned beef); canned, cured sterile products; and bacon.

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- It will provide full-time, qualified judges.
- It will provide a uniform system of justice throughout Kentucky.
- It will provide courts that are prompt, efficient and responsive to the people.

Who is in favor of the Judicial Amendment?

"We urge all Kentuckians to vote 'YES' on November 4th for swift, efficient and economical administration of justice from the highest to the lowest courts."

John H. Cook, Chairman of Kentucky
Richard E. Gibbs, Republican candidate for Governor of Kentucky

These organizations support Amendment Number 1:
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