Opinion

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, January 5, 1956

A four-bent stock barn on the farm of Mrs. W.W. Rigg on the Cane Run Road near Miranda was destroyed by fire of unknown origin about 8 a.m. Tuesday. The farm is occupied by J. Ward Ecton.

L.B. Barton, who resigned as chief of police of Carlisle Jan. 2 accepted the duties of supervisor of the State Highway Department in Nicholas county on Tuesday.

1956 starts the last term of election for Sen. H. Stanley Blake, dean of the Kentucky Senate in continuous service.

Billy Davis Guthrie, 10, son of Mrs. Ollie Guthrie, underwent an adenoids and tonsils operation in Paris Dec. 20.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Bell, Dayton, Ohio, a son, Jeffrey Dean, Dec. 17.—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pumphrey, London, a daughter, Charlotte, Dec. 22 in Paris.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevenson, a daughter, Karen Mae, Dec. 31.

MARRIED—Miss Helen Fay Wilcoxson, Ewing, to Ersil James, Flemingsburg, Dec. 26.—Miss Mary Jeanne Wylie to Robert Lynn Bunch Jr., Dec. 17 in Des Plaines, Ill.

DIED—Mrs. Hattie Jane Gibbs, 45, Saturday in Paris.—Finley F. Burris, 72, of Bourbon county, Wednesday.—Boone Rawlings, 64, Bath county, Saturday.—Mrs. Ollie Louise Overley, 86, Tuesday, at Lair.—Mrs. Ida Sugg Sampson, 82, Blue Licks, Thursday.—James W. Stewart, 83, Tuesday in Louisville.—Ora Martin Wagoner, 68, Flemingsburg, Thursday at the Clyde Allison farm.—Mrs. Mattie L. Alexander Shrout, 81, Palmer, Ill., Dec. 21.

Thursday, January 2, 1936

Approximately 18 inches of snow has fallen in this section since Christmas Day leaving many county roads impassable. On Monday as many as eight teams hitched to sleds were parked on the west side of the court house square at one time.

Miss Elizabeth Buckley, 20, was seriously burned last Thursday morning when her clothing ignited before an open grate at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Booth, on the Flemingsburg Road near Carlisle.

Chestnut Street from Locust to Sycamore has been closed to traffic to permit coasting. Young people enjoyed the best coasting weather in years during the past week.

Alex Mark, one of the oldest men in the county, was found dead in his home in Henryville Monday afternoon.

The city school will reopen this morning after being closed for the Christmas holidays.

Pat Conley is improved from a week's serious illness at the home of his parents.

MARRIED—Miss Marie Baker and Orville Feeback at Cynthiana last week.—Miss Lillian Colliver and Dennie Foster, all of the East Union section, at Sharpsburg.—Miss Gladys Hollar and Robert E. Kenney at Mt. Sterling last Thursday.—Miss Mae Dayton of Pleasant Valley and Rev. Harry L. Owens of Carlisle on Christmas Day.—Miss Ada M. Pumphrey and Benjamin D. Knox Christmas Day in Lexington.

DIED—Mrs. Almedia Williams, 85, Tuesday at the home of her son, Walter Williams.—John William Stump, 44, Dec. 24 at the Harrison Memorial Hospital.—Louis J. Dixon, 81, Saturday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Warden Earney in this county.—Ora T. Hamm, 62, at his home in Beardstown, Ill., Friday.—Thomas M. Vice, 81, at his home near Moorefield Saturday.—Mrs. Nannie Bailey Scott, 68, at her home at Shadynook, Harrison county.—Mrs. Sallie Clay, 47, at her home on School Avenue on Monday afternoon of last week.

"AN EVERYTHING IS EITHER ANIMAL, VEGETABLE OR MINERAL. NO SWEAT WITH THE LAST TWO, BUT THOSE ANIMALS ARE GONNA GIVE YOU FITS!"

Television and teenagers

"It would be difficult to overstate the pervasiveness of television in the United States. The average home set is on more than six hours a day . . . by the time a child has finished high school, he has spent 11,000 hours in classrooms and 15,000 hours watching television during those years."

Parents, educators and other public officials are becoming increasingly concerned over the content of those thousands of hours of tv watched by America's youth. In citing the above statistics in a recent House speech, Rep. Torbert H. MacDonald (D-Mass.) also called for more positive content from the boob tube—especially in programs aimed at adolescents.

"Although some quality programming involving teenagers exists, the overwhelming number of programs show our youth either as perpetrators or victims of crime," said MacDonald, who is chairman of the House Subcommittee on Communications. He also noted that research has shown that both children and teenagers are "attracted to programs featuring characters their own age."

"We also know from a report made by the Surgeon General's office on television and social behavior that what we see on television has an impact upon our behavior," he added. "Our young people today are confronted with great tensions and difficult decisions as they make the transition from teenager to adult. As adults, let us not then make this journey even more precarious."

The National Association of Secondary School Principals also has gone on record in favor of better tv programming for youth. In a letter to MacDonald, a spokesman for the Association said this is the first time in its history it has made recommendations beyond its "traditional concern with on-campus and in-school affairs."

What to do about the violent, sex-filled, and other degrading programs on television? The best way to force them off the airwaves is simply not to watch them. In the end, perhaps unfortunately, we'll get the quality of television we demand and deserve.

Senator Dee Huddleston

REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

BURLEY TOBACCO MARKET IS DISAPPOINTING

This year's burley tobacco market has been a disappointing one. Not only have sales been less than we had hoped, but the prices are also way down from last year's average of $1.16.

The key problem is that too much production and too little demand has created a buyer's market and depressed prices. Other contributing factors are increased imports and decreased exports.

So we have a situation in which prices are hovering just over $1.00 a pound, with some predictions that it will slip below that figure after the Christmas break. If that occurs, many Kentucky tobacco farmers will be in a position of actually losing money on their crop.

That's why the tobacco-state congressmen passed a price support bill earlier this year that would have put a floor of $1.06 under burley prices. If President Ford had not vetoed that measure, Kentucky farmers would be in a much better situation right now.

Burley usage in the year that ended September 30 was a disappointing 587 million pounds, compared to 620 million pounds the previous year. Production this year is currently estimated to be 639 million pounds-53 million pounds above usage. We must maintain a healthy supply and demand situation. One way is to cut back on total production. Last year the Secretary of Agriculture increased basic burley poundage quotas 10 percent. Looking back, I think everyone would agree that the increase was too large; it merely contributed to the problem of over-production.

Congressman John Breckinridge and I have introduced identical bills in the House and Senate to address this problem. Under existing law, the Secretary can only cut burley quotas 5 percent; he can cut flue-cured quotas 15 percent.

The bills that Congr. Breckinridge and I have introduced would permit the Secretary to cut burley quotas up to 15 percent. The theory behind this is that until demand from the tobacco companies or export markets increases, the excess production will continue to drive prices down and result in more tobacco being taken into the government "pool," which gives critics of the tobacco program ammunition in their effort to totally eliminate the program.

By cutting back on quotas, we can keep production more in line with demand and hopefully create a seller's market, or at least a more balanced one. But Cong. Breckinridge and I want to establish the mechanism to allow the experts at U.S.D.A. to adjust quotas if deemed necessary. New tobacco quotas must be set by Feb. 1.

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—Technically speaking Kentucky will have a new Court of Appeals, composed of 14 members come Jan. 1, but practically speaking this new intermediate court can't possibly be created before late March or April, and possibly as late as July 1.

The constitutional amendment approved in November creates a new four-tier court system. The portion dealing with the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals becomes effective Jan. 1, while that section affecting the lower courts won't become effective until Jan. 1, 1978, with an election scheduled for 1977.

The amendment moves the present 7-member Court of Appeals up to the status of the Supreme Court, and provides for the appointment of a 14-member Court of Appeals until the next election.

The amendment provides for creation of a 7-member nominating committee to submit a list of names from the Appellate Districts to the governor for his selection to serve until the 1977 election.

The Kentucky Bar Association is to name two members to the nominating committee, the governor is to select four laymen and Chief Justice Scott Reed is to serve as chairman of the nominating committee.

The first hitch is there is no provision now for the Kentucky Bar Association to elect these two members. However, the present Court of Appeals can issue a rule setting out the method for selection of the two members.

The Kentucky Bar Association doesn't have a meeting scheduled until next year, and it would be unwieldy to send out a mail ballot to all of the attorneys in Kentucky.

A spokesman for the Bar Association said last week it is proposing a suggested rule to the Court of Appeals that the Board of Governors of the Bar Association name the two members of the nominating committee. This would save a lot of time and solve the unwieldy problem. The Appeals Court could adopt this or come up with some variation of its own to speed up the process.

Gov. Julian Carroll said last week that he hadn't even thought about appointment of the lay members of the nominating committee because he wants to see what the Bar Association does first.

This is not the only complication. The legislature must establish the new appellate districts, set the salaries and spell out the duties in enabling legislation.

The nominating committee will give the governor three candidates for each post from the 14 districts and he has 60 days to make his selection for each district. If he doesn't accomplish this in the allotted time, then the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (Judge Scott Reed) shall make the appointment.

The Judicial Planning Council, established by statute in 1974, is headed by Judge Reed and is now busy preparing suggested legislation for establishment of the 14-member Court of Appeals.

If the new court is established before July 1, the General Assembly will have to make an emergency appropriation for salaries of the judges and their office personnel.

Gov. Carroll says there are so many things the legislature must do toward establishment of the new court that the earliest possible date for appointment of the members would be late March or early April.

Conceivably, it could be as late as July 1, when the new biennial budget will become effective, before the new court gets into operation. Under the amendment both courts will have the power to appoint its clerks after the present four-year term of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals expires. The present clerk will serve the Supreme Court.

It could be possible, but not likely, that the clerk would serve both courts.

Farm and Home

County extension agents
Estil J. Noftsinger
Sharon Alexander
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KET Series to Explore Farm Marketing System

Hedging, futures, speculators, brokers: these terms usually bring to mind big-city trading on the stock exchange, not the upcoming sale of your steers or soybeans. Yet understanding terms like these could mean the difference between profit and loss for your farm operation.

Starting Feb. 2, a series of television programs will explore how these and other aspects of the marketplace relate to the sale of agricultural produce and how you can do the most profitable job of marketing your farm products.

"Farm Marketplace", planned especially for the Kentucky farmer, will be shown over Kentucky Educational Television each Monday night from Feb. 2 to May 17 at 7 p.m., Central Time, and 8 p.m., Eastern Time. The 16 half-hour shows are planned to give you a better understanding of today's farm marketing system and show ways of using this knowledge to get more money for your farm products.

If you enroll at your county Extension office, you also will receive free printed material related to the program topics. Details on 6 channels carrying the series are also available at Extension offices.

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In these days of less than abundant supplies of energy, it is interesting to note where agriculture stands in energy consumption. Although agriculture constitutes one of the largest and most significant industries in the United States, it directly accounts for only about 10% of our nation's total energy consumption. Agriculture encompasses the production, processing, marketing, and retailing of farm commodities.

According to the USDA, of the total energy consumed by agriculture, farm production utilized 17%, farm production inputs utilized 30%, processing food and kindred products accounted for 39%, and marketing and distribution activities used 28%.

As the cost of energy rises, so also does its effect on the food dollar because. In 1971, it is estimated that energy cost contributed 5.2% to the retail price of food. Since the cost of energy has increased at a greater rate than the cost of food, the impact of energy grows even more significant. In the three year period since 1971, energy cost rose 23 percent more than food costs. During 1974, the cost of energy alone was responsible for 7% of the retail food.

Because of our agricultural marketing structure, it is impossible for the farmer to directly pass on to the consumer the increasing cost of energy. Therefore, farmers are doing all they can to minimize energy consumption and still maintain maximum production. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways.

Minimum tillage should be used whenever possible to reduce the number of "passes" over a field by various pieces of equipment. Fertilizer should be applied according to a soil test to get optimum rates without waste. Agricultural limestone should be used to correct acid soils and get better utilization of fertilizer materials. Pesticides—insecticides, herbicides, fungicides—should be used widely to reduce crop competition. Finally, harvesting methods must be such that crop losses are minimized.

Efficient management of energy consumption is a part of good farm management.

Burglars hate Operation Identification

Ask any police officer why

Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

At 4:30 this morning I had this column all thought out. If I'd just had gumption enough to putt it down on paper I wouldn't be struggling so now. Putter

As one definition has it: A club with short shaft and almost perpendicular face, used in putting. See Golf. (b) One who putts.

Well it seems I've been puttering around most of my life first with this, then that, I've been told to put'er-up or shut-up, something I should probably do now, but then I wouldn't be able to fill the hole on this page.

Speaking of holes. Son Toby saw fit to present me with an automatic putter at Christmas.

The object of the gadget being to putt the ball into the mouth of the contraption so it will toss it back, and one can then continue the process of perfecting one's putting skill.

Thus far I have not cut any divots out of the living room carpet. And boy, I'd better not!

I've limited myself to 15-minute sessions simply because I can't take any more bending and ball retrieving than is called for, but I am becoming adept at refuting the saying, "practice makes perfect".

Maybe by spring I'll be able to putt 'er there.

—MV—

Your target is people

So says a page in a promotional calendar. People are buyers, and the best way to get your sales message to them is through your newspaper.

Well, you can say that again.

—MV—

January sales tips

January is a traditional clearance month for most retailers. Wise merchants make a concerted drive to sell buyer's "mistakes", broken lines and odd lots, knowing that today's left-overs from yesterday's meal won't taste any better tomorrow. *Sales of the following merchandise are usually above average in January: furs, women's coats, dresses and suits, men's and boys' wear, shoes for the family, infants' wear, foundations, wigs, carpeting and linoleum, home furnishings, blankets, bedding, sheets, towels, piece goods, small wares, tv sets and most major appliances. *Midwinter means that implement dealers push customers to have farm machinery repaired now, to avoid the Spring rush. *Fuel dealers urge householders to keep tanks and bins full. *Motor service men continue ad-copy on cold weather needs. *Druggists keep on promoting cold remedies and prescription services.

MAGICWORD

HOW TO PLAY: Read the list of words. Look at the puzzle. You'll find these words in all directions — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Draw a circle around each letter of a word found in the puzzle then strike it off list. Circling it will show a letter has been used but will leave it visible should it also form part of another word. Find the big words first. When letters of all listed words are circled, you'll have the given number of letters left over. They'll spell out your MAGICWORD.

IT'S WINTER — Sol.: 9 letters

CLUES

B–Boots; C–Climate, Coat, Cold, Comfort, Cool; E–Escape; F–Fireplace, Freeze; G–Gloves; H–Heat, Heavy; I–Icy, Insulation, Islands; M–Migration, Mittens; N–North; P–Prepare; S–Scarf, Shovel, Skates, Skiing, Sleds, Sleet, Snow, South, Storms, Stoves, Sweater; T–Thaw, Travel, Trip; V–Vacation; W–Warmth, Weather, Winds, Wool; Z–Zero

ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: CELEBRATE 190

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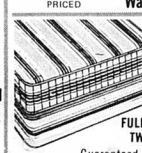

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Jackets fall in tourney, 80-72

by Jimmy Smith

Paced by Gerald Thompson's 28 point performance the Nicholas County Bluejackets came up only a few baskets short from upsetting the state's 18th ranked Jessamine County Colts in the Jessamine County Invitational at Nicholasville. Despite being led by the Colts most of the game the Jackets surged back in the fourth quarter to come within three points, but a pair of quick fast breaks by Jessamine County left the Jackets with victory just out of their grasp.

Gerald Thompson began the scoring for the game when he pumped in the first four points of the game to give the Jackets an early 4-0 lead. After the Colts came back and tied the game up Joe Ruddell pumped in a pair of buckets and Ricky Hicks hit a jumper to give the Jackets the lead at the end of the first quarter, 14-12.

In the second quarter it was all Jessamine County after about the midway point. With Amburgey controlling the middle and Smith and Taylor hitting from the outside, the Colts broke away to a 38-30 halftime lead.

Jessamine came out hot at the opening of the second half and whipped in 6 straight points to take a commanding lead. That lead stood fairly well for the rest of the quarter and the Colts wound up on top of a 54-45 lead at the end of the period.

Gary Gray and Gerald Thompson combined for some quick points at the beginning of the fourth quarter, and a Jacket fast break brought the Nicholas County squad to within five. Then with 4:12 remaining in the game Gerald Thompson hit a jumper that pulled the Jackets to within three, 58-61. But that jumper was a costly one, because as Thompson came down he twisted his ankle. Although he remained in the game, he never quite got back to his same form in the short minutes remaining, and about three Jessamine County fast breaks later the Jackets fell off.

First round of tourney

Joe Ruddell brings the ball down and sets up Nicholas County's offense during first half action of the opening game of the Jessamine County Invitational Tournament, between Nicholas County and the hosting Colts. The Bluejackets were knocked out of action in the first round by a score of 80-72.—Smith photo

Scores 28 points

Nicholas County's Gerald Thompson drives to the basket on his way to scoring two of his 28 points for the evening's play against the Jessamine County Colts, in early action of the Jessamine County Invitational Tournament.—Smith photo

Homemakers meet Dec. 11

The East Union Homemakers Club met on Thursday, Dec. 11 with Mrs. Mattie Kate Guthrie. There were 12 members, two new members and one visitor present. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. William Dampier, president. Roll call was by Mrs. Keith Bell, secretary, and was answered by a time saving hint. The minutes and treasurer's report were given. A count was taken of books read and a report on garments made, and preserving and freezing of meats.

The clothing lesson on accessories will be held at the Extension Office in January. Dr. R. Mason will be in Carlisle on Thursday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Courthouse for a discussion on family crises and how they affect the entire family. The club members were urged to attend and invite others. The Christmas program was observed and gifts exchanged.

The devotional was given by reading the Christmas story from Isaiah and Matthew. Mrs. Dampier gave the story of The Ringing of the Chimes. The meeting was closed with prayer. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The meeting adjourned to meet in January with Mrs. Keith Bell. New club members are Mrs. Jimmy Johnson and Mrs. Marvin Caswell.

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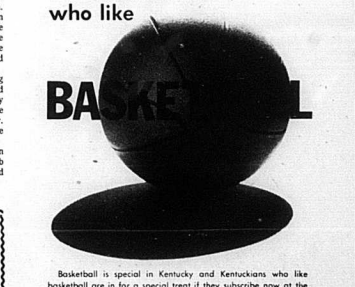

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