

Opinion

20 and 40 years ago

Bicentennial Year Underway

Our Bicentennial Year is underway! During this year we will be celebrating in many different ways, the birth of the United States of America 200 years ago. Nicholas County celebrated Kentucky's 200th birthday and the county's 175th birthday in June of 1974. It was the biggest celebration this county has ever celebrated.

As a result of the numerous people who worked so hard in 1974, The History of Nicholas County will be presented during this Bicentennial Year as our county's lasting memorial to this Bicentennial. Many people have contributed time, hard work and money so that this history can become a reality.

Each person who has done so, can be justly proud when he holds one of these histories in his hands around July 4 of this Bicentennial Year.

Other activities will be undertaken during this year to properly honor our country's birth. One—in the planning stages—is the commemoration of the Last Battle of the Revolutionary War at Blue Lick Battleground State Park in August. The State of Kentucky Historical Events Celebration Com-

missioner has promised to help with this celebration financially, as one of the state's Bicentennial projects for this year.

The Nicholas County Historical Society, Inc., an outgrowth of the 1974 local Bicentennial Committee, is actively working on improvements at Blue Licks. The biggest item being actively worked on is the improvement of a much-needed lodge at the Park. The lodge would significantly help this area because no models exist from Millersburg to Ohio on historic U.S. 68. The Society is also very interested in obtaining proper recognition for historical sites in the county by having them listed on the Historical Register and by obtaining historical markers for sites throughout the county.

Anyone interested in helping the Historical Society in any way, is asked to contact a board member.

Yes, our Bicentennial Year is underway! And, all of us can be justly proud of what this country has accomplished during its 200 year history. We will be reminded of many of these accomplishments during this year.

Lenient judges cause of crime?

In the wake of the shocking Justice Department report that over 20,000 people in the United States were murdered in cold blood during last year, comes the inevitable question: Why?

Surely, one of the answers must be that of the extreme leniency being shown by the courts to convicted criminals, including murderers. Of all the complaints made by the late J. Edgar Hoover, former Director of the FBI, the one he probably repeated most often was against judges and courts who are "soft on criminals." But there is simple evidence that the "soft on criminal" attitude is still widespread.

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And so they let him off.

In Montgomery County, Md., a convicted killer—who had shot to death an 18-year-old Montgomery College freshman with a sawed-off shotgun—was given a sentence of 18 years in prison, with 11 years suspended, and then was allowed to go free on bond pending a review of the case. The killer, if imprisoned at all, could be released on parole almost immediately but—the news story said—"probably would not be considered for parole for one year."

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HONEST? BEING A HOMEKAMER ISN'T BENEATH ME — IT'S BEYOND ME!

Agree or Not

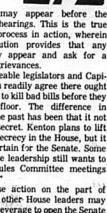
by S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—Now comes House Speaker-elect William Kenton, D-Lexington, saying he will see that all legislation is thoroughly scrutinized by committees before it reaches the House floor for a vote.

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William Kenton

Thursday, January 12, 1956
Kathleen McKee, Moorefield, a senior at Nicholas County High School, has been declared the district winner in a 1955 state-wide Soil Conservation Essay Contest, and received a \$25 Savings Bond.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gobel Booth on the farm of Mrs. Lida Crockett was completely destroyed by fire about 2:30 p.m. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Cook have returned to their home in Yanketown, Fla. after a visit with Mrs. Cooke's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett D. Smith.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Trussell, a son, Charles William, Jan. 3.

MARRIED—Miss Pauline Hamilton (nee Josephine Prince, both of Dayton, Ohio, Dec. 17.

DIED—Roy Holmes Waugh, 55, Paris, Monday—Robert L. Taylor, 31, at Prospect, Va.—Mrs. Fannie Porter Herndon, 64, Wednesday—Walter C. Dalby, 69, Paris, Monday—Mrs. Ella Jones Hunt, 90, Friday in Bourbon county—Fred J. Manley, Jan. 2 at his home in Knoxville, Tenn.

Thursday, January 3, 1956
Despite the fact that the Ford Motor Company discontinued making Model T Fords in 1927, approximately one out of every six automobiles licensed in 1955 was a "Tin Lizzie." A total of 283 Model T Fords were licensed, 31 different makes of cars were represented in the

1,634 licenses issued. The makes other than Ford were Chevrolet, Plymouth, Essex, Buick, Dodge, Whippet, Pontiac, Studebaker, Chrysler, Duesenberg, DeSoto, Star, Oldsmobile, Marquette, Nash, Rocker, Willys, Hupmobile, Graham-Paige, Terraplane, Overland, Chandler, Oakland, Auburn, Hudson, Maxwell, Cadillac, Franklin and Erskine.

Bandits Saturday night held up Hubert Morris, attendant at Wyatt Lovine's filling station, and escaped with \$27.

More than half of Nicholas county's tobacco crop has been stripped and marketed, farmers say.

J.B. Hays, Tuesday started removing the debris from his lot on Elm Street where his stable burned on Dec. 24. Mr. Hays' stable had stood for 70 years, was constructed almost entirely of yellow poplar.

Two new members of the Nicholas County Board of Education, L.I. Small and Harrie McClanahan took office on Monday.

Local dealers yesterday were paying 28 cents per dozen for eggs.

DIED—Herman Gray at the home of his parents last Wednesday—Barton Bowles, 51, Friday morning at his home in Paris—Mrs. Olga Duncan Corrish, 72, at Julia Marks Sanatorium near Lexington, Saturday—George Maybrier, 76, last Wednesday at the home of his son, Teddy Maybrier, in Paris—William T. Shaw, 56, Thursday at the home of his mother, Mrs. Alice Ritchey Shaw, near New Hope, five miles N. of Dayton, Ohio hospital Saturday.—Mrs. Bettie Frank Sparks, 69, at her home at Odenville last Wednesday.

SENSING THE NEWS

Newspaper Column

By Anthony Harrigan

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Panama Canal Gateway
Secretary of State Kissinger's determination to proceed with the drafting of a new Panama Canal treaty, Chamber of Commerce recently voiced public opposition, is hard to understand. The statement of principles governing the Canal negotiations, approved by Dr. Kissinger, clearly envisions a surrender of U.S. sovereignty in the Canal Zone.

The State Department position is the more remarkable in view of the fact that the principal government officials in Panama are Marxists—every one—and that includes the chief of state. If these Marxists controlled the Canal Zone, they would be in a position to prevent American use of the strategic waterway.

Radio Free Americas, radio voice of the respected American Security Council, recently cited the public policy of the Panamanian leader with whom the State Department is negotiating. It reported that "the official organ of the Castro regime announced that Gen. Fulbright also conceivably will shed more light on bills and make the legislature more accountable to the public, and remove some of the veil of secrecy that surrounds the administration.

There is 14 standing committees in each branch of the legislature, and they are assigned bills covering subject matter within the purview of each committee. Committee hearings are conducted on many of these bills and persons affected by them are free to voice objections and ask for amendments or changes in the bill. Both pro-

and cons may appear before the committee hearings. This is the true legislative process in action, wherein the constitution provides that any person may appear and ask for a redress of grievances.

Knowledgeable legislators and Capitol newsmen readily agree there ought to be a place to kill bad bills before they reach the floor. The difference in opinion in the past has been that it is not to be done in secret. Kenton plans to lift the veil of secrecy in the House, but it isn't certain for the Senate. Some of the Senate leadership still wants to keep the Rules Committee meetings secret.

This House action on the part of Kenton and other House leaders may provide the leverage to open the Senate Rules Committee.

Kenton says he wants committees to "look deeply" as proposed legislation. I don't want bills passed out of committees that have not had testimony on them. And, if the administration has opposition to a bill, then we will ask them to come before the committee to testify.

This will be sharp departure from the past where the administration just sent the bill to the committee, and he did all he could to get it passed. The constituent is satisfied. The legislator may even show him in the Legislative Record where the bill got and where it died.

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First National Bank

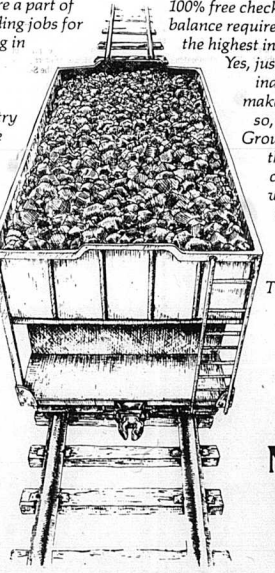
It was in the late 1800's that coal was first mined in Kentucky. Since that time "buried sunshine", as the Indians called it, has become more and more a part of Kentucky's heritage—providing jobs for thousands of people, bringing in millions of dollars annually.

Today, as the world faces a serious energy crisis, the Kentucky coal-mining industry steps to the forefront because the Commonwealth of Kentucky is America's number-one coal producing region. While supplying the country with as much coal as possible, Kentuckians are also working diligently in research and in new mining methods, doing everything they can to provide solutions to current energy problems.

That's what we're doing for banking in Kentucky. Working hard to provide the best service and most convenience we can. For example: we're open more hours each week than any other bank in town. We offer 100% free checking with no minimum balance required. On savings, we pay the highest interest allowed by law.

Yes, just as the Kentucky coal industry moves ahead to make the future brighter—so, too, are the Kentucky Group Banks planning for the years ahead. We're constantly looking for ways to make banking better. Because we've got the spirit.

Come get the spirit with us. The Spirit of Kentucky.



Member F.D.I.C.

First National Bank
CARLSLE & MOOREFIELD

SLAPSTIX
MILK IS THE
ODDER COLA

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Never use gasoline
Reading the Louisville Times Jan. 3 issue to exact my eye fell on the above heading which was buried in an article on making newspaper logs.

Newspaper logs didn't have a thing to do with what I thought of when I saw that "Never use . . ." it reminded me of the time I poured gasoline on a brush pile to rid myself of the smelly remains of a dog that had died.

The word I heard wasn't from an animal, but was caused no doubt by that searing tongue of flame that lashed out from that gasoline soaked pile. It wasn't that I didn't know better, but I was just lazy. To have used kerosene would have meant a trip to town which would have cost me maybe twenty minutes. Anyway I was just plain lucky, so lets get back to the newspaper article on another burning issue.

Making newspaper logs is satisfying. It's ecologically sound, and it gives you the pleasure of watching those editorial opinions go up in flame. Here's a simple way to do it.

Get a length of old broomstick and tightly wrap one end of newspaper after another around it (Figure 1). When the "log" is about 18 inches thick, pull out the broomstick, tie the bundle with light wire and soak it (Figure 2) in a pint of kerosene or charcoal lighter (NEVER use gasoline). You can make a soaking tray out of heavy aluminum foil, if need be.

After soaking, wrap the core in more paper till it's 4-6 inches thick, and tie again with wire (Figure 3). There of these logs will burn all evening in a fireplace.

—MV—
One of my sailboat partners was down and we ventured out to Lake Carriaco for a boat look see Sunday. I

Letters

To the Carlsle Mercury:
I noticed last week's issue was the first time I had seen you, but had overlooked renewing. My husband had a stroke in July and I have him here now, and have had so much on my mind.

Please send this week's so I won't miss an issue.

Thanking you,
Mrs. Dennis Walker

A looked-for visitor each Thursday
The Carlsle Mercury

Unfortunately, the State Department

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. Circle it will show a letter has been used. Do this until you have the puzzle empty. Find the 81 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.

TAKE A WINTER VACATION Sol: 11 letters
CLUES
B-Bahamas, Balmy, Boat; C-Camera, Cards, Caribbean, Chalm, Credit, Cruise, Customs; D-Dancing, Duty; E-Enjoy, Exotic, Expense; F-Flight; G-Garden, H-Haste, Hawaii, Hotel; I-Iceland; J-Jarvis; L-Laze; N-Nap; P-Pacific; FISH; R-Rest; S-Sand, Shore, Shots, South, Sovereign, Surf, Swimming; T-Tropics; W-Warm, Water, Welcome
ANSWER NEXT WEEK
Last Week's Answer: HIBERNATION 191
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