

# Opinion

## We've waited a long time!

Nicholas County Class A district leader Raebland Friday night at the local football field. Should Nicholas County defeat Raebland, the two teams will be tied with Fairview for the district championship.

Nicholas counties have local fans who are able to find the numbers. We know that they have this year. Local fans have confidence that the Blue-Jackets that Raebland after has didn't they beat Paris before an

## The need for a new hospital

(Editor's note: Miss Kathy Tincher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tincher, is author of the following article which was written in conjunction with the Nicholas County Education Association's Art and Writing Contest. It represents local teachers, has been selected for the building of a new hospital recently. Miss Tincher is in Mrs. Kay Willis' Advanced Composition class at Nicholas County High School.)

When the Nicholas County Hospital was built in 1950 it was sufficient to meet the needs of Nicholas county. Since that time the population has grown and the hospital has become outdated. The present needs are far more urgent and more demanding than ever before. A new hospital would solve the problem. This is because there is a need for a new hospital in Nicholas county. When a person has a chance to vote for the building of a new hospital, the people are all in favor until they realize how it is to be paid for. Yes, people may be affected or offended when the thought of raising their taxes comes to mind. As one should realize, a person can't have the cake and eat it too. The advantages will outweigh its disadvantages. When looking at the architect's drawing of the proposed new hospital, it looks very attractive. This new attraction, hopefully, will help attract new residents. Perhaps doctors of this school just starting practice would prefer living in a rural community. This would allow them to gain experience gradually even though they would still make good living. This would give the other three doctors a chance for more needed income. In years to come, Nicholas county new hospital, matters would run smoother and a person would be able to

## The towering cost of luxurious welfare

We all become licensed when we hear of, or witness, the abuses that plague the Food Stamp Program and the unemployment benefits program. We don't quite understand how compensation claims, that are not the only ones which pay for the welfare game goes astray. The Department of Housing and Urban Development has proven that government housing programs can also fall prey to bureaucratic mismanagement. The present HUD attacks for the failure of Pruitt-Igoe—the 36 million dollar government housing project in St. Louis, that deteriorated so rapidly that after only 15 years it had to be torn down—HUD overreacted in the attempt to compensate. HUD decided the solution was to build more expensive and more costly housing. On this theory, the Taino Towers—a luxury high-rise—was built in East Harlem, N.Y. It offers 1100 apartments with 11 foot ceilings and 20 foot balconies. Each apartment has access to the heated swimming pool, the gymnasium, the greenhouse, underground parking and

# Kingdom for . . . or, the great wardrobe chase

"If the good Lord has meant for us to have secondary styles, He'll have come up with the primary styles. It's not the kind of house during a discussion of our toilet paper toilet paper."

"You're off your bird, as usual. Every floor in a house ought to have a bathroom. It's not a bathroom, but a bathroom."

"I'll call the plumber tomorrow and get him crackin' on one in the bathroom."

"Why? You coming down with acute failure of the kidneys or something? We already have two bathrooms—one on each floor—or hadn't you noticed?"

"No! You'll be ailing today, modestly speaking. There was a time when we thought we might have a couple of kids of cleaning. Now I'm afraid those same earbuds will melt and run down his hairdresser from so much saturation. Time was I'd have settled for one



## 20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, October 23, 1956

Three members of the Nicholas County Board of Education have filed for re-election. The unopposed members are R.S. Stephenson, Eugene Letcher and Woodard Joyce.

Claudia Lou Harrison, Joyce Hunt and Betty Setton are enrolled for the fall term. The athletic field and playground at the East Union Road, just outside the city limits of Carlisle, will be finished this week if the weather permits.

With their defeat over Stanford last Thursday, the Carlisle High School Musketeers and Shelbyville went into a tie for first place in the Central Kentucky Football Conference.

Rains last Thursday and Friday further relieved the water shortage in the Carlisle water works, and with continued restricted use there will be a

## Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

A Kentuckian installed one trouble he found with long weeknights. They're followed by the beginning of another work week. We did enjoy our sojourn at the Playhouse, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, and a short tour of the countryside. It was our third trip to that state and Ray's first.

We along with 35 to 40 Kentuckians were attending the 51st Annual Fall Convention and Trade Show of the National Newspaper Association and the installation of a new president. After 31 years a Kentuckian would take over. George A. Joplin, III, of the Commonwealth-Journal, Somerset, who has only served on the national board for many years, became the first Kentuckian to hold this office.

George will act as co-president with William E. Brazen, Burlington (Wisc.) Standard Press until the official transition Nov. 15.

Old Mercury . . . MV

Several weeks ago Stewart Moore

## Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—MORALE, morale. That word has been bandied about in the press quite a bit late in connection to the government employees. It has been used in news stories regarding the Legislative Research Commission, but there is no sign of any of the appointments that bring about the government.

Morale is low among all employees in state government, not particularly every individual, but in all departments. It's hard to pin down the reason, for there really isn't any single reason. Maybe, it's just the times. Maybe, it's the slow down in the economy of the nation. State pay raises haven't been sufficient to keep up with inflation for every employee.

This isn't because the state hasn't tried, for money was put in the budget to give the employees their annual increments plus some pay increases, but not for every employee.

I have talked with several department heads about this situation, and they agree that morale is low, but they understandably don't want their names to be used or to be quoted.

One director said he got enough additional money in his salary to give increase above the annual increments. How is going to choose one third to be rewarded? The two thirds that would be awarded would be mad or fed hurt. Consequently, he isn't recommending a raise for any of them other than their annual increments.

The career state employees, their pushers as we affectionately refer to them on press row, take a look at the whopping salary increases that the managers and some of the higher-ups receive and compare them with the meager increases they get upon an inflation.

The paper pushers are the ones who really keep the day-to-day business of state government operating. Their boss might have gotten a \$5,000 annual pay hike while they got only five per cent.

One in a responsible position had this to say about morale among state employees: "I never saw it so low," he said. "I don't know. It's probably a combination of things."

One reason is they see new employees put in their departments at a pay scale higher than theirs, yet the new employees aren't any better, and probably less qualified, and lacks experience. This is the name of the old political game. Political friendships come before qualifications in many cases. This happens in every administration, not just this one.

As always, there have been some bad appointments to high paying positions. The people are not qualified for the jobs they receive, and someone else has to do the work. Career employees who have been around Frankfort for a long time registered as eligible under the terms of the conscriptive draft bill. The June 21 issue bore the name of Ed Moore, . . . MV

Management—Who Needs It?

Having talked over a half hour with the above (it was really geared to larger operations than mine) I came back to my newspaper letters from the Department of Labor entitled "The employer's First Report." At Injury Workmen's Compensation' Book 57-1. Frankly I don't think it's geared to this business either, but I'll do my best to comply with its instructions and requests.

The letter went on to say that "the report had been revised to make it easier for you to fill out and to improve completeness and accuracy of the report."

I knew last week I shouldn't mention OSHA or MESA in this column, it could only bring on something.

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## Farm and Home

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