

# Opinion

## Don't drag price supports into anti-smoking campaign

Hand working barley growers may be too busy to notice it, but this year's market opening coincided with a stepped-up attack on the tobacco program. Not with aiming at consumers, the anti-smoking people are broadening their strategy by dragging the farmers' price support and production program into the health controversy. One of the most drastic proposals is that of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, which is circulating "Works with the Federal Government" to phase out tobacco production and market support for tobacco.

This is a low blow against producers and their livelihood. To entice the growers and their program in the unscrupulous use of tobacco and health is either ignorance or outright deception. The tobacco program is designed to help farmers get a fair price for their crop. It doesn't operate and isn't

connected in any way with consumer use. It has even been suggested recently that farmers be issued social welfare checks to tide them over till they can produce other crops, or learn another trade.

Doing away with price supports and production controls will not stop smoking. If U. S. farmers don't produce and grow tobacco, somebody else will. To inject the tobacco program into the case is mixing and confounding the issues. At a recent directors' meeting of the Hurley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association some letter-carriers were heard arguing that HEW Secretary Callahan and his government-controlled staff are not to be trusted. It is a commodity that pays taxes, building roads and schools, and keeps the economy going in this and many other countries. —The Palomoto Outlook

## Sleet reduces City's water supply

Thursday, December 8, 1977  
Teddy Fry, science teacher at Nicholas County High School, has been serving as principal for the past several days, the absence of Mr. Brantley who underwent a major operation Nov. 19.

The Nicholas County Chapter of Future Homemakers of America's first formal luncheon Dec. 5, Girls initiated are Jean Smith, Barbara Fry, Connie McElroy, Mrs. Lyle, Phyllis Tapp, Phyllis Scott, Carol Pyle Thayer, Nancy Matlock, Brenda Fries, Ann Curtis, Betty Jo George, Linda Earlywine, Linda King, and Linda Fry. Miss Fry is the guest speaker. The next guest speaker is at the Christmas Party in the absence of Miss Mary Frazier. —The Palomoto Outlook

The Carlisle Presbyterian Church... Mrs. Barbara Thayer, of Bowling, Ky. Mrs. Lyle, of Lexington, Thursday, Dec. 5. Mrs. Jean Brantley, Mrs. Lyle, of Lexington, Thursday, Dec. 5. Mrs. Jean Brantley, Mrs. Lyle, of Lexington, Thursday, Dec. 5.

## Brakes put on empire building contest among state-supported colleges

by S. C. Van Cuse  
FRANKFORT — The Council on Higher Education finally bit the bullet and said, a big "NO" for the allocation of the state general fund to campus construction.

Any construction from December to January 1978, the council said, will be limited to classroom buildings in the next two years, a going to have to come from the bonding capacity of the individual state-supported colleges and universities.

Since the early 1960s state administration has tried to put the brakes on the empire building contests among these schools, but to little avail.

Finally the legislature, in several sessions, finally gave the council the power to approve budgets. This time, the council finally put its foot down and said to more raising of the state general fund to further the empire building contests.

Specifically speaking, the universities that really need construction to fulfill the needs of the growing student body have the bonding capacity via the revenue bond route to fulfill these needs. Generally speaking, those without the bonding capacity are in need of new construction.

## Number of lower courts to drop from 600 to 113

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is part one of a six-part series on the structure of Kentucky's judicial system, which completes its implementation on December 31, 1978. This story deals with the Kentucky Court of Justice's district court system.)

FRANKFORT — In less than five weeks, the number of lower courts in the state's new judicial system takes effect. The state's present system of 600 courts, county/quarterly courts and magisterial courts will be merged into one district court system.

"The new system will not be as confusing as the present system," according to William Davis, executive director of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC). "Citizens with misdemeanor or relatively small civil cases will know exactly where to go, rather than go from one court to another to find the right court."

Davis was referring to the present system's problem with overlapping jurisdiction. The jurisdictional problem was one of the major reasons behind the judicial reorganization in the Kentucky Constitution, passed by popular vote in 1975.

"As the system now operates, a misdemeanor convicted within a city of 25,000 will find in one place — the district court," Davis said. "The district court will be concerned with misdemeanor, traffic violations and local ordinance violations," he said. "In addition, juveniles, unaccompanied probate and in some cases, local administrative cases will be handled under district court review."

Davis said civil cases will be handled either in the district court, for matters up to \$1,000, or in the district court's small claims division. "The small claims division will handle cases involving amounts up to \$500. No attorneys will be necessary for cases in small claims court, although persons involved in cases there are allowed to bring counsel. But the counsel will not be allowed to represent his client."

Davis noted that a limit of 25 appearances per year will be applied to persons using the small claims division. It is hoped that private businesses were using the courts as a collection agency. —The Palomoto Outlook

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## Legislature to act on tv

Kentucky Reflections  
by George Street Boss  
With Christmas at its throats again, varied prospects for the new year begin to rank in our minds.

In 1978, for the first time, Kentucky's legislature will be televised by Kentucky Educational Television. How will the programs be handled? Who will decide what will be shown? How wide or faithful will be the audience?

TV Guide reports that Georgia's experience indicates that it encourages openness and honesty. Lieutenant Governor Zell Miller, who presides over Georgia's Senate, observes that, "I think it has much to recommend itself. The decisions of the legislature as far as recording, or voting at the desk, don't give the kind of things that would give a bad appearance."

One Georgia Senator, a Committee Chairman, regrets that it makes for a lot of unnecessary oratory and expresses the hope that the camera could be handled in some way so that the red "off" light wouldn't show.

In Alabama, a state which has pioneered in tv coverage of the Courts, it is reported that the bench, bar, media

## Yuletide season time of joy

The Yuletide season should be a time of joy for children and their families, but each year thousands of youngsters suffer serious injuries from dangerous or defective toys. We urge parents to guard against what could be a shattering experience by carefully shopping for toys that cannot harm their child.

Consumer groups seek to bring dangerous toys to the attention of the public, but parents have the responsibility for seeing that they are safe. We suggest that parents carefully examine each toy they bring home to see if their child is likely to use it, whether it is a durable enough to stand up under rough play, and what is its potential of damage from misuse.

The toy's size and construction is the most important consideration. The toy should be no larger than what could fit in a child's mouth. Parents should be aware of the child's weight and use of the toy. Parents should be aware of the child's age and use of the toy. Parents should be aware of the child's age and use of the toy.

## A BORN EXECUTIVE IS A FELLOW WHOSE FATHER OWNS THE COMPANY

SLAPSTIX  
HELP STAMPOUT POSTAGE  
Mercury vapors  
by Warren R. Fisher

Few concerned people  
Evidently there are few people concerned with saving old newspapers for the local Weatherization committee to pick up. We managed to mislead our friend of short hand and published the wrong phone number last week. The correct number is 288-7172. One person was kind enough to inform us of the wrong number, and our good friend Bert Fry with Human Resources called to say she would be glad to answer on the correct number, which we gave her.

## Gift Time

- For Him
  - Pocket Knives
  - Hunting Knives
  - Sanders
  - Drills
  - Sabre Saws
  - Fish Lights
  - Fishing Supplies
  - Carpenter Tools
  - Mechanic Tools
  - Tool Boxes
- For Her
  - Lamps & Shades
  - Blenders
  - Toasters
  - Mixers
  - Corning Ware
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