

Opinion

School Board knows best

The Nicholas County Board of Education is to be commended for continuing the policy of allowing students to go to excused absences at the beginning of the school year for the purposes of harvesting tobacco.

This decision and policy points out the advantages of retaining local determination of the issues that affect each county individually. It is unlikely that the state education department would ever form such a policy since it is stated in its charter that it is to have no children in school as possible at all times. But there are instances when education must go out of the classroom and into the real world if it is to do any good.

Kentucky and the Bluegrass area are unique in the growth of barley tobacco. Although eight states in all report barley tobacco crops, Kentucky is generally acknowledged as the leader in this type of tobacco production. According to barley industry statistics, more than 90 per cent of the barley tobacco allotments are for poundages of 2,500 or less.

What does this mean? It underscores

the fact that most barley tobacco production is done with family labor on small plots. Often the cash generated by a tobacco crop may mean the difference between a good year and a bad year for some farmers. Being able to use family labor instead of costly hired help is essential to their economic survival.

It is unfortunate that the beginning of school coincides with the beginning of the tobacco harvest season, but it has been this way ever since both tobacco and school growing began. This juxtaposition has often meant hardships for those farmers who, not wishing to have their children fall behind in their studies and receive penalties for unexcused absences, and those who are in the real world of the harvest. It would be hard to extend our understanding of his needs and problems, we are in reality assisting ourselves. It would be hard to see a Kentucky without tobacco and tobacco markets, in more ways than one.

Some of the elected school board members are tobacco farmers and are acutely aware of the problems of obtaining sufficient labor for harvesting the crop. It is to their and the entire board's credit that they realize a special problem and take special action to alleviate it.

National Guard has openings

Local men will soon have the opportunity to supplement their incomes and offer a service to the county all in the same effort. The reorganization of the Kentucky National Guard has allocated Nicholas County's Company 88 all fall forces to be composed of 100 men. A split between Carlisle and Cynthiana. This means 54 job opportunities opening up for men who are interested in a part-time job which includes the possibilities of advancement and benefits. The Kentucky Army gave Nicholas County the allotment because it was believed that the county could support

them and now it is up to us to sustain that number. This increase will be an asset to the county's economy as well as the employer's. Both will receive the revenues of this mini-industry. Businessmen interested in local jobs should be believed that much of the money will stay in the county if there is enough interest from local firms to be expected in September. It would seem a feasible offer for those who wished to join the service. It is a personal growth derived as well as helping to protect the community and aid in its growth.

determine their eligibility. Those training credit spend three months in training and are expected to work one weekend per month from September to May. A two-week training period during the summer months.

Those who have the time and would like to enlist as a guardsman should contact the local unit. Implementation of the program will be expected in September. It would seem a feasible offer for those who wished to join the service. It is a personal growth derived as well as helping to protect the community and aid in its growth.

Lights on for \$14.5 million

Kentucky Utilities (KU) suffering from mismanagement as the Assistant Attorney General says are as they are. Vice President John Newton maintains having a "problem with earnings."

If Mr. Newton continues to believe that the problem is with earnings, the results may mean KU consumers will have an

increase in their monthly service charges. The KU Board has authorized a \$14.5 million emergency increase, part of a \$20 million permanent rate increase originally asked for, \$11.3 million of which was granted in March.

But what if Assistant Attorney General Glenda Board is correct, what if it is mismanagement? Should the consum-

ers be responsible for faulty bookkeeping? Mr. Board has asked "the audit to determine the extent of the problem." But KU board chairman William A. Dixon has counter-attacked saying, "Any delay of improvement projects could lead to serious interruptions of service." Either way regardless of the causes the consumer once again will be affected by utility woes.

Agree or not / Fund loss 'hurts' counties

by S. C. Van Curum
FRANKFORT — Circuit court clerks throughout Kentucky reported \$49,029,008 for the second quarter, April, May and June in fines and other collections to the Department of Finance and Administration.

Under the revised court system that became effective in January, all fines and other fees collected by the circuit clerk's must be sent to Frankfort every month in a portion of it being sent to the local level under the old system. The state then reimburses the local government a share of the total fines. The local share is based upon the amount of revenue each governmental unit lost to the new system. Joseph L. Moore, supervisor of the county fee systems in the Department of Finance and Administration said, "These refunds are made on a quarterly basis.

Criminal and traffic fines collected by district courts totaled \$5,899,804.64 while forfeitures (cash bonds forfeited on offenses where the defendant did not appear in court) totaled \$41,892,263. Other fees such as drivers licenses, boat registrations, civil filing fees, charges for services, handling fees, etc. are all sent to the state.

Criminal and traffic court fines showed gains in each of the three months in the second quarter: April \$1,859,537.89; May \$1,989,911.53; and June \$1,962,305.15.

Several counties have been complaining to the office of local government about the loss of funds under the new court system. Jailers have been hurt in several of the smaller

counties. Their salaries and operation costs are based on the fee system. The new court system has reduced their costs. They aren't getting transgressors from the old city and county court systems. Traffic cases now, the offender is given a citation to appear in court. Under the old system, they were sent directly to the county or to the jail.

Salaries for operation of circuit court clerks' offices are paid directly by the state, but the state doesn't refund money to the other governmental units but one each quarter. Under the old system, the local governmental units got their city and county court fees and salaries every session of court, and this gave them some cash flow for operation.

Ralph Ed Graves, head of the Department of Local Government, said last week some county officials have been complaining about this loss of money, and particularly the jailers. Gov. Julian Carroll appointed a Task Force to Study the Legal System and report to the 1980 General Assembly. The state made the state fees and expenses collected by city and county courts before the new judicial system went into effect this past January 1.

Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury: Some years ago a very wise person saw fit to call the "little town with the big heart," and today, more than ever, it still deserves the title. The Senior Citizens' Center is in need of comfortable chairs, the kind that can be easily gotten into and out of. The Senior Citizen's Council had a meeting, and I asked to be named a committee of one just to see what I could do about that situation, never doubting that if I talked the various merchants in town for donations that they would be more than generous — and yes, you guessed it — they were.

On behalf of the Senior Citizens' Council and those who enjoy meeting there each week, I want to say a Great Big Thank You to those who contributed — and why not not in sometimes and see how your money was spent? Again — thank you, Genera Allison

Memory Lane

Tobacco field day at Barlow farm; 'Last Battle' celebration is set

Thursday, August 16, 1978
The Tobacco Field Day will be held Friday, Aug. 18, on the farm of R. Barlow, Pleasant Springs Road, Russell Hill, 13 1/2 miles from Tobacco from the University of Kentucky. Will attend and discuss current tobacco problems.

The following local students from the University of Kentucky School will attend the Lawville Blue Camp at Levi Jackson State Park during the week of Aug. 17. They are: Jimmy Sandidge, John Combs, R. E. O. C. Gannock, Linda Street, Tommie Wade, Robert Hill, Bonnie Whitaker, Sherrell Craig, Sue Cartmill, Betty Woods and Robert Perry.

Coach Bill Ed Leedy of Carlisle High School, received his Master of Arts degree in Education from the University of Kentucky on Aug. 7.

Everett Planiel Jr. has been named mathematics instructor at the school in Harlan.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hyatt, a son, Robert Given, Aug. 7, 1978. To Mr. and Mrs. George Giffin Jr., a son, George Edward III, last Wednesday, August 16, 1978.

MAARRIED — Miss Rose Marie Widner, Covington, to Ralph U. Holler, Russell Hill, 13 1/2 miles from Tobacco from the University of Kentucky. Will attend and discuss current tobacco problems.

DIED — Linda Lee Wagner, infant daughter of William Miles and Louise Howard Wagner; Bourbon County, Thursday, — J. Arch Bailey Sr., M. Sunday — Mrs. Anna Florence Mattson, born near Sherburne on Tuesday morning and suffered a fracture of both wrists.

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H. S. Vee qualified as administrator of the estate of Elmer O. Vico, according to an order entered in Nicholas County court last week.

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Kentucky reflections...

Federal payments to Kentucky up

by George Street Boone
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The balance between functions of a school or university need to be carefully watched. A prime source of student discontent a decade ago was the feeling, often justified, that colleges and universities tend to become adjuncts to industry, using state financed facilities to perform industrial research rather than to teach. The medical schools in Kentucky have experienced some problems of this nature with rapidly rising budgets more and more of whose funds are for running bionics rather than teaching.

It is Kentucky's rural nature responsible for our relatively poor showing in such federal research projects and grants. Since Kentucky is primarily a state of small towns and cities with few metropolitan areas, how effectively can we compare to research grants and funds? The state has a similar problem of maldistribution of physicians even as the number of doctors graduating increases. There is little, if any, incentive for doctors to move to small towns; professional isolation and lack of amenities for families discourages physicians from locating in these areas.

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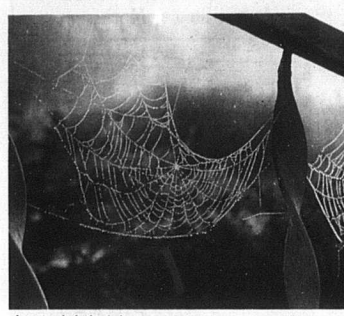
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Siamese mats

These "together" tomatoes were found Lambert on Chestnut Street. They had Smith photo growing in the garden of Dr. O. H. a circumference of 13 inches each. —



Last night's labor
Sights like this greet many early morning dew-laced spider webs while walking through them a morning thers these August days. To give those who have only felt the

F. F. A. wins blue ribbons

by Steve Hamilton, Reporter
Several boys from the local F. F. A. chapter participated in events at the Blue Grass Fair held in Lexington, Ky. The livestock judging team, consisting of Jackie Anderson, Phillip Rose, Grant Mathes and Steve Hamilton, all entry.

The boys were accompanied by James A. Burman, Agricultural division, entries of cattle through made

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Kentucky Afield

by John Wilson
Kentucky's squirrel hunters should find opportunity just about average for the August 19 opening day, says Jim Durall, assistant director of the Kentucky fish and wildlife department's annual management division.

Durall based his statement on game surveys made by the game division's mast producing trees. Mast — seeds and nuts which represent the major portion of the squirrel's diet — varies in abundance from year to year and directly influences squirrel numbers.

"Some portions of the state showed slight increases in mast," Durall said. "But overall, I doubt that the average hunter can tell the difference."

Early season squirrels are often scattered and difficult to locate, Durall added, particularly in the eastern portions of the state. "Squirrels often are feeding on shagbark hickory or hickories during the beginning of the season," he said, "so the hunter who can find stands of those trees with the nuts will probably find squirrels."

Heavy foliage can make it hard to see squirrels, even when they are found. Most early season hunters use shotgun and Number 5 or 6 shot. Later in the season, when the leaves have fallen, a .22 rifle can be used effectively if the hunting area permits one to be used safely — remember that a .22 bullet can carry over a mile.

The first phase of the squirrel season runs from August 19 through October 31. It reopens with the small game season November 16, is closed during the gun season from December 5 to December 4, and runs through December 31.

As in past years, the daily limit is six squirrels per hunter with 12 allowed in possession after two or more days of hunting.

Squirrel hunters may not use breech-loading rifles of .40 caliber or larger, nor may they carry backshot or slugs while squirrel hunting. Hunting hours for squirrels (and for other species except raven and opossum) are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset, prevailing local time.

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