

Kentucky reflections...

By George Street-Bass

The rain did little December day. Rose cheerless over hills of gray. And, darkly circled, gave us a sudden light then waning moon. Slowly tracing down the thickening sky lit mute and ominous prophecy. A serene sentiment less than three. It sank from sight before it set.

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Opinion

We aren't fooling nip it NOW or pull it later

Mike Phillips, our Agricultural County Extension Agent brought to our attention last week the possibility that Maltic Hydrate (MH) might become prohibited as use as a nuclear control material. The University of Kentucky College of Agriculture has issued a "position statement" strongly supporting the continued registration of MH for use in the production of tobacco.

Cancellation of registration, being considered by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), would prohibit use of the chemical on burley and all other types of tobacco produced in Kentucky. Currently farmers rely on MH to control suckers in their tobacco fields, a practice necessary to produce satisfactory yields of high quality tobacco.

Whether or not farmers can continue to use MH is important to Kentucky's economy. Tobacco sales of \$725 million represent about 90% of the annual cash income of tobacco farmers from marketing products and an annual payroll of more than \$175 million from manufacturing in the state.

"If maltic hydrate were not used as a nuclear control agent in Kentucky tobacco production, there would be a 6% reduction in per acre yield, resulting in increased annual costs in the amount of \$18 million to produce the present quota," according to the EPA. "In addition, if a contact (sucker control) chemical were used alone, substantial or hand-applied nuclear control could cost Kentucky farmers at least \$10 million with an added increase of \$1.5 million for chemical disposal. The total cost to Kentucky farmers has been estimated at \$40 million if nuclear control chemicals other than

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The hours of spring may be on winter's traces but, so, their being this past week has waned weak and far away. Mark Twain would have pronounced it had he said, "I have seen different kinds of weather inside twenty-four hours in New England but winter's make it Kentucky. This year has had fewer fakes. Gray days have become darkened into overcast nights while sleet, freezing rain, and snow had to build glaciers in this erstwhile green and pleasing land, reaching low limbs and branches in glittering ice and draping leaves with ever larger icicles. Roads, first coated with rain, have been blanketed with gray drifting snow deep enough to snarl tractors and have prevented even the snow-carefully engineered interstates into certain grasses.

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shrinklike winds fillingly fill the path cut by bulldozers, tractors and graders as specially as ways were cleared. It is as if nature were determined to obliterate manmade markings on the great white canvas. This winter has been a marked contrast to most past winters when no trace of a heavy snow might be apparent after a day or so. This season's snowfall has been harder on our style of living.

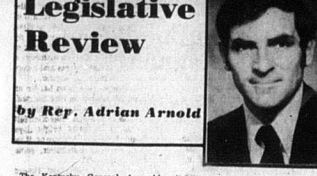
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Legislative Review

by Rep. Adrian Arnold



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The Senate, a resolution (SJR 4) seeking to rescind Kentucky's addition of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) failed in its effort to clear the committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments. The resolution was sponsored by Sen. Richard Weisenberger, D-Mayfield.

Two measures cleared both chambers and are awaiting action by the Governor. House Bill 113 sponsored by Rep. Bobby Richardson, D-Glasgow, would provide for the bonding of county clerks; and House Bill 125, sponsored by Rep. Jim Dunn, D-Pleasure Ridge Park, would exempt candidates for congressional district offices from reporting campaign finances to the registry of election finance.

Several public hearings are scheduled for the week of February 6. The joint hearing on Kentucky, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. will be on the Transportation Department.

On Wednesday the Senate Judiciary-States committee heard a hearing to discuss Senate Bill 119 on product liability and Senate Bill 142 on implied warranty.

Also on Wednesday, the Senate Education committee will hold a public hearing on education, at 9 a.m. in Room 527.

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Aurora borealis display viewed by many Nicholas Countians

Thursday, February 13, 1958
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William Costley was one of the successful applicants who passed the state examination. He will become the third lawyer in the family. Another son, Joe Frank Costley, 64, prior to in the bar two years ago now holds a position in Washington.

Mrs. Nick Smart and her daughter, Miss Lucille Smart, narrowly escaped serious injury or death recently when their automobile was struck by a train at the crossing on Dorney avenue. "A. B. Hopper" Chandler for Senator" club are being and holding, Mr. Carwell said.

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Soil erosion is the great terrain robbery

Letters

To the Carlisle Mercury
In recent issues there have been numerous accolades for the tremendous job done by the county and city highway crews and the postal carrier, which I would add well done. However, this letter is to call your attention to some other people who deserve a hearty round of applause and commendations.

Most people tend to forget, as they look out their windows watching the snow fall, that there are many who still the sick and injured who need care. The doctors, nurses, aides, orderlies, housekeepers, dietary, maintenance, medical records and office workers at the hospital and nursing home are still the medical get to work, and get there they did. The sacrifices endured by most just to get to work is admirable, to say the least. Many would not have made it had it not been for Chief Alan Earlywine, who so reverently brings employees to each shift.

Another group I would like to thank and commend are those that helped shovel snow from the roof of the hospital as a safety precaution. These are: Eddie Shearer, Sam Reynolds, Mike Poppers, Miles Hughes and Tony Myr. To these men, Chief Earlywine, the Doctors and the employees of the Hospital Nursing Home, Thank You for caring.

Sincerely,
Kenneth W. Urdge

To the Carlisle Mercury:
Enclosed is my check to renew my subscription to the Carlisle Mercury. I don't feel I can miss a copy as I have

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by Warren R. Fisher
Additional pages
As someone asked, "Why such a space of your late father's articles in one issue of the Carlisle Mercury?"
Well, my explanation follows:
Friday, Jan. 24, mail service was at another standstill. There was no promise or certainty that columns we purchase or articles from the state and other sources would arrive by Monday, again there is the time element -- we can only see (produce) so much copy on any given day.

from our readers
To the Carlisle Mercury:
I was recently reported that over a million veterans and 1.3 million widows and orphans would receive a 6.5 percent increase in their February pension checks. Actually, only those persons who receive no other income from any other source will receive that increase. The amount of any increase will vary depending upon income received from other sources. Some Veterans Administration beneficiaries will receive no increase at all, while others may receive decreased pension payments for February if income from other sources is increased.

Man bites computer
This may be a first: A group health organization in Cincinnati got rid of the computer. It was using to maintain appointments records when it discovered that humans could do the same job more efficiently.
According to the Wall Street Journal, the computer, managed by four employees, now keep track of manually.

What's the tea?
A week or so ago when it seemed a lot colder than it does now, since the wind chilled us, refrigerators and other consumer products -- instead of War, who not a more concentrated effort in space -- that takes billions and probably does little harm when compared to wars?
To me, it's worth some thought!

Planing the date down
Morrow Cartmill asked me Saturday if I'd had a chance to check on the date the tornado swept through Carlisle in 1929 as reported in an item from Martin Tombeck. My answer was in the negative, but about 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 19, 1929 file book.

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THE OSHA-EQUIPPED COWBOY
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Whitman's CHOCOLATES
Don't forget to send
The better ideas keep coming from your local FORD DEALER
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Legislation on TV

Bill Turner, one of KET's maintenance engineers, makes an adjustment of a microwave transmitter from the dome of the state capitol. KET's evening programs covering the activities of the legislature, "Kentucky General Assembly 1978" are sent from the capitol dome to a Kentucky State Police tower here and KET's "Kentucky General Assembly 1978" continues at 11 p.m. (ET), 10 p.m. (CT).

County allotted \$5,322 for disaster relief

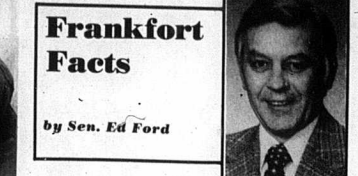
FRANKFORD -- Every county in Kentucky and agencies who have assisted in the recent weather-related emergency will receive a portion of \$2 million allocated by the General Assembly for disaster relief. A Joint Resolution 43 allocating the money, originally introduced Jan. 26, received its final passage last week in the Senate.

Allocations are being made on the basis of a formula used for rural road in ten cents per capita for total county population. This covers \$1,121,801.49 of the allocation. Sen. Tom Garrett (D-Paduach) led the Senate.

Awareness weekend set Feb. 10-11
For the second year, representatives of approximately 30 colleges and universities will be available at Fayette Mall (Lexington) to speak with students, their parents, and counselors opportunities in higher education.



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Frankfort Facts

by Sen. Ed Ford

FRANKFORT -- The Senate concluded its fifth week Friday with more bills moving to the floor as committees begin to gain momentum.

Over in the House, HB 79, which would legalize the sale and distribution of Lactris, the alleged cancer treatment drug, passed 79-14. It has now come up for a vote in about two weeks. I had my first bill passed last week. Senate Bill 191 allows purchase Santa Gertrudis and Beafalo cattle to be included among those paroled eligible for state funding for promotional shows and sales. It passed 34-0.

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