Opinion

Who was right, who was wrong?

It is both hilarious and strange that the General Assembly should pass such a bill as requiring all schools and courtrooms to post the ten commandments. Although the ten rules to live by are a great thing, our government seems to be forever contradicting its own decisions in mock retaliation.

First, let us examine the motives behind such an action. Could it be that enforcement has gotten so bad that they must turn once again to the very issue they have banned from government for so long (some 10-15 years)? Have officials thrown in their towels? Is this a last resort? It would seem they have given up.

What about the schools? Is behavior so bad in classrooms that God is used as blackmail?

Of course, it is good to have religion in one's life but our government said keep it seperate from state. Now they seem to be saying we need it, we were wrong or what else is there?

Watch out for the kids

We've all heard the tune about school being out and how the little monkeys were so delighted that one went east and one went west, flying off in all directions. Once again school is out and after having been shut-up during the long winter children will probably be all the more active and delighted about getting out to play. Remember to drive defensively when kids are playing near traffic. Accidents occur frequently but they sometimes can be avoided if one is alert and watchful while driving.

The Ohio Broadcasting network carried a commercial during recent months that was both crude and shocking. The type that once seen would make one wish they had turned the set off a little sooner. However, the advertisement "drove" home a point. The commercial emphasized the fact that accidents are crude and they are shocking. They happen quickly and can be fatal.

It is sometimes good to keep in mind that it is never known what a child might do while playing (and one usually doesn't). He may cross on a green light or retrieve his new ball from the street. We can know what we are about, however, by driving safely and keeping an eye out to avoid hazardous situations. It could mean a life.

20 and 40 years ago...

New furnace to be installed at courthouse before winter

Thursday, June 12, 1958

H. C. (Pat) Norton, a member of Dougherty Lodge No. 65, F. & A.M. will be honored Friday night at the Lodge's meeting when he will be presented a 50-year membership pin.

In a severe electrical storm which hit Carlisle about 9:00 last Thursday night, several local persons reported that they were slightly shocked.

The Ford R. Philpot Evangelistic Party will lead a revival crusade June 29 through July 13. A big tent seating 1100 will be erected on the Nicholas County High School grounds.

One hundred and fifty-eight years ago this month, on June 2, 1800, Nicholas County was formed and the first order was entered in the county court record book. On the first Monday in June, 1800, a meeting was held at the home of Martin Baker Jr., near Blue Lick Springs, when a document was produced, signed by Governor James Garrard, creating the county of Nicholas out of Bourbon and Mason Counties, naming Mareen Duvall, Cornelius Hall, Eli Metcalfe, John Collier, David Gray, William Thompson Vaughn, Henry Dawson and Martin Baker Jr. as Justices of the Peace for the new county.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Steele of Pittsburg, Pa., a son, Donald John, May 29.

DIED — Joseph Scobee Hall, 68, Monday in Lexington. — Burdridge (Burb) Kirns, 74, Saturday in Lexington.

Thursday, June 17, 1938

A new furnace will be installed in the courthouse before winter, the fiscal court has announced. The present furnace, which has been in use about 25 years, became useless early in the spring.

The blue grass seed crop in Nicholas County was almost a complete failure this year, farmers say, and very little was stripped.

Nicholas County's wheat and rye crop is rapidly ripening and harvesting will be started within the next ten days. The crop in the County is reported light.

Five students from Nicholas County are registered for the first summer term at the University of Kentucky. They are S. T. Barlow, Jr., Mrs. S. T. Barlow Jr., Miss Robbie Harney, Miss Evelyn Brierly and Earl Bowen.

Nicholas Masons to hold services at Old Masons Home at Shelbyville Sunday. The Rev. Estal L. Taylor, pastor of the Carlisle Christian Church will preach the sermon.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley Logan, June 6, a son. — To Mr. and Mrs. Curtis P. Farris, June 6, a daughter. — To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Price of Ashland, a son.

MARRIED — Miss Adriene Gross and Robert Rankin, both of Paris, Saturday. — Miss Gertrude Mae Earlywine and Walter C. Hollar, both of Barterville, Wednesday.

DIED — Edsell Clark, 66, Bourbon County farmer, last Thursday in the Massie Memorial Hospital in Paris.

Senator Dee Huddleston

REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

SMALL BUSINESS AMENDMENT

By the time this column appears, the Senate may have taken up the so-called Small Business Amendment to the labor reform bill. I was proud to cosponsor this amendment because it addresses some of the fears that small businessmen throughout Kentucky have expressed to me regarding this legislation.

This amendment would prohibit the National Labor Relations Board from exercising jurisdiction over more than 75 percent of our nation's establishments and industries and provide coverage only of those larger firms which do not meet existing small business definitions.

Under existing law, some four million businesses are potentially within the statutory jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board. However, the Board historically has not exercised its full jurisdiction. Rather, it has adopted a series of standards for particular industries, under which approximately 3,150,000 of those employers are *not* covered, and only 850,000 are.

This amendment would write those exemptions into the law, and provide a statutory prohibition against any future action by the Board to change its standards in order to extend its jurisdiction to small enterprises currently exempt. According to Department of Labor figures, three out of every four U.S. establishments would be statutorily excluded from NLRB coverage by this amendment, including 88% of all retail establishments; 96% of all auto repair facilities; 90% of all banks, insurance and real estate firms; over 90% of all hotels and motels in the country; 95% of all personal service firms; 99% of all taxi companies and 88% of all newspaper and magazine enterprises.

Further, this amendment directs the General Counsel of the NLRB to appoint ombudsmen in each of the regional offices to provide information and answer inquiries particularly with regard to the rights, obligations and responsibilities of those employers and employees who will be covered by the law. This information will be readily available to anyone who requires it without their having to go to the considerable expense of hiring outside counsel.

Kentucky reflections...

Elkton

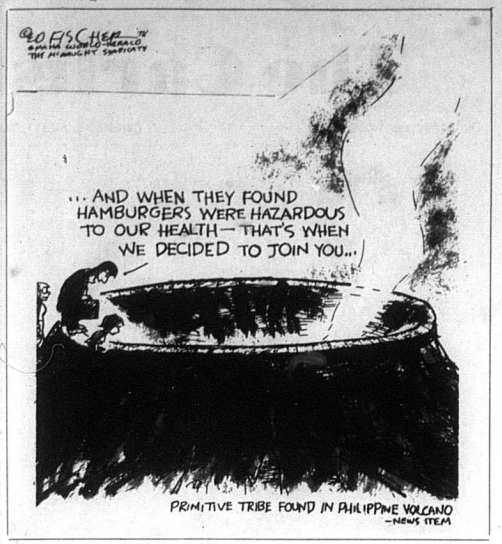
by George Street Boone

The events of the past few weeks have had an upside-down quality remarkable even in these times.

For starters, the Supreme Court decided, in a closely divided opinion, that corporations, those fictional legal creatures, have constitutional rights including freedom of speech. These are rights which were given to real persons long before the idea sprang forth about a corporation being a person. These corporate persons, as conceived by Justice Lewis Powell, once created, like Dr. Frankenstein's creature, apparently are no longer subject to the control of their legislative creators. Legislative attempts to limit the impact of corporations on political affairs, Justice Powell says, is an unconstitutional infrongement of their inalienable constitutional rights. It is interesting that the Supreme Court, substantially Nixon appointees, seem to be extending the affirmative right to impose their ideas of social progress in the way for which conservatives so soundly abused the Warren Court. Does it presage a corporate right against self-incrimination?

In another case, the Supreme Court rejected unequal contribution to pension plans by men and women as an unconstitutional discrimination against women, even while it recognized that women have longer life spans than men and will draw their pensions over longer retirement periods. Perhaps men need to organize on a national basis to advocate forcibly their need for equal treatment, perhaps a National Organization of Men might use the acronym of "Gnome," partly to signify such distorted burdens being placed upon the male sex under the rhetoric of equal protection.

In Kentucky, however, one member of the male sex seems to have been having it very much his own way recently. The expanding disclosures of Kentucky's own expanding air fleet and its uses have come as a surprise to many taxpayers. That these extensive aerial forays by the governor, his family and his staff should be revealed in a taxpaying period may not contribute to the governor's stature. This is true even though Attorney General Robert Stephens says his staff can find no legal objection to the handling of the air fleet at the governor's wish.



Columnist states that governors during past 24 years criticized

by S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT — The present furor over the governor's use of state airplanes for members of his family brings to mind the fact that every governor in the last 24 years has been called to task for his actions.

In his second term Gov. A. B. (Happy) Chandler had his problems with the legislature when major factions of Democrat legislators formed a coalition against him on many important measures brought up at the time.

He was criticized for leasing some state boat docks to some of his political friends and his administration was attacked for getting food from LaGrange for the governor's and lieutenant governor's mansions. This was the procedure the state used for buying the food at that time and continued until the Breathitt administration when a bill was passed to set up a food account in the finance department for the two homes and appropriations were made.

Gov. Bert T. Combs followed Chandler and the big scandal of his administration was the controversial truck deal. The State Highway Department purchased a number of used trucks, some in deplorable condition. It turned out that the state paid the exact price for the trucks that would meet a mortgage at a bank in Louisville for a Louisville automobile firm.

Governor Edward T. Breathitt had no full blown scandal during his term, but his big cross to bear was that he failed to make political decisions in his first half of his term, and his supporters were complaining. He just didn't like to say no to friends, and consequently people expected favors that were never delivered.

Gov. Louie B. Nunn, the first Republican governor in 34 years, had a very hard time over patronage. The personnel manager in the highway department fired a large number of highway employees that were under the merit system that had been installed during Gov. Bert T. Combs' administration.

Cases went to court and many employees were reinstated with back pay, and this cost the state a large amount of money. If there were a redeeming feature of this particular political battle, it was that the merit system was firmly established.

While there was no scandal about airplanes in Nunn's administration, one newspaper reporter, the Capitol had his as his assignment the job of reporting every trip that Nunn made on a state plane.

Governor Wendell Ford's problem, if he really had one, was his deals with friends in letting some state contracts without bids, and the purchase of land that was later turned over to an Owensboro gun club for $1 a year rental. However, Ford took his lumps without complaining and nothing ever materialized to cause a scandal.

Carroll's problems began early after the first year of his elected term.

First there was the controversial James E. Pepper Warehouse lease in Lexington. The state had negotiated a lease without advertising for bids, and the price of the lease was outrageous in the eyes of the taxpayers.

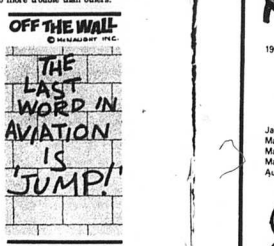
His next major problem arose over the controversial plan to let a group of local financiers and builders construct a library building here for the state with a lease agreement which would amortize the cost for the builders in less than five years. The state would have continued to pay rent on the building.

Both of these leases were cancelled by the governor after they were revealed by the news media.

Next year is a gubernatorial election year, and these things in the Carroll administration certainly will be issues in the campaign.

The 1980 legislature will deal with use of state planes and other facilities.

Every governor gets his lumps somewhere along the line, but some get into more trouble than others.



Mercury Vapors

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Never do today what you can put off til tomorrow

That must be my present motto! Somehow or other I seem to have gotten behind with everything I do or attempt to do, when just a few short weeks ago I thought I was so far ahead. Now whether I like it or not, we'll either catchup by quitting time Tuesday (today) or there will be no Mercury this week.

— MV —

A rose by another name

Sunday morning just outside the Presbyterian Church my nose did a double-take, I thought I was in a bed of nasturtiums (better known as nose twisters) but these little flowers can hold no candle to the full blown hawthorn blossom. Trees were unmindful of their rank odor. The dictionary stated, small, roselike fragrant flowers. The nectar must be good for honey, how else could the bee stand their odour?

We spoke to several of the odor, but they, smokers all couldn't detect a thing — later we found the wind had to be just right — and to make doubly certain we broke a small bunch of blossoms to which we applied the nose test well away from the church building. There was no mistaking that rank dead fish smell. Hopefully their blooming season will be short lived.

— MV —

Why should I?

In 60-point type a statement across the face of large envelope declared, "Why you should buy a (name brand) 16-bit computer". Well, I haven't had time to find out why I should buy their 16-bit computer, but I can tell 'em now, they'll have to prove to me where the advantage lies. If it will do work for me, like the CompuWriter, then maybe I should have one, but just to play games with on a tv screen, no thank you!

— MV —

We saw in the papers

That most people, particularly those in Washington have lost sight of what a billion dollars is. To put it in prospective: One billion seconds ago, the first atomic bomb had not been exploded. One billion minutes ago, Christ was still on earth. One billion hours ago, men were still living in caves. Yet, one billion dollars ago (in terms of government spending) was yesterday.

Volunteers awarded

These women were presented with plaques for serving over 55 hours of volunteer work in the Head Start program in Nicholas County. They are: Beverly Irvin, Linda Sparks, Bonnie Willoughby, Anna Pearl Sapp, and Judy Crawford. — Jim Smith photo.

Moorefield Homemakers meet at Country Club

The Moorefield Homemakers met at Carnico Country Club for the June meeting with Mrs. Rusty Lawrence and Mrs. James Hamm as co-hostesses. Eighteen members and Mrs. Wilson, our home agent were present.

Mrs. Elgin T. Clark, president presided.

Mrs. Hamm read the minutes in the absence of Mrs. Mike Jones. Landscape notes were given by Mrs. Angus Jacobs.

The area meeting will be held in Nicholas County this year on October 16. Our club and Sunnyside club are responsible for decorations. We will hear much more about this later.

A trip was planned for June 13 to go to Shakertown. We hope many will plan to go.

A family picnic will be held at Blue Licks State Park on Friday, July 7, at 6:30.

Hostesses, project leaders and devotional leaders volunteered for next year, thus completing the calendars. Some committee chairmen gave reports.

Mrs. Harvey Wilson gave the lesson "Selection of Fabric and Fitting Patterns".

Mrs. Jimmy Conrad led us in several games.

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Hospital notes

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Discharges: John T. Workman, Mayme Crouch, Nettie Marshall, Jean Gilkison, Albert L. Ritchie, Pearl Shepherd, Alvin Edward Mitchell, Calvin Minton, Patricia Tucker and Baby Boy Tucker, Mildred Hunt, Brenda Jolly, Wanda Gaunce, Connie Cartmill, Cordie Hamilton, Aquiller B. Jolly, Everett Smoot, Carlisle; Kenneth Robertson, Sailtick; Binda Compton, Melissa Helton, John Crouch, Sharpsburg; Patricia Neaves, Ewing; Clarence Bradley, Mt. Olivet; Opal Snapp, Cynthiana.

Airman Woosley is award member

PERU, Ind. — Senior Airman Edward D. Woosley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Woosley of Route 3, Carlisle, is a member of an organization that has earned the U. S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Airman Woosley is a plumbing specialist at Grissom AFB, Ind., with the 305th Air Refueling Wing which was cited for meritorious service from July 1, 1975 to June 30, 1977.

The airman, a 1972 graduate of Nicholas County High School, attended Central Kentucky State Vocational Technical School, Lexington.

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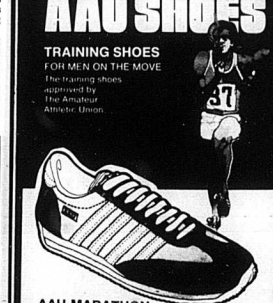

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