

Bombshell of sorts

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 prove harmful in the 1979 race to Mr. McBrayer.
 Back to the lieutenant governor spot in next year's race, we find Martha Lane Collins, who was elected Clerk of the Court of Appeals last time as a contender, and a strong one at that. Also making a try is Jim Vernon who resigned as commissioner of public relations. Others might get into the field.

Another strong factor in the administration's family pact is the resignation of Robert Bell as head of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection after Gov. Carroll openly criticized him in a Washington meeting about mining regulations, strong ones, he had drawn for legislation to meet federal requirements. Mr. Bell's proposed regulation in some instances were tougher than the proposed federal. Embroiled in this is a long-standing feud between Mr. Bell and Democrat Party Head Sonny Hunt. Mr. Hunt is said to have been seeking favors for coal operators and Mr. Bell wouldn't back down from his strong position. Over on the Republican side, State Rep. Raymond Overstreet is the only announced candidate, but now canvassing the state in former State Senator Larry White of Bowling Green. Senator Ray Hopkins of Lexington is taking a strong look at the post, and the Lexington Senator may be among the top, but he hasn't had the chance to work as Senator White has.

I keep hearing mention that former Gov. Louie B. Nunn may make another



White House flag flies again

Gary Saltee, a senior at Nicholas County High School, and a student in one of Danny Tackett's United States History classes, is proudly displaying the flag, which flies at the high school.

Grain and wheat set-aside program sign-up until May 1

Nicholas County farmers can sign up for the 1978 feed grain and wheat set-aside program until May 1, according to Anita L. Conner, an official of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation in Nicholas County. Set-aside requirements are 10 per cent for feed grains and 20 per cent for wheat.

"Participation in the program is voluntary," Ms. Conner said. All farmers planting feed grain and/or wheat are eligible to participate in the voluntary program. Farmers who sign up will be eligible for price support loans, target price and disaster payments for barley, corn, grain sorghum or wheat on the participating farm, and eligible for loans on any other normal crop acreage (NCA) grown on the farm.

The ASC official said both set-aside and the grain reserve program are tools that farmers can use to help raise grain prices. "By participating in the set-aside program, they help cut the oversupplies that are currently holding down prices. By putting their grain in the reserve program, they will remove excess supplies from the market until farm prices rise."

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Pageant winners
 Winners in the Kentucky State Dairy Princess Pageant from left are Mollie B. Craig, Shelbyville, runner-up, outgoing Kentucky State Dairy Princess Sandra Lou Stark, Murray; the new princess Gina Beth Glover, Glasgow, who was also the speech contest winner; and winner of the Congeniality award, Regina Kay Adams of Crab Orchard.

Miss Glover named new Kentucky Dairy Princess

An 18-year-old blonde from Glasgow, Gina Beth Glover, has been named Kentucky State Dairy Princess for 1978. She won the title over a group of finalists, representing ten regions of Kentucky, at the American Dairy Association annual meeting held in Louisville Feb. 20.

Runner-up, and alternate dairy princess, is Mollie Belle Craig, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Thomas Craig, Shelbyville. She is a freshman at David Lipscomb College in Nashville. Miss Glover was also the speech contest winner. The Congeniality award went to Regina Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Adams of Crab Orchard. A graduate of Barren County High School, Gina Glover is a freshman at the University of Kentucky. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Glover, she lives on a 25-acre dairy farm. The family raises and shows registered cattle. An honor graduate from high school, Gina was active in Future Homemakers of America, was a four-

Union destruction could be result of contract dispute

There are some level-headed members of the United Mine Workers Union who see the present contract dispute as an event that may lead to the destruction of their union.

These seem to be the ones who want to return to the bargaining table under provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act. They remember how it worked twice in the 1940s. President Harry Truman invoked it and the majority of the miners returned to their job. President Truman flew the U. S. flag over the coal mines and the government in effect ordered the mines with the owners and operators as agents of the government.

The UMWA won some of its biggest advances under this arrangement. The contract called for the first step to setting up the UMWA health and welfare fund. The contract called for five cents per ton to be paid by the operators into this health and welfare fund. Their next contract got them 10 cents per ton, the next went to 20 then to 40 and up to where it is more than \$1.00 per ton now.

This was not reduced under the proposed contract the UMWA members turned down. The difference is their fund is almost bankrupt now, and the proposed contract calls for the miners to pay the first part of their medical expenses just as retired members of Social Security are required to do so. There is also a penalty against wildcat strike leaders provided for in the proposed pact. Mine workers resent this.

Yet, there are some UMWA members who say their contract is not as good as the one, especially in benefits provided under the Southern Labor Union contract with Duke Power at its High Spill mine in Harlan County. Oddly enough, this comes from a miner at the Brookside mine of Duke Power in Harlan County. Just a few short miles from High Spill.

Remember, Brookside is where the miners stayed for far more than a year before they won a new contract. They broke away from the Southern Labor Union. Now, some admit they're in worse shape.

Militant UMWA miners in Eastern Kentucky have shut down all mines in Floyd and Pike County as well as many mines in other parts of Kentucky. They have dumped coal along highways in Central Kentucky in their fight to shut off the supply of coal to the nation. Strange as it may seem, few arrests and little punishment has been meted out to these roving men of destruction and disruption.

Miners from West Virginia have invaded nearby Eastern Kentucky on destructive forays with impunity. They ran back across the state line.

On television we watch miners in Ohio wreak destructive havoc at a non-union mine while county officers watched from a nearby road and made no attempt to make arrests or to stop the destruction.

One miner blamed the present plight of the union on the fact that it has turned democratic with autonomy of presidents and field workers, and ran the union as he pleased. One miner said this past weekend that this is what the union needs today.

The UMWA isn't winning public support with its tactics. In fact, it is losing more day by day.

The average citizen knows that his electric bill is going to be higher with a new union contract. He also knows the price of steel will increase as well as automobiles and everything else that contains some steel. It's the beginning of another spiral of inflation.

As one UMWA member warned, this just might be the incident that destroys the UMWA. Many miners want to return to work, but they fear bodily harm and destruction of their property by the militants.

The UMWA is heading toward a situation that has the potentiality of making the Southern Labor Union or the Progressive Mine Workers Union the dominant organized labor group in the coal industry.

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