

# Opinion

## How to express your opinion

Politicians and representatives in today's government seem so far removed from the average citizen's world that we sometimes feel our voice, complaints and opinions fall on deaf ears or we aren't being heard. Although this may be true of some minorities, in most cases our politicians do try to give the people they represent what they want and expect because they depend on these same people for support and votes. They have a job to do and we do to retain their position. They must represent the people. But how does the average Joe express his opinion to someone way up on Capitol Hill? How does the average person know what he says is being heard? Well, we all have heard an

## When's an assessment not a tax?

The Bath County News Outlook is about as quick as it takes for a careless motorist to toss an empty can into the window of his car, the Kentucky legislature passed the bill on May 23. It is supposed to be a measure toward cleaning up the environment by taxing some products and distributors of those products. Some of the products are plastic, rubber, paper and glass. The law requires that the state hire people to pick up litter along the highways, the installation of litter receptacles to educate people on litter prevention. The bill levies a 3-cent per gallon tax on gasoline. Newspapers, for instance, must pay on its circulation receipts. Other producers of "litter" pay a like rate. The legislation slipped through like it was grass, despite its obvious discriminatory nature. It singles out certain industries and products, while

## Kentucky reflections...

Securities of American corporations, large and small, are disclosing for the first time this year details of executive salaries, personal use of corporate assets and financial and medical services provided to high-ranking company officials and their families. Perquisites, or perks, as they are called, have been offered routinely for decades by companies to reward and motivate executives. Abuse has become mainstream in recent years, according to some critics, and government regulators have intensified their scrutiny of these benefits, and fraud charges have been brought by the Federal Securities and Exchange Commission against (largely) violators of the perk system. It is reported that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has rewritten sections of its audit handbook, directing agents to examine more carefully travel and entertainment expenses, as well as the use of corporate aircraft. Even President Carter has gotten into the act with his criticism of the three-marital business lunch. It is interesting that in this national climate of rectitude, Kentucky is confronted with a question of such

## Sensing the News

THE SOURCE OF INFLATION by Anthony Harrigan Pay attention to what the Carter administration is doing, not what it's saying. The administration's statements on the inflation issue are the right ones. For instance, Charles L. Schultze, chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, recently told the National Press Club: "There is simply no way that the inflation problem can be maintained unless inflation is brought under better control as it is." The Carter administration's actions are highly inflationary. It proposes and has authorized a substantial spending program that is the chief cause of inflation. President Carter may feel some of the American people on the inflation issue, but he won't be fooled. The worldwide lack of confidence in the U. S. dollar is a reflection of a global judgment that the Carter administration will persist with its inflationary spending program. George S. Moore, honorary chairman of the Tennessee Valley Bancorp., recently disclosed that the decline of the dollar and world attitudes in a talk to the Rotary Club of Nashville. He said that the U. S. dollar should be, and could be, the strongest currency

## Supreme Court decision and Social Security law of much concern many people

by S. C. Van Curen FRANKFORT — A landmark U. S. Supreme Court decision on the 1977 Social Security law passed by Congress is of concern to many people approaching retirement age. While the 1977 Social Security legislation upped the amount of assessment on all covered employees and increased the amount of salary on which they pay, it also required that the government prevent "double dipping" in retirement funds of husband and wife who are covered under the Social Security and Social Security. Last week Congress announced, to the dismay of many employees and high salaried employees, that the higher tax rates levied for the next few years will not be lowered by this act. The Supreme Court decision said that a husband could draw payments on the Social Security in as long as he met the requirements and half of his wife's income depended upon his wife's income. Social Security payments would not be reduced if the husband was retired. Wives always have been eligible for Social Security in the half the amount her husband received upon retirement, provided she was 65 at the time the payments start. The monthly Social Security check for each year she is younger than 65, the same would be reduced to 50 percent of the earned retirement benefit. This is the way Charles F. Shuler, assistant manager of the U. S. Social Security Administration in Frankfort, explained last week. The Supreme Court decision is the same way Charles F. Shuler, assistant manager of the U. S. Social Security Administration in Frankfort, explained last week. The Supreme Court decision is the same way Charles F. Shuler, assistant manager of the U. S. Social Security Administration in Frankfort, explained last week. The Supreme Court decision is the same way Charles F. Shuler, assistant manager of the U. S. Social Security Administration in Frankfort, explained last week.

## VFW, Legion to jointly hold Memorial Day program; strawberry crop almost a failure

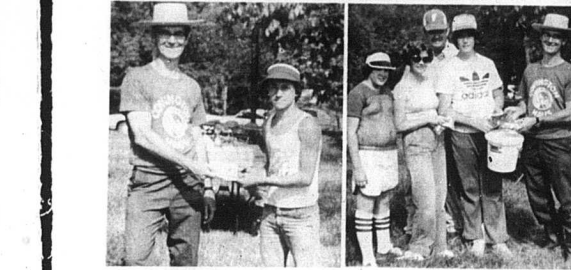
Thursday, May 25, 1978 The Memorial Day program for May 30, will be jointly sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and will begin with a parade leaving the National Guard Armory on East Main at 1:30 p.m. The parade will be led by the band of the Salts and Rose Hill Methodist Churches, and Oral Hill and W. S. Currence, delegates to the Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist Church at Albany College, Wilmore, June 10-13. The first show of art preceding the parade is the erection of a paragon on the Christian Church lot on Synanor Hill was made Monday. The Memorial Day program for May 30, will be jointly sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and will begin with a parade leaving the National Guard Armory on East Main at 1:30 p.m. The parade will be led by the band of the Salts and Rose Hill Methodist Churches, and Oral Hill and W. S. Currence, delegates to the Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist Church at Albany College, Wilmore, June 10-13. The first show of art preceding the parade is the erection of a paragon on the Christian Church lot on Synanor Hill was made Monday. The Memorial Day program for May 30, will be jointly sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion and will begin with a parade leaving the National Guard Armory on East Main at 1:30 p.m. The parade will be led by the band of the Salts and Rose Hill Methodist Churches, and Oral Hill and W. S. Currence, delegates to the Kentucky Annual Conference of the Methodist Church at Albany College, Wilmore, June 10-13. The first show of art preceding the parade is the erection of a paragon on the Christian Church lot on Synanor Hill was made Monday.

## Mercury vapors

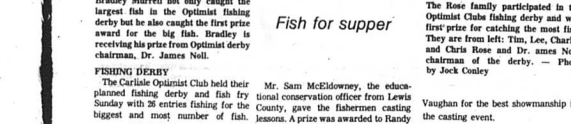
by Warren R. Fisher On being first Tuesday morning at 7 o'clock I remembered to stop at the Courthouse, and upon entering Mayor's Office precinct found I had the distinction of being first to cast a vote in that particular precinct this time. They give by service to the fight against inflation, but they fuel inflation by proposing increased aid to cities and other programs that cost billions of dollars. The world takes note of these irresponsible proposals and acts accordingly. As Mr. Moore explained, "Foreigners and many Americans are selling dollars and will be on selling dollars until a change takes place. We have something we'd like to give away provided the party or parties accepting the gift will tote the monster away post haste. It's a chunk of marble or granite four feet by five feet by two and one-eighth inches in thickness. Its surface or the side that is turned up perhaps a little bit has been covered by the years it has been a fixture in the Mercury office mess. And if it could talk, there's many a game of galloping dominoes to relate, dominoes to relate. Last what use the stone could be put would, of course, be to the party that might want it. We'll also include in this general offer the coffee, the salt, the pepper, the mustard. We like to think that it is in the way out and we need the space, but should we not get our roof leak fixed it may float out the back door. We erected one of the letters to the Mercury published last week was signed we learned that the U. S. dollar should be, and could be, the strongest currency



Fish fixin's Ben Pumphrey, Optimist Club president, prepares to cook up the 22-lb. fish he caught Saturday at the Optimist Club's fishing derby. (Photo by Jack Conley)



Fish for supper Harold Poinel, Jr., is injured fatally, and his wife, Loree Wilcox Poinel, suffered a fractured skull and other injuries when the automobile in which they were returning to their home at Morefield overturned and plunged down an embankment on the Morefield Road on Monday night. Statist for Nicholas County show that 123 persons are unemployed because of the crash. (Photo by Jack Conley)



Fishing derby The Carlisle Optimist Club held their 1978 annual fishing derby and fish fry Tuesday with 26 entries fishing for the biggest and most number of fish. (Photo by Jack Conley)



## HOME IMPROVEMENT CHECKLIST??

When you won't want to forget one important detail. Insulation. Even though your home probably had enough weatherproofing when it was built, good weatherproofing will keep your family comfortable and your electric bills down. You can't lose by checking your present insulation. Maybe you'll find you need to increase the amount above the levels used a few years ago... especially with today's higher fuel costs. A fully insulated home can be heated and cooled for as much as 50 percent less than that isn't. You'll not only save money, but you'll also be helping conserve our energy supply. Tailored the way you like... Ease into Summer in Fashion Co-ordinated Slacks - 100% Polyester in Summer Colors SOLIDS & FANCIES \$12.00

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