

# Opinion

## Good sense?

The recent hearings on the Falmouth Dam project have shown that although the project is not dead, it is a long way from reality.

Which seems to us to reflect the attitude of many of the dam's supporters. A look at this week's Down Memory Lane shows that 40 years ago the project was drawing head-lines. For most of those 40 years the intended purpose of the dam was to provide flood control protection along the Licking Valley.

Now the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers says that Cave Run Lake has eliminated the need for flood control and the project can only be justified in terms of recreation.

The way inflation is eroding at every family's income it seems likely that by the time such a dam and reservoir is ever built no one will be able to afford gasoline to power motorboats over the 110-mile lake. But what mysteries us is that the dam's

supporters have never really considered the idea of a floodwall in Falmouth to protect that city from high water from the South Licking River the source of the last big flood at Falmouth in 1964.

All at that time opponents of the dam said, and proved, that the damaging waters on the Main Licking would ever protect Falmouth from its sister stream.

Nevertheless, the dam's supporters, who seem to have dollar signs clouding their eyes, still hold firm to the belief that a dam on the Main Licking will help avoid future flooding in that area. Evidently it is just a matter of coincidence that a 110-mile lake will result from these precautionary measures, flooding forever the homes of almost 500 families.

Common sense tells us that people in the

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## Down Memory Lane

### Elder accepted to academy; school enrollment decreases

Thursday, September 10, 1959

T/Sgt. and Mrs. Charles A. Gates and daughters, Lockbourne AFB, Columbus, Ohio are spending a 30-day leave with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gilmore and other relatives, before he reports for a 3-year tour of duty in Japan.

Rainfall from noon Sept. 1 to noon Sept. 2 was 25 inches. The cumulative precipitation from noon Sept. 1 to noon Sept. 8 was 25 inches.

City council Monday night authorized Oliver K. Vice for chief, to reorganize the Carlisle fire department on a more permanent basis with a paid organization consisting of 12 persons.

John T. Elder, son of Mrs. Warren Fisher, has been accepted by Augusta Military Academy, Fort Defiance, Va., for the coming school year which opens Sept. 16.

BORN - To Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Smart of Paris, Sept. 5, a daughter Catherine at Bourbon County Hospital - To Mr. and Mrs. John Stone, Sept. 7, a daughter, Judy Kaye at Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED - Miss Freda Greene and Albert Bailey, at the Carlisle Methodist parsonage, Sept. 5.

Thursday, September 7, 1939

Possible future inundation of seven villages, thousands of acres of fertile farm lands and several miles of highway is shown by a map of the proposed Falmouth Reservoir Project. If the proposed dam is constructed at a point near Falmouth, as planned, it would form a lake extending from Falmouth to Farmers in Rowan County.

Sheriff L. B. Barton Saturday was named chairman for the Democratic ticket in Nicholas County for the November election.

The Carlisle school opened with 415 pupils, a decrease of two from the previous year.

At least 75 percent of the tobacco crop in the county is raised.

BORN - To Mr. and Mrs. James Harper, a daughter on Monday.

MARRIED - Miss Mildred E. Curtis of Walton and Carl R. Mastin of Millersburg, Saturday - Miss Lela Belle Boots and Stanley Green in Flemingsburg, Saturday afternoon - Miss Virginia R. Scarnamans and Williams R. Stone, Saturday.

DIED - Davis J. Jolly, 76, at his home near Flemingsburg - Mrs. Mary McMillen, 71, at her home in Harrison County, Miss. Lela J. Spang, 54, Saturday night at her home in Nicholas County.

## Tobacco industry entering its most critical decade

By Bennett Roach  
The burley tobacco economy is entering the most critical decade of the century for its survival, directors of the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association were told at a meeting this week in Lexington, Ky.

Despite recent reports last year of the burley share in foreign and home markets, the industry is expected to be in a state of emergency by the end of the decade, according to the burley crop and Frank M. Snodgrass, vice president and managing director of the Burley and Dark Leaf Tobacco Export Association, Washington, D.C.

Snodgrass said he was "extremely concerned about the future of our export market," due to the fact that U.S. tobacco being used in cigarettes, this he added, is compounded by increased imports of foreign-grown tobacco.

Declaring leaf producer's problems are "largely price-related," Snodgrass said, "the price of U.S. tobacco has grown too far out of line with its world competitors. Under the U.S. tobacco has grown too far out of line with its world competition. Under the U.S. price umbrella, competing supplies are expanding in quantity and improving in quality. American tobacco's export and domestic market shares are being steadily eroded."

Signs that foreign manufacturers have reached the "saturation point" in use of substitutes for U.S. burley.

Benefits under the Multilateral Trade Negotiations recently completed after six years of conferences.

The trade treaty, already approved by the U.S., awaits formal acceptance by the other participating countries. It holds bright promise for American agriculture, and tobacco will be a chief beneficiary, said Snodgrass, with large tariff reductions on leaf exports to major foreign market countries.

In Egypt arrangements were worked out for supplying more U.S. tobacco and manufacturing equipment, to further their increase sales of U.S. burley and tobacco.

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production is highly labor-intensive, there is excellent opportunity for growers to reap a nice return on the investment of sweat and labor.

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## Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Only the name's have been changed. 'Not so necessary to protect the innocent' as I would say, seldom does an issue of the Mercury come to me on the back of a postcard and what the individual did was perusing the church bulletin when a typo in his last name was interesting to Alan Zepher, who was in the South. Lily was having back trouble. Visiting John the asked who was best to call to consult. As an old German who spoke broken Eng. He advised a chiropractor, Lily said you must attempt? He said, 'No, I don't understand signs stacked to chiropractors in U.S. they have their place, which an osteopath cannot fill. Lily went to chiropractor and he did the trick. As my cousin says, "I submit this for your consideration. If things don't get any better I may be looking up on."

There's just a little sensation in the back that things are not altogether perfect. I still must remember to stop or squig and not send. And I don't think I'll ever forget what happened that morning when I didn't get my rock on. If I hadn't been for Lester Snapp and Roy Gause, I suppose I'd be clinging to the door jam. Nor do I think I'll soon forget the four days that followed, when they couldn't get my back, underwent and shorts off. I did allow my trousers to be removed. Nice of me, wasn't it? Hospital gown have been very lenient since.

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## Proclaims Hunting and Fishing Day

Gov. Julian M. Carroll, appearing as a special guest at a state fair taping of the Kentucky Afield television program, made official Kentucky's participation in National Hunting and Fishing Day on Sept. 22. As the Afield's host Hope D. Carlston, second from left, Commissioner Carl E. Kays of the fish and wildlife department and Judge R. Lester Mullins, League of Kentucky Sportsmen president, also announced a reassignment of interest in fish and game fund monies which will make additional financing available for fish and wildlife programs in Kentucky.

## Hunting-Fishing Day named

Gov. Julian M. Carroll has signed a proclamation declaring Kentucky's official observance of Sunday, Sept. 22, as National Hunting and Fishing Day. The signing took place on the

## Muzzle loaders meet

The first meeting of the Brushy Fork Muzzleloading Club was held Wednesday, Aug. 15 at the Jaycees clubhouse in Carlisle.

The following officers were elected: W.S. Alexander, Jr., president; Billy Pat Broders, vice-president; Mike Hillier, secretary; Lester C. McFarland, range officer; Bobby Fay, Jeff Becker, Jimmy Berry, Billy Pat Broders and W.S. Alexander, Jr.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Jaycees clubhouse. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the club is invited to attend this meeting. For more information contact W.S. Alexander, Jr., president.

## Liquor licenses increased

The state Alcoholic Beverage Control Board has increased the quotas of retail drink liquor licenses and retail package liquor licenses in several Kentucky counties.

On Aug. 22 order, the board raised the number of retail drink licenses from 24 to 28 in Christian County, from 19 to 20 in Madison County, from 19 to 22 in Perry County and from 25 to 26 in Warren County.

In a separate order, the board raised the number of retail package licenses in the counties are Boone - 17, Bourbon - 6, Bracken (Augusta) - 3, Campbell - 34, Christian - 28, Clark - 10, Davies 34, Fayette - 78, Franklin - 15, Henderson - 13, Jefferson - 7, 284, Kenton - 47, McCracken - 20, Madison (Richmond) - 26, Perry - 12 and Bardonia - 26, Perry - 12 and Warren (Bowling Green) - 26.

Those counties with package licenses and the number of licenses in the counties are Anderson - 3, Boone - 18, Bourbon - 6, Bracken - 6, Bullitt - 15, Campbell - 34, Carroll - 3, Christian - 30, Clark - 10, Davison - 26, Fayette - 18, Franklin - 11, Fulton - 4, Gallatin - 1, Harlan - 11, Harrison - 4, Henderson - 13, Henry - 4, Jefferson - 246, Jessamine - 9, Kenton - 47, Lewis - 3, McCracken - 23, Madison - 20, Martin - 6, Mason - 7, Meade - 9, Montgomery - 5, Nelson - 7, Pendleton - 4, Perry - 15, Shelby - 8, Union - 7, Warren - 26, Washington - 4 and Woodford - 7.

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## Agree or Not Courts to change again?

By S.C. Van Curen  
Kentucky's new four-tier court system, that became effective January 1, 1978, after paying for itself, still faces some growing pains and frustrations.

A change in the dual prosecutorial system, county attorney commonwealth attorney, is proposed by a bill drafted for the 1980 legislative session by Rep. Harold DeMarcus R. Stanford.

DeMarcus's bill would eliminate the office of commonwealth attorney and make the county attorney a full-time prosecutor through district and circuit courts. County attorneys would be paid by the state at a salary equal to circuit judges, \$45,000 per year.

The counties would be required to provide office space and supporting costs.

Proponents of the theory say such a system would provide a smoother and more efficient prosecutorial system, because the county attorney would be with the case from 90 to 100 percent in district court and carry through circuit court when indictments are handed down to grand juries in criminal cases. It also would be more economical since the office of commonwealth attorney would be eliminated.

District courts, under the new system, replaced magisterial city and county courts. Kentucky's old system was designed for the horse-and-buggy days for the convenience of the populace. That system, while convenient at the time, was subject to political maneuvering and friendship influence. Also, no legal training was required to hold these inferior court judgeships.

While DeMarcus's bill is a start in the right direction, some legal experts say it won't solve the problem as well as it could in their view.

There are 87 judicial circuits in Kentucky, but there are only 56 Commonwealth attorney positions to handle these courts. However, assistant attorneys are permitted to handle the case loads.

On the other hand, there are 120 county attorneys one in each county, and this would be too many in the

sparsely settled counties where a judicial circuit encompasses as many as four counties. Under this theory, there would be too many prosecutors in these sparsely settled areas and would be overpaid for the work they would do since all county attorneys receive the same salary under new legislation. They average about \$30,000 per year and there is an escalation clause, tied to the cost of living, that will in the future have them making more than Supreme Court judges unless legislation is passed to remedy the other court salary schedules.

Costs of operating the courts is one of the problems DeMarcus seems to want to remedy.

Another area not seeming to be covered in the DeMarcus proposal is whether the county attorneys will be required to advise fiscal court and handle civil cases filed against the county.

County attorneys, as well as most commonwealth attorneys are now permitted to practice civil law on the side. Commonwealth attorneys in first and second class city jurisdictions are full time and not permitted private practice.

Some students of the courts visualize some change in the bill, or a combination of the two attorney posts in some areas.

Their theory is to create a full-time prosecutor's post, allow the prosecutor to appoint assistants where required in the sparsely settled areas. County attorneys would be elected in judicial circuit districts and their duties of advising fiscal courts would be eliminated. Fiscal courts would handle their own legal affairs on a retainer basis and thus be paid on a \$30,000 a year for very little work in many small counties.

You can expect this subject to draw a lot of debate during the 1980 General Assembly. You can also bet that county attorneys will be in Frankfort in force trying to preserve their status quo.

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