Opinion

They really work

A favorite pastime in these days of high prices and inflation is to complain about the "government giveways", the social programs that often seem to waste more money than they use efficiently.

Newspaper people are particularly susceptible to this game because of their constant exposure to the government programs and the people that run them.

Perhaps that's why when we see a program that actually provides a service in an efficient manner we hasten to bring it to your attention. And in Nicholas County there are two such programs that not only provide their money's worth but also provide services that help the community. We're speaking of the Nicholas County Community Center and the Nicholas County Senior Citizens Center.

The Nicholas County Community Center, operated by Community Action Lexington-Fayette (CALF), is sponsoring a summer feeding program this year. An average of 50 to 75 youngsters under the age of 18 are being fed at noon five days a week at no charge.

Many of these children have working mothers and their lunch would be, at best, a grab-bag affair. But under the summer feeding program they receive a nutritious meal blessedly devoid of the sugar-saturated junk food that is a staple of many children's diet.

Not only does the Community Center provide this service they have also found a way of doing it cheaper. Instead of catering the meals they prepare them at the center at a savings of 10 to 15 cents per meal. Even though the government reimburses the program in full for each meal served the local CALF staff has found a way to save money, a savings that ultimately will find its way to the taxpayer.

The center also furnishes jobs for several local youngsters during the summer months and has coordinated their transportation service with that of the Senior Citizens Center to provide transportation for the elderly and sick five days a week.

The Senior Citizens Center is no stranger to regular readers of the **Mercury**. Its activities offer an alternative for the older citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County. Three days per week hot meals are served at the center for a nominal fee. Special guests provide crafts instruction and music on a regular basis and, perhaps most important, the center offers its patrons a chance to gather and visit with each other, a chance to dispel that loneliness that so often plagues our later years.

These two programs are not the only successful government programs we've ever seen but they are among the most visible. From the 75 youngsters that gather at the recreation park for a good meal to the 50 or so senior citizens that gather at the center on Locust Street Nicholas Countians are benefiting from a government program. If they were all run like these two that great American game of criticizing the bureaucracy might not be so prevalent.

Agree or Not

Up in the air(planes)

By S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT — The purchase and use of state airplanes by our governors continue to be a controversial issue.

It has been so ever since 1960 when Gov. Bert T. Combs initiated extensive use of planes to travel across the state on state business and to fill speaking engagements in communities.

In the 1950s the state began to build some airports in the smaller cities across the state, and the construction of such facilities became a big adjunct to the industrial development program in the state in the 1960s.

The most recent is the state's lease-purchase agreement for a new S-76 Sikorsky helicopter with a backup motor in case of engine failure. The lease agreement is to cost $12,500 a month over the next two years. Total price of the plane was announced as $1.8 million.

Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. says the plane is ideally suited for state use since it can land in a small area and does not require a large airport as the planes used by other governors have required.

Brown also said the plane is being acquired to aid in the state's industrial development effort, much the same story other governors have used for building airports and buying airplanes to suit their fancy.

Brown made an issue of the number and use of airplanes by the administration of Gov. Julian Carroll. Brown opposed Terry McBrayer for the Democratic nomination for governor. McBrayer was supported by the Carroll administration.

Brown is selling about six of the state's present airplane fleet. During his political campaign he pictured the state's supply of planes as extravagant and unnecessary.

Gov. Edward T. Breathitt continued the use of planes for state business and emphasized their use in his industrial development program.

Republican Gov. Louie B. Nunn did the same thing, but he bought a jet plane since it was about time to trade off the state plane used by Combs and Breathitt.

Nunn got a lot of criticism for this, and one state newspaper made a fetish of reporting every trip the jet made if its reporters could get the information.

Wendell Ford campaigned against Nunn's jet plane. When Ford was elected governor, he promptly cancelled the lease-purchase arrangement for the jet and bought a smaller prop-jet plane.

When Carroll became governor, he traded planes again and got one tailored to his own liking.

Ford was not criticized for cancelling the lease-purchase agreement and throwing thousands of dollars down the drain that could have been used toward the purchase of the plane. However, he did trade the plane and the cost in the transaction has been debatable as a political issue.

What it all seems to boil down to is that each of Kentucky's governors in the past two decades has had a personal preference for the type of plane he wanted to use and for the state to use for its top officials.

Nobody debates the fact that a plane in today's modern world isn't a necessary method of transportation required for state

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Would You Believe...

The average American walks 115,000 miles during his lifetime, according to the American Podiatry Association. This is enough to take a person around the world at the equator nearly five times.

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Scallions are named for Ascalon, Palestine, where European Crusaders first found them.

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Down Memory Lane

Giffin workers get vacation; Tedders milk poisoning victims

Thursday, June 30, 1960

Some 350 employees will go on vacation from Giffin Manufacturing Company July 2-11. This company recently observed its 12th anniversary.

A total of 229 head of livestock was sold Tuesday at the Carlisle Stock Yards.

SP/5 Edward L. Scott is spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Worth W. Scott. Scott has just returned from a 24-month tour of duty on Okinawa.

Merrell Cecil Shrout of Myers left for induction into the Army June 28. Jackie Tincher and Innis B. Feeback will report to Ft. Thomas, Ky., for induction July 5.

186 conservation conscious farmers of Nicholas County spent more than $82,276 in 1959 to put into practice methods to conserve soil and water on their farms. The federal government paid back to them through the Agricultural Conservation Program $41,138 of this on a share-the-cost basis.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Anderson of Madison, Ky., a daughter, June 27. — To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Shearer a daughter, Melissa Jackson, June 28 at Good Samaritan Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Josephine Regina Brennan and Harry Watson Alexander Jr. Saturday in Portsmouth, Va. — Miss Sandra Ann Connell and Donald Charles Curran of Baltimore, Md., Saturday in Paris.

DIED — Marshall Fuller, 75, Friday at the Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Nora Henry Burnaw, 74, Monday at the Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Ida Paris Bowen, 75, Sunday at the Johnson Nursing Home. — A.T. Knox, 82, Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Hospital. — Mrs. Amanda Evans Cameron, 94, Sunday at a nursing home in Hamilton, Ohio. — Glenn D. Barbee, 28, Tuesday in Indianapolis.

Thursday, June 27, 1940

Five members of the family of Conway Tedder of the Cassidy section were brought to the Johnson Memorial Hospital Tuesday night, suffering with poisoning thought to have been caused by acid contaminated milk. The milk which they drank had been placed in an ice box directly under a place which had been soldered.

Employees of leading Carlisle groceries will be given a half day holiday each week during the summer months.

The stock yards which burned last week may be reconstructed if the lot is donated.

Emery Clark and Billy Frey have taken charge of the service station in the Western suburbs, formerly conducted by Floyd Dixon.

Floyd Kerns, native of Carlisle, was elected president of the Flemingsburg Lions Club last week.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Selvage of Carlisle, a daughter on June 13. — To Mr. and Mrs. Sieber Turner on June 24, a daughter.

MARRIED — Mrs. Ira Tory Ramey, 64, and Edward R. Bowen, 73, both of the county Saturday. — Miss Mary Frazier Kimbrough, of Lexington, and George M.Robbins, June 22 in Louisville.

DIED — R.C. Standiford, 72, Friday night. — William Crowe at his home in Grant County, June 19. — Mrs. Sadye Plummer Atchinson, 33, June 20 at Lexington.

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

No complaints

We shouldn't complain

The main reason there shouldn't be a complaint is because our handwriting is very poor, but sometimes we have a devilish time making out the characters in a handwritten auto advertisement and can only hope that in the final result that we publish the correct cars and descriptions. Thus far we haven't had any complaints so hopefully this blurp won't rock the boat.

— MV —

Tear it off, and aren't we glad

A few weeks ago at the K-frame, Lake Carnico, after noting all the boards on the surface of the deck that needed replacement, we suggested to our carpenter that maybe it would be better, if not cheaper, to tear the porch down and pour concrete.

One thing we are certain of now, if it's not better and cheaper, at least the concrete will be safer — even the joists were beginning to rot out.

Exposed wood seemingly has a short life at Carnico, although the stained pine ends of the A-frame seem to be holding their own.

— MV —

Where's? What is Kentucky's insect?

An article from the National Wildlife Federation notes that every state has its official bird and tree; and now is honor insects. Sometimes at Carnico I think the wood bees are our worst enemies!

Of the 18 states that decided to designate an official insect, nine chose the honeybee, that helpful pollinator. Connecticut honors the praying mantis, the gardener's delight, while California went with the yellow and black dogface butterfly.

Kentucky of course goes with the cardinal as the official bird, with the coffee tree holding the official honors.

For a copy of "Official Birds, Mammals, Trees, Flowers, Insects, and Fish of the U.S., Territories, and Possessions," write the National Wildlife Federation, Dept. 10, 1412 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Single copies are free; additional copies are 5 cents each.

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

About the union or anti-union: I am not trying to try to pressure, scare, or most of all threaten anyone in any way into anything because you were given a mind to make up for yourself. You also have a mouth to speak with. So let's use them.

You have your beliefs and I have mine and my belief is we sincerely do not need a union. Thanks for the time.

Wanda McFarland

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I would like it if you all I do not want a union at Blue Grass Industries. I have worked for this company 27 years without one and we sure don't need one now. These people here feel like family to me and they deserve every penny they have got for they have earned it. I'll say one thing: I couldn't be working for a nicer bunch of people. They have never mistreated me any way.

I do not see any way possible that a union could help us. We already have more benefits than a lot of factories. And if a union comes in the first thing we would do would be go on strike, then no checks coming in.

I urge everyone if we want to keep our jobs here at Blue Grass please do not sign a union card. Remember all those union dues we would have to pay and everything else that goes with it. I need my job and I am sure you do too, or else you wouldn't be here. Say no union.

Minnie Rawlings

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I am writing this so everyone should understand why we don't need a union at Blue Grass Industries.

This year alone my family has lost around $1900 by working for a union.

My husband is employed by a company ruined by a union. He was on strike for five weeks. He walked a picket line for $30 a week strike pay. He then returned to work for only one more paid holiday a year. Look at the money that was lost and can never be earned back.

What do people do with no money coming in? You never know how long a strike will last. But do unions care? No! They get their pay right on. They say you get higher wages. If you do, all that does is put you in a higher income bracket. Uncle Sam gets his share, the union gets theirs and you get what is left.

Look, we don't need to pay someone to tell us what to do, just do what you are told and get paid for it. That is what a job is all about. Isn't that a lot better than paying someone to talk for you?

I would rather speak for myself than to pay someone to do it for me. How do you know what they will say behind your back? Will it be for you or against you?

Stop and look at what Blue Grass has to offer. It looks good to me. Thanks Blues Grass for my job.

Sue Mattox

To The Carlisle Mercury:

For the past eight years I have been employed by Blue Grass Industries. I like my job but, obviously there are those of us who do not. These unhappy people are attempting to bring the Food and Commercial Workers Union into our midst.

Several employees, including myself are doing everything we can to keep this organization from invading our company.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens and merchants of Carlisle and surrounding communities for their loyalty and support during this campaign. The signs you have placed in your windows have been an inspiration to all of us.

[Note: Several letters to the editor were received too late to publish this week. Those letters will be printed in next week's paper. Persons sending letters not published this week were Edith Walton, Judy Willoughby, Sharlet Cheek, Wanda Inske, Roy H. Payne, Ann M. Hawkins, Wilma Getts, Margaret Whack, Marlene Sparks, Edith Kerns, Jessie Darrell and Emogene R. Clinkenbeard.]

Union discussed

Once again THANKS, and keep up the good work.

Edward M. Carter

VA grants are available for cars

A Veterans Administration grant of up to $3,800 is available for seriously disabled veterans to purchase an automobile.

VA will pay for specially adapted equipment required to operate a car or similar vehicle safely.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Max Cleland said the program allows VA to make a one time payment of not more than $3,800 toward the purchase of an automobile. This is available to veterans and active duty personnel with service-connected loss, or permanent loss of use of one or both hands or feet, or permanent impairment of vision of both eyes to a prescribed degree.

In addition to the vehicle and adapted equipment, the agency will pay for the repair, replacement or reinstallation of such equipment in subsequent vehicles.

From October 1978 until September 30, 1979, some 1,300 veterans used this benefit at a cost of $5 million.

Eligible veterans may contact their nearest VA regional office or local veterans service organization for information on this benefit.

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Neon lamps were invented in 1911.

U.S. tobacco use shows decline

Despite stable cigarette sales, total U.S. tobacco use in the 1979/80 marketing year will fall below last year's level because of a drop in U.S. leaf exports. However, disappearance is about one-sixth above 1979's short crop, and the July carryover (October 1 for burley and other kinds) will fall sharply from last year's 3.6 billion pounds (1.6 million metric tons).

Cigarette output for the year ending June 30 may fall about one percent below the 707 billion cigarettes produced in 1978/79 because manufacturers reduced inventories. Cigarette consumption remains steady since the larger adult population is offset by reduced per capita use. Cigarette exports continue to gain briskly, so a modest gain in U.S. cigarette output is expected in the second half of 1980. Output of smokeless products (snuff and chewing tobacco) is increasing, but cigar and smoking tobacco production continues below a year earlier.

Unmanufactured tobacco exports for July 1979-April 1980 were 12 percent below a year earlier (farm weight). So shipments for the year ending June 30 will fall short of the 671 million pounds (326,000 tons; 790 million pounds, farm sales weight) of July 1978-June 1979. Several European manufacturers had rebuilt stocks of U.S. tobacco in 1978 but reduced purchases when demand fell and the 1979 U.S. crop was extremely short.

A billion pounds

Based on planned acreage and average yields, the total U.S. tobacco crop could reach 1.9 billion pounds (860,000 tons) in 1980, one-fourth larger than last year. With the nine percent higher support level, prices may average slightly higher than in 1979. Overseas purchases from the 1980 crop could increase from the low level of 1979 if the U.S. crop size reaches the projections and the quality is above average.

Flue-cured tobacco exports in July 1979-April 1980 were below a year earlier. Some European Community destinations substantially reduced imports due to a stock increase the previous year. For the year ending June 30, about 365 million pounds (129,000 tons; 510 million pounds, farm sales weight) will be exported, 18 percent less than 1978/79. Burley exports for the crop year ending September 30 are expected to exceed last year's record level of 86 million pounds (941,000 tons; 121 million pounds, farm sales weight.)

During July 1979-March 1980, tobacco imports were 285 million pounds (declared weight; 129,000 tons) six percent above a year earlier. Imports are mostly cigarette leaf and scrap. U.S. manufacturers' stocks of imported cigarette tobacco on April 1 were four percent above a year earlier, while stocks of foreign-grown cigar tobacco decreased nine percent.

With steady cigarette output, domestic flue-cured use for the year ending June 30 is close to last season's level. But with the smaller exports, total disappearance of flue-cured tobacco will fall eight percent below the 1.18 billion pounds (537,000 tons) of last season. This year's disappearance still exceeds the very low 1979 crop, so the July 1980 carryover of flue-cured will fall below the 2.1 billion pounds (941,000 tons) of a year earlier.

More flue-cured

April planting intentions point to 13 percent more flue-cured acreage than last year. With average growing conditions, the crop could be one-fifth larger than last season. For the new season, total supply (estimated carryover plus the projected 1980 crop) may be up one to two percent. A larger crop this season and prospects for foreign and domestic buying to barely equal last season's level means larger loan receipts and many grade prices near the average of last year. The Crop Production Report to be issued July 11 will include a flue-cured production forecast based on yield surveys conducted about July 1.

Opening dates for the flue-cured auctions will be recommended to USDA on June 27. Sales starting the second half of July are possible. The grower designation provisions remain in effect. To receive price support, growers must plant within the farm acreage allot-

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Another Lincoln

Gov. and Mrs. John Y. Brown Jr. proudly show off their first child, a son named Lincoln George, born June 17 in Lexington. Weighing in at eight pounds, four ounces the child was born shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday, June 17 at the Chandler Medical Center at the University of Kentucky. — State photo.

Global population is now more than four billion, compared with two billion 50 years ago.

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