

# Opinion

## For a few dollars

The Carlisle City Council's decision to require all volunteer firemen to buy a city sticker, whether or not they live or work in the city, resulted in the resignation of almost half the volunteer force last week. And although several new members have been added since then the loss of experienced manpower will hurt the department.

The council's decision was surprising, considering that volunteer firemen who live outside the city limits have been exempted from buying the stickers for several years unless they were otherwise required to.

The reasoning given last week was that the firemen are paid for their efforts and that the city ordinance they are required to purchase the sticker.

Let's see what the firemen earn. They are paid \$115 per month, if they attend the monthly meeting and \$7 per fire. And, as one fireman said last week, "if you tear your clothes at a fire, and that happens so frequently every time, you're out more than \$7 right there."

And what do they give in return for these magnificent toys? Nothing more than

## Down Memory Lane

# Board okays Saturday school; REA lines near completion

Thursday, March 24, 1980  
Due to many requests from parents the Nicholas County Board of Education has approved the operation of schools on Saturday to make up a part of the 10 days of instruction.

The following students from Nicholas County are enrolled at Morehead State College for the second semester: Billy Keene Anderson, Marion Campbell, William Conley, Frank Coopers, Billy Grimes, Robert Henry Kay, Irvin, John Jacob, Harry Shost, Ralph Taylor and Russell Williams.

But the volunteer fireman is not as well off as his full-time brother. He works another job and donates his time to his community. Often the time he spends fighting fire makes him lose money at his regular job, money that \$7 a fire will never replace. He risks his life often and is always on call and ready to drop what he is doing to help his neighbor.

It seems to us that the few dollars the city will receive from any sale of city stickers to volunteer firemen is a great price to pay for the loss of several experienced men. And although there may be more to this situation than meets the eye (some observers say it might be the first step in a concerted effort to establish a joint city-county department) it still seems an ungrateful way to thank men who "volunteer," in every sense of the word, to help a neighbor in need.

Farmers this week are taking advantage of the first favorable weather of the season to sow their seed. The following are the dates of planting:  
C.R. King purchased Tuesday from Turner Thomas the brick business building on West Main Street, occupied by Sexton's Service Station and Grocery, at a private price.  
Construction of REA lines in Nicholas County will be completed within the next three weeks. It is announced that the weather conditions permit a large crew has been at work on the lines for several weeks. The lines are a part of the Farming-Mason Cooperative system.

The WPA project of making maps of all the farms and town lots in Carlisle and Nicholas County has been completed.

MARRIED - Charles Edward Starnes and Miss Evelyn Frances Cooper, both of Portsmouth, Ohio on Sunday, March 17, at the Methodist parsonage.

DIED - Taylor Marland, 68, Robertson, a native, - Samuel L. Poindexter, 63, at his home in Lexington last Thursday, - Mrs. Virginia Rice, 26, Sunday at her home in Cincinnati, - Mrs. Wilson Watson, 27, at his home, Monday in Lexington, - John Henry Smith, 97, at the home of his son, J.K. Smith on Cane Run Road Saturday.

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 1980  
The Republicans County Committee was reorganized. At a meeting last Saturday afternoon, George D. Scott was re-elected chairman, John Henry Smith, secretary, Miss Myrtle Gore was elected chairman of the women's organization, and Mrs. W.R. Kennedy, secretary.

BORN - To Mr. and Mrs. Billy



## Meets Priscilla

Kathy Murrell met Priscilla Presley at a spring hairdressing show at the Convention Center in Cincinnati March 2. Priscilla is the new spokeswoman for Wella Corporation, which markets a line of hair care products. Loretta Sargent and Delmus Murrell also attended the show. - Photo submitted.

## Nicholas County Hospital report

ADMISSIONS: Sallie Morris, Debbie Terrell and baby boy, Clarence Moss, Ouisa Carroll, Everett Fryman, Robert George, Jacqueline Barber, Bertha Seely, Terry Herrington, Orla Fryman, Benjamin Duncan, Wanda Carpenter, Herbert Sneed, Allen Boon, Jesse Caswell, Elizabeth Tapp, Dorothy Hunt, Virginia Hawkins, Mae Adams, Ginger Fryman, Corlaine Sarah Vint, Flemingburg; Alpha Balingrad, M.L. Oliver, Annie Crump, Milersburg; Rhoda Daley and baby girl, Paris; Terry Jolly, Erving.

## Elementary school menu

Thursday, March 21: hamburger, hash, slow, cornbread, ice cream, chocolate or plain milk.  
Friday, March 22: ham, macaroni with cheese, toast, salad, hot rolls, applesauce, chocolate or plain milk.  
Monday, March 24: spaghetti, cheese sauce, lettuce wedge, spice cake, chocolate or plain milk.  
Tuesday, March 25: hamburger on bun, french fries, tomato slice, cookie, chocolate or plain milk.  
Wednesday, March 26: fried chicken, potato salad, corn, bread slice, jelly, chocolate or plain milk.  
Thursday, March 27: chili, meat, green beans, peanut-butter sandwiches, pudding, chocolate or plain milk.  
Friday, March 28: fish, buttered cabbage w/carrots, spaghetti potatoes, cornbread, ice cream, chocolate or plain milk.  
Monday, March 31: luncheon meat sandwich, potato chips, peas, cookie, chocolate or plain milk.  
Tuesday, April 1: hot dog on bun, baked beans, slaw, fruit, chocolate or plain milk.  
Wednesday, April 2: ham sandwich, potato sticks, green beans, cookie, chocolate or plain milk.  
Thursday, April 3: pizza, corn, potato salad, corn, bread slice, jelly, chocolate or plain milk.  
Friday, April 4: turkey w/gravy, macaroni potatoes, broccoli, corn, hot rolls, ice cream, chocolate or plain milk.

## Ford's Footnotes

By Senator Ed Ford  
With less than three weeks of legislative activity left in the session, the Kentucky General Assembly of the Kentucky Senate and House of Representatives have been working into the evening, and committee meetings about the hours prior to the 2 p.m. convening time.

Governor John Y. Brown has revealed his budget for 1981-82 and his campaign theme of economic development was echoed in that document. In addition to two House Bills which would give cities, counties, airport boards and riverport authorities expanded bonding authority for industrial building, the Governor also included in his package other bonding authority to issue up to \$100 million for all sorts of projects, and he added approximately \$10.8 million to the budgets of departments involved in economic development.

With the 12 remaining working legislative days, both chambers will be acting on the bills before them, and working toward a recess to begin on April 2. The recess will give Governor Brown the 10 days allowed to him by the Constitution to take action on the legislation passed by the General Assembly. The General Assembly will then reconvene on April 14 and have two legislative days in which to decide if they want to override any legislation the Governor vetoes.

Legislation addressing the state's complicated and controversial workmen's compensation program has been reviewed by the Governor, and he has endorsed a committee substitute of HB 532 which would mandate a 27 percent reduction in the premiums and permanently a floating cap on payments to permanently partially disabled workers. There is a resolution pending in the House (HR 24) which calls for a \$190,000 two-year study of workmen's compensation, which the Governor has also encouraged.

The Senate has approved a bill which could lead to the creation of coal warehouses in Kentucky. Under the legislation, coal prices are low, coal could be stored until prices rise. As the stored coal is sold, the coal operators who originally owned it would share in

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whatever profit is made. Supporters of the legislation say it would help stabilize the coal industry and allow coal operators to adequately reclaim the land they mine.  
The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources has approved three bills including Senate Bill 266, which calls for a \$3 million to \$6 million hazardous waste management fund. The fund would be created by a fee on toxic waste producers and would be used to clean up abandoned dumps, spills and leaking disposal sites. Another bill in the package, Senate Bill 267, would require companies to register wastes with the state and keep records on the wastes. The bill also would require approval by local governments before a hazardous waste site could be located anywhere in Kentucky.  
Other hazardous waste legislation being considered would allow counties which permit hazardous waste disposal sites to be set up to impose a fee of two percent of the facility's gross revenue and would set up a voluntary waste oil recycling program which would substitute of HB 532 which would mandate a 27 percent reduction in the premiums and permanently a floating cap on payments to permanently partially disabled workers. There is a resolution pending in the House (HR 24) which calls for a \$190,000 two-year study of workmen's compensation, which the Governor has also encouraged.

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## Agree or Not Taxes causing worry

By S. C. Van Curen  
FRANKFORT — Gov. John Young Brown Jr. is still at square one when it comes to securing his program to fund his legislative package through the General Assembly.

Although the governor's legislative package isn't large, his budget still will be almost as expensive as the previous one. He says he will not raise taxes, except to pay for the program.

There is also the matter of extending the income tax to cover days, oil, gas, and other natural resources. Legislators aren't ready to do that either.

Then there is the issue of a new law concerning industrial development and business incentives for Kentucky. Legislators don't like the bank charge program through the governor in these bills to raise revenue bonds and to let minor government bonds, such as development districts, city or county, underwrite these bonds.

The legal part isn't done to many legislative packages and questioning business interests. Although proponents of these bonding bills say they don't violate the rights of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the ultimate responsibility falls on the state and the full faith and credit of the Commonwealth will be behind any bonds issued under legislation such as this proposal.

While the legislature has to have a hard-time budget, careful reading shows there is plenty of money where the governor and his administration want to be.

For example, if the governor's bill program passes, he has the authority to issue \$150 million in road construction and improvement bonds each of the first two years of the biennium.

The Development Cabinet would have the authority to issue \$100 million of bonds each year.

The Department of Public Indenture has \$200 million per month budgeted for interest and promotion for the state. This is in addition to the regular work of drawing Kentucky in its best light.

Brown is asking the legislature to give him all of this power and authority, trusting his ability as a superior salesman to persuade senators for the state in the next few years.

This preparedness program appears on the House and Senate floor Monday with long history, with the simple wording, "Trust

### Mercury vapors

Don't breathe, don't move

Take a deep breath. Take a deep breath, exhale, now hold it steady. That is the brief instruction given in darkness to the two persons holding the file book of the Carlisle Mercury open to page five of the October 13, 1955 issue.

Filters seconds later I suggested to Jeff that they could put the book down as hopefully we had a copy (PMI) of the obituary that appeared on that page.

We had a copy, but it wasn't one of my better reproductions. But I scored himself. The issue had started in a troubling holding the book, just holding her breath. I decided against trying for a better PMI.

Happens every spring. My door bell is talking again! Honest! The other afternoon a woman's voice started me. The better half remarked, does it all the time. Just one side of the conversation was all the DB (door bell) and Cincinnati is in the process of doing so now. The Carlisle franchise has already been given two more six-month extensions, putting it a year behind schedule and my sources say that only 19 or 20 people have tapped on such a system even into partial operation in November.

File-d Department. The Carlisle Fire Department is sporting a new look this week now that about half of the squad has quit in a dispute over whether or not they should purchase city stickers.

Actually it was the members who live outside the city limits that were supposed to buy stickers but others in the department resigned as a show of support.

Some of the members who have quit say the sticker decision was "the straw that broke the camel's back." They cite insurance, expenses for training schools and some officers' desire for a joint city-county department as reasons for the break.

Don't be too alarmed though. The men who have resigned say they "won't let the city burn down" and will respond to a general alarm if requested to.

But some are a little burned at the fact that they had asked for the lock on the first department door to be replaced several months ago and it wasn't done until they quit - and new keys installed.

Predictions Dept. Louisville had just Sunday my NCAA Final Four predictions would have 100 percent - wrong.

The Doctors of Dunk can still make my prediction of a Kentucky team winning the whole ball of wax come true but it wasn't the Kentucky team I was referring to.

I thought the Cats showed admirable poise in coming back against Duke. If there's any ray on Joe B. now it's that he has a little trouble with ACC teams. (Although that is unfair since it was an ACC team, Duke, that his Cats beat to give him his first NCAA title.)

And what about that Fred Cowan? Wasn't he something! All as armchair coaches said he should have guarded Ginniski to begin with but Fred sure ended his season on an upbeat note.

More imports. From Larry Stone's "Mulebergers" in the Louisville City Times: Argus: I saw this special election year menu in a Central City restaurant: "John Connelly" is a milkshake, "Harold Stassen" is luffera, a "Teddy" is a submarine, a "Reagan" is ham, a "Jerry Brown" is anything rare, a "Howard Baker" is shrimp and a "Jimmy Carter" is an order to go.

Joke time. Harry Galbraith passes this one along from his preacher: "Once there was a grumpy man who was never satisfied with anything that he had or anything that happened to him. One morning his wife asked what he wanted for breakfast. Two

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