

# Opinion

## An editor's random thoughts...

(Continued from last week)

By Warren R. Fisher Sr.

We are going back these days, it seems to me, to simpler things; we are turning again longingly to the soil; we are including in our economic planning as never before the man who walks the furrow and him whose food and clothing and the happiness of whose family depends upon the turn of the season and more particularly upon the wage he is offered for his fruit of his toil.

Surely the calm conservatism of the founders of this nation has bred in our people a patience and the resolve that the peaceful working out of the economic revolution that is undeniably upon us. How much better than that to lose our heads and run amuck into the vagaries of communitarian theories - and yet, there must be exhibited by those whose theories have been and whose theory has been an equal amount of common sense, of willingness to forego great profits, of patience with the slow working out of our economic situation. We have suffered comparatively little in this section of Kentucky from the financial depression which has sent men desperate and beaten into the breadlines of the cities; enough, it is true, to see the savings of a lifetime swept away, the well-to-do brought to penury, but there has been comparatively little hunger and suffering in most of the central counties of the State, thanks to the bounty of the Federal Government and the fertility of our soil.

But our brothers of this Commonwealth, in the industrial centers, the factory workers and the miners are not so fortunate. For them the cruel hand of hardship and hunger and for them the coming winter holds scant promise of rehabilitation by their own efforts. In this favored section there may be those who prize of idles, but there is suffering, and there is more suffering, in Kentucky this winter, and while Kentucky's legislative fiddles with factional hatreds, talking relief, what of the morale of these? Hunger and the spectacle of his children wait camp overyouth in a twinkling the tradition and teachings

of generations. Surely not from Kentucky shall come the red rumblings of man grown desperate. The lovely meanders of the Elkhorn and the picturesque riffles of the Fork, spanned by its old white washed bridge, sturdy in spite of its years, yet deadly in this day of motor engines and flying wheels.

There were poets among our pioneers, I think, to have liked the meanders of this beautiful stream to the prongs of an elk; to have dipped into Gulliver's Travels for the name of that rocky, soft flowing creek that sweeps past Eskypikihiki, the "Inle" Pele town, that the Old Fields before the white hunters came. Poetry and love of beauty in these huckskin clad hunters that grew by the Gap of the Cumberland into the richest hunting ground of the American Indian and there built their stockades and later their homes. Love as to the land, to which their forebears who followed them came to a Canaan of the West, pride in its diversities of beauty, in the loveliness of its women and the valor of its men, lives in the hearts of Kentuckians today and mercifully this love is conserving and protecting and replacing the natural beauty of regions which entranced even the grim Long Rifle, rough hunter that he was.

Top of the divide and Frankfort below in the cup of green encircling hills, a scar in the face of the cliff. Zinnias along the edge of a tobacco patch, gold and orange and magenta, a touch of beauty. It was all she had to satisfy that universal hunger of mortals for liveliness and color and perfection.

Again, as they have done many times before, comes Earth's crumpled with heaven.

And every common bush affire with God.

And only he who seeks takes off his shoes.

The rest sit round it and pluck blackberries.

## Down Memory Lane

### Light frosts reported in county

Thursday, October 6, 1960  
Winners of the Nicholas County Fair Healthy Baby contest were: Ginger Lou Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.C. Myers; Antoinette Ritchie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Myers; and James Caswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Caswell.

Winners in the Nicholas County Fair Dairy Show were Eddie Day, showing the champion Holstein, and Kent Mann, showing the champion Jersey.

Incumbent Congressman John C. Watts visited Carlisle and Nicholas County Friday showing re-election to the United States House of Representatives.

Nicholas County 4-Hers winning camp honors at Harlan 4-H Camp were Joe Bingham, Michael Morford, Old Fields before the white hunters came. Poetry and love of beauty in these huckskin clad hunters that grew by the Gap of the Cumberland into the richest hunting ground of the American Indian and there built their stockades and later their homes. Love as to the land, to which their forebears who followed them came to a Canaan of the West, pride in its diversities of beauty, in the loveliness of its women and the valor of its men, lives in the hearts of Kentuckians today and mercifully this love is conserving and protecting and replacing the natural beauty of regions which entranced even the grim Long Rifle, rough hunter that he was.

daughter, Kelly Davis, Sept. 26 in Denver, Colo. - To Mr. and Mrs. Dana Claiborn of Windsor, Conn. a daughter, Sept. 6.

**MARRIED** - Miss Jeanette Hagan Ewall and Donald Ray Hughes Sunday in Paris.

**DIED** - Mrs. Sarah Jane Wagner, 88, Friday at the home of her daughter in Bourbon County. - Pamela Kay Allen, Friday at the Nicholas County Hospital. - Mrs. Hattie Taliferro Wilson, 84, Thursday at her home in Frankfort.

Robert Lemons, 77, Saturday at his home in Nicholas County. - Curn Crouch, 79, Sunday at his home in Sharpburg. - Charles K. Lawrence, 74, Sunday at his home in Lexington. - Rev. Jesse A. Alexander, 82, Saturday at the Collins Nursing Home, Cynthiana.

Thursday, October 3, 1940  
Light frosts have been reported through the county during the past week but no damage has been done. White smoke tobacco remains in the field, most of it is in barns and farmers have started cutting corn.

**BORN** - To Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson a son, Oct. 3 at the Nicholas County Hospital. - To Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Browning III a

the building will offices for the County Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Ritchie have remodeled their home at Jackson which they purchased several months ago from Calvert Crouch and have moved into it.

The Carlisle High School Musketeers lead the Central Kentucky Conference after defeating Nicholasville Friday, 26 to 9.

**BORN** - To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wylie, at the Christian Church parsonage on Oct. 1 a daughter. - To Mr. and Mrs. Reeder Little, at their home on Sept. 24, a son.

**MARRIED** - Miss Ada Lynam and James Kath Kable, Sept. 28. - Miss Helen Roberts Hickey and George P. Rawlings at St. John's parsonage Saturday evening. - Miss Doris Reid and James Eddie Robinson, Wednesday afternoon.

**DIED** - J.R. Linnville, 77, a native of Nicholas County, Sept. 29 at Los Angeles, Calif. - Annie Louise Livingston, year-old daughter of Ray Cecil B. and Mrs. Anderson, Oct. 1 in Lexington. - Mrs. 23 - James Walter Lawson, 78, Flemingsburg insurance man, Sunday afternoon. - St. Mary Taylor Bailey, 60, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington, Tuesday morning.

## Good tobacco curing season

This fall has been one of the better tobacco curing seasons in recent years, mainly due to warm dry weather and later than normal harvest schedule.

The harvest period has been later than average because of the late transplanting and the weather during the growing made during generally dry weather. The later harvest prevented the tobacco from having to endure the normal hot, humid weather in mid to late August when barn curing is poor.

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## Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Supposed news releases we get by the carload and most of them find their way to the waste basket. But this one, an out and out grab for free advertising reads like a Rubik Goldberg cartoon.

It just tells for \$800 and is called Solar Pak. It is a solar energy system. For it is not only the gadget won't work. As they say.

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## Late tax bills old hat to Countians

Agree or Not...

By S.C. Van Curen in 28 Kentucky counties are going to receive their tax bills late this year and there is a strong possibility that a few counties will not issue tax bills this year. Bill Hall Jr., director of the Property Evaluation Division, Department of Revenue, said last week.

Several of the counties are adjusting their assessments to meet the 95 percent appraisal standard and are expected to get their reapportionment sheets in for approval within the next few days. Hall explained that some of the other counties are waiting on the outcome of the suit filed by the Property Evaluation Division, Counties taking this position are Warren, Logan, Metcalfe, Morgan, Nicholas, Pendleton, Simpson, Jefferson and Franklin. The latter two counties have separate suits from the general PVA suit.

Bell County has a unique situation. The assessments have not been certified by the Revenue Department although the PVA's reapportionment was acceptable. The Board of Assessment Appeals in Bell County retained assessments below an acceptable level. The county vote is under order for a reapportionment.

Hall said the state is sending 10 field men to Bell County Sept. 29 to help the PVA with the reapportionment. In 1977 a 25 percent hike was put on the property tax being the assessments up to an acceptable level, but a court suit got the increase off. In another suit, the court ordered the 25 percent reduced this year.

In three other counties, Letcher, Allen and Boone, the appeals board reduced the total assessment by \$650,000 and this amount must be added before the state will approve it so bills may be mailed.

The other late counties in various stages of completion are Clark, Boyle, Callahan, Harlan, Hopkins, Jackson, Ohio, Perry, Trimble, Grant, Hancock, Knox, Montgomery, Shelby and Trigg.

The letters present a problem for some of the counties. County and city governments and school districts may have to operate operating money if all collections are delayed several months. The setting of the county vote also may be delayed in three cases since the 1979 tax law says that tax income may not be increased more than four percent in any one taxable year. The assessments have to be completed before the tax rates may be calculated.

The Kentucky Press Association is now discussing with the Revenue Department the possibility of requiring publication of property assessments in local newspapers. The State Journal in Frankfort and The Herald Daily Enterprise have published property assessments as a service to their readers.

Alphonse says that taxpayer could then study his assessments and compare them with reports of equal value in his area. Alphonse believes this would bring about a standardized equity in assessments throughout the state.

Alphonse would be a very strong force in keeping assessments reasonable and equitable. Alphonse says that the type and other printing, the computer's printed property assessments could be published with less expense to the newspaper in comparison to a old type method.

A Kentucky Press Association Committee is studying all legal publications as well as property assessment bills.

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## Ford's Footnotes



By Senator Ford

The Joint Committee on Education held its first meeting in September. This was the first time that the committee members had been together this session. Needless to say, money was the topic of conversation.

The purpose of the meeting was for organizational purposes. We were divided in four subcommittees, each with a specific area of responsibility. They are Elementary and Secondary Education, Program Implementation, Higher Education and State Review.

I serve on the subcommittee charged with the responsibility of reviewing all the existing state laws that pertain to education. Our states (and that pertains to education) that may exist and to bring to the next General Assembly's attention any changes we feel may be needed for clarification. It is in our jurisdiction to recommend any new laws we feel would be helpful. The scope of this committee is broad in that it covers all education from kindergarten through college including vocational and occupational.

As a committee, we couldn't pass up the opportunity to review the budget cuts that Governor John Y. Brown Jr. has imposed on education. Although all of education suffered drastic cuts, those that will reach home quicker and hurt the most affected elementary and secondary.

I will attempt to outline in generalities and round figures some of the major changes. The one cut that will effect every family with school age children is the student fee reduction. The General Assembly had appropriated \$15 per student fee and simultaneously passed legislation prohibiting any school district from charging student fees. The Governor, by Executive Order, cut some ten dollars per student from this allocation. An example is that if your district has 1,000 students, this is a \$30,000 direct cut in state funds. This cut seems to be the most objectional.

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## Sweet Potatoes by the Pound

Herb Allison, Carlisle, must have known the secret for growing sweet potatoes. Both baskets contained potatoes averaging two and one-half pounds apiece. - Photo by Dennis Smith

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