

Opinion

Local industrial authority would be wise investment for the community's future

John Burke was talking about an Industrial Authority at the city council meeting Monday night. Just a week earlier, he was talking about the same thing in a letter to the fiscal court. John Burke is not just talking to hear his head rattled, but for all stand to gain if the effort is successful.

We have a list to offer here. We are all readily accessible energy in the form of coal. We have a small rural atmosphere while still being close enough to Lexington to feel the excitement of the city just a short drive away. We have a labor market area with a civilian labor force of over 40,000 persons. We have a state government that is bending over backwards to make our area attractive to the nation's corporations with an effective media campaign and with the assistance of tax incentives and industrial revenue bonds. We have a railroad that provides a direct link between and across the nation's major transportation systems—the Ohio River. The list could go on.

John Burke is to know. Can we expect the winds of providence to blow a new factory or two into our laps? It is unlikely. Rather, we must assess our strengths, take steps to overcome our shortcomings, and then try to sell Carlisle to industries looking for a place to locate. We are lacking in an understatement.

An Industrial Authority could be just the thing to do this for us. The Blue Grass Area Development District has already indicated its

willingness to help us set up such a body. Within the month of the council and court should meet with Wayne Foster of the BOARD to explain the ins and outs of actively seeking economic growth. We hope he receives a wide-headed welcome and sets of synthetic ears.

We think an Industrial Authority could be of immeasurable benefit to the community. It may be a few years down the road before it pays any dividends, but it is a sound investment.

Here are a few facts to think about when you're tossing all of this through your head: While personal income rose 22.3 percent throughout the state from 1974-1978, personal income in Nicholas County rose only 20.2 percent. In 1979 the county's labor force amounted to 2,783 workers. Approximately 800 of the jobs held were in neighboring counties.

Blue Grass is a vital member of our community, and one which has made countless contributions to our county. Yet they, like many other businesses, have had their share of troubles recently. In 1980, Blue Grass Industries was the state's 15th largest employer. By the end of 1981 they had slipped to 96th through the elimination of approximately 100 jobs. Statistics show Blue Grass is providing slightly less than one-third of all the non-farm labor positions in the industrial revenue bond area.

Year after year, the statistics show that manufacturing is our county's most important economic source with outside wages.

Most certainly, we must diversify—we must grow who is to know. Can we expect the winds of providence to blow a new factory or two into our laps? It is unlikely. Rather, we must assess our strengths, take steps to overcome our shortcomings, and then try to sell Carlisle to industries looking for a place to locate. We are lacking in an understatement.

Woody Allen said in "Annie Hall" that "A relationship is like a shark. It has to keep moving or it dies." A community is that way, too.

A report on reports

It might be called the report to end all reports. The only trouble is, it probably won't. The report in question is the General Accounting Office's most recent report on the federal government's reports. The GAO report questions the government's thousands of reports.

According to the GAO's findings, while the federal government spends more than \$80 billion annually sending 4,000 reports about itself to Congress, none in government has an overall fix on who is supposed to report to whom about what.

The GAO, which itself spends some \$5 million annually sending about 1,000 reports to Congress, said the confusion stems in part from the variety of agencies that report responsibility for tracking reports, and in part from the statutes passed by Congress that call for reports but give only vague deadlines like "from time to time."

The GAO said the problem is exacerbated by the tendency of reports to multiply. Congress sent out a modest 197 reporting requirements in 1950; by 1980 the figure was 470; by 1980 it had grown to 566.

The linen closet is bare

Like a lot of others, we were shocked to discover that those big-spending Democrats who occupied the White House in the past 20 years never saw fit to put a few well-organized reports beyond a decent set of china, something that wouldn't embarrass the first lady during a formal dinner party. But we were less prepared for the "terrible tablecloth crisis" just disclosed by Muffin Branford. Not only were the reports secretary, say things have become so desperate that recently she was forced to take needles and thread in hand just before the luncheon guests arrived and stitch up a rip with her own special serried hands.

There have been other calamities. One time, says Muffin Branford, a set of tablecloths, to her "complete and utter horror" went to the cleaners and shrunk. At times, Muffin Branford sounds almost like David Stockman contemplating the effects of those supply-side tax cuts.

We assume that by now the problem is on its



Agree or not

By Warren R. Fisher Sr.

Why Brown is so tough caught up in 'running it like a business'?

Start at the General Assembly this week, provides the legislature an excellent opportunity to set its rightful place of equal responsibility and independence in the form of government. For too long the governor's office has had too much power in Kentucky, sometimes for the good and sometimes for the bad of the public, as has been shown again in the economic crisis that has hit the state.

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Down Memory Lane

95 acre farm goes for \$15,000

Thursday, January 11, 1982
Robert B. Sparks and Lewis Rizzo, graduates at the Louisville College of Dentistry, have completed the actual partnership in June in the office at the Department of Health.

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Op-Ed page

There's a fly in my soup . . . and he is carrying a tape recorder

Once in a while I ordered a steak before dinner. I ordered a steak before dinner. I ordered a steak before dinner. I ordered a steak before dinner. I ordered a steak before dinner.

The tape recorder can be used in many ways. It can be used to record a conversation, a lecture, a performance, or a piece of music. It can also be used to record a person's voice for identification purposes.

An editor's random thoughts...

By Warren R. Fisher Sr.

January 15, 1981
To one who has written and sworn over the cantankerousness of a "Cincinnati Cylinder," or a "Country Campbell," and remembers the involved operation, viewed as a boy of '70, at a Washington Hand Press, the jingle brought in this week by a subscriber, which we are going to quote presently, may have the same thrilling flavor for you that it has for us.

Some of our subscribers think that nearly everyone, at some period in his life, has succumbed for a time to the lure of types and ink. Every now and then some old fellow comes in, who says he was "devil" in the Mercury office away back in the early days of the paper.

The Idle Rambler

By James C. Smith

Jack Conley brought an interesting tidbit into the office the other day. It was a newspaper clipping that used to belong to the late John Holland, judged by its yellowed, tattered condition, Mr. Holland must have thought enough of it to keep it around for years.

"Dear Son, yer paw has a job on the first one in 48 years. We air a little better off now, 417.75 cents every Sunday, so what be that do to us every two. You tend to Chicago place for one of them that contrapuntal in both room, but look a planner to get the sally thing in shape. You tend to Chicago place for one of them that contrapuntal in both room, but look a planner to get the sally thing in shape.

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Rose Brady, P.V.A.
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