

Kentucky Business Scene



Lineman in the sky

Kentucky Utility Linemen Tony Osborne was busy at work Monday, as workmen put up a new utility pole on Walker Street - Mercury photo.

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The metal industry is bringing a lot of cheer - and some fear - to Kentucky's business outlook.
Several steel and aluminum companies are producing with confidence. Plans for new, multi-millimeter mills in the state; at the same time, other companies have expanded Kentucky's site for new operations and at least one major Kentucky metals works is in a fight for survival.
Officials of Kentucky's Commerce Cabinet have confirmed that the state is in the process of a new \$400 million steel mill to be built by York-Blawie near Paducah, Ky. A delegation of Kentucky economic development experts will meet that week which Kentucky has been chosen as the site for a new aluminum smelter, possibly between Louisville and Memphis, with a decision scheduled for late spring. Several Kentucky entrepreneurs will be legal sites, according to Jim Dapelle, executive director of the Office of Business Development in the Commerce Cabinet.

"We think we've got a good shot - a good place, and what (York-Blawie) needs," Mr. Rapelle said. Requirements include river transportation, access to a large supply of scrap, a good source of energy and a market for the product. The state currently is working on a feasibility study to present an additional endorsement. The mill is expected to be operative in three years, as the first mill will produce seamless pipe and tube to the U.S. Annual anticipated capacity is 20,000 tons, with most products aimed for use in the oil industry. About 700 workers would be employed, with an annual payroll of \$24 million.
Confirmation also is expected later this spring that Kentucky has been chosen as the site for a new aluminum smelter, possibly between Louisville and Memphis, with a decision scheduled for late spring. Several Kentucky entrepreneurs will be legal sites, according to Jim Dapelle, executive director of the Office of Business Development in the Commerce Cabinet.

Arthur's coke plant in Ashland. Construction plans are proceeding however, but the wider mill had been running at full capacity with four crews working seven days a week in order to fill orders and build some inventory. The aluminum facilities that have brought cheer to the state are Aluminum's new \$400 million producing complex in Logan County and Hovnanian's \$100 million mill in Lawrenceville, a facility that was closed in 1979 by the National Aluminum division. Lanesville County officials are still getting over their disappointment of not falling when Thiessen Co. decided to build its new \$200 million plant in Ohio rather than near Sandhill. And in Ashland, Arthur's steelworks is undertaking what is company officials call a "comprehensive revitalization plan." Labor costs, foreign competition and quality problems have plagued Arthur's eastern steel division, which is forecast to lose about \$25 million this year, one of last year's \$14 million losses. About 700 workers have filed recently at the Ashland mill and at

Kentucky stocks on the same last week. Market direction for the index of 25 Kentucky-based stocks was upward. Dow Jones Industrial Average (NYSE), to 27 1/8 from 28 1/8; Dow Jones Industrial Average (NYSE), to 21 1/4 from 21 1/4; Dow Jones Industrial Average (NYSE), to 21 1/4 from 21 1/4.
The fishing apnea craze breathe when diving into ponds and streams because it traps air bubbles across its body. The fish will die if they are not rescued. They were not considered an evil. There was even a little nursery rhyme about "Baby, bye, here's a fly" which went on to tell how the cute little fellow got his wings of silk all bestraggle in the baby's milk, and wondered how he would get dry. If a fly got in the baby's milk today, the whole family would have a "complaint." In those days, Aunt Gladie had dinner on the table, like enough one of her children or herself, in a



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But if he turns on his electric fan and takes an iced-cold drink, he may reflect that not so many years back the only way of starting up a breeze was by vigorously propelling a palm leaf fan.
"And isn't it used to be a pretty scarce article back in the 18th and 19th? Not until the present century did the average home have an icebox. Food was kept cool in the cellar or out in the openhouse. Only after winters of heavy frosts, which were not frequent in those parts, was there any ice to be had. This was cut out of ponds and lakes and stored under heaps of sawdust in an icehouse. Artificial refrigeration was unheard of. Today only in Europe, or in the remote backwoods of America, can the iceless summer drink be found.
"No screens kept out the pesky flies that in the morning and the mosquitoes at night, even in the gay 80s." Indeed, beyond being a nuisance, flies were not considered an evil. There was even a little nursery rhyme about "Baby, bye, here's a fly" which went on to tell how the cute little fellow got his wings of silk all bestraggle in the baby's milk, and wondered how he would get dry. If a fly got in the baby's milk today, the whole family would have a "complaint." In those days, Aunt Gladie had dinner on the table, like enough one of her children or herself, in a

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