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These students of Campbellville Middle School are sending books to Peace Corps volunteers in the Solomon Islands. The books will help former Kentucky journalist Jane Marlow Willis start a resource library for primary schools. **For the story, see page 3**

Active journalist J.S. Moran honored on his 100th birthday in Springfield

Reprinted from the Herald-Leader
SPRINGFIELD—The way J.S. Moran tells it, the Louisville & Nashville Railroad ran the first rail line to this Washington County seat in February 1888. That was two months before Moran was born.

The railroad is long gone; the rails ripped up; the depot torn down.

But Moran, who turned 100 on April 13, is still steaming along.

"I've outlived the railroad," said Moran, thought to be the oldest working journalist in America and perhaps the world.

The week of his birthday,

folks pulled out all the stops to mark the centennial of the grand old man of Kentucky journalism.

It was J.S. Moran Week in Washington County. Moran's birthday was J.S. Moran Day in Springfield. And The Springfield Sun, where Moran has worked for more than 70 years, held an open house to honor its most famous writer.

The week before Moran's birthday the Springfield Lions Club held a dinner for Moran, and his close friend U.S. Rep. William Natcher of Bowling Green was on hand. President Reagan and his wife, Nancy, sent greetings, and news com-

mentator Paul Harvey offered best wishes on his nationally syndicated radio show.

All the fuss is understandable when you consider that very few people live to be 100, much less continue working at that age.

But Moran's column, "Through My Bifocals," is still followed by the Sun's 4,100 readers in Washington County and more than 20 states. Each week, it offers ideas, opinions and observations on life from the perspective of a man who has been writing for 90 years.

Writing is a passion that

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Freedom of Information

Supreme Court ruling has many advantages for journalists

By Kim Greene
Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs

On March 3, the Kentucky Supreme Court issued an extremely important First Amendment decision when it ruled that news organizations and the public have a limited right of access to documents in civil cases. The ruling has several salient points.

First, the Supreme Court has told the news media exactly what procedure we are to use to contest closure of a court proceeding or a court file. The first step is to file a motion to intervene in the proceeding for purposes of challenging the motion or order for closure. If the motion to intervene is denied, or if the court declines to conduct a hearing on the media's objections to closure, or if the court orders closure after a hearing, the newspaper has a right to go directly to the Kentucky Court of Appeals. The paper would file a petition for mandamus or prohibition, asking the Court of Appeals to review the action of the trial court in an expedited fashion.

This procedure is preferable by far to the procedure the Court of Appeals had mandated previously. That is, the Court of Appeals would have required the newspaper to file a lawsuit against the court which ordered closure. That procedure would be extremely cumbersome, time-consuming and expensive. The lawsuit would be before a judge of equal stature to the judge you were suing and, if handled in the ordinary course of that court's affairs, would take an extremely long time to complete.

The Supreme Court explicitly recognized that, where access to the judicial process has been denied, the news media may intervene and demand access even though not a party to the underlying litigation.

From CJLTCo. v. Peers: "The news media is entitled to no special privileges simply because it is a powerful business. Nevertheless, the law recognizes it occupies a unique position as the eyes and ears of the public, a status authorizing it to demand access as the public's representative whenever the public's right to know outweighs the litigants' lawfully protected rights. Lawfully protected rights include both constitutionally protected rights and the right of privacy in its various aspects as appropriately defined in court decisions."

In establishing the procedure for expedited review of an order sealing a court record or closing a proceeding, the Supreme Court recognized the urgency and time-sensitivity of the news gathering process.

From CJLTCo. v. Peers: "In relative terms, in reporting the news, time is of the essence. News is news when it happens and the news media needs access while it is still news and not history. The value of investigative reporting as a tool to discovery of matters of public importance is directly proportional to the speed of access.

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beginning during Moran's childhood on a Washington County farm.

"I was just a small kid, and my Dad took the weekly Courier-Journal. I would lay it out on the floor, lay on my belly and copy it and make believe I was writing stories for a big newspaper."

At age 10, Moran began writing local news items as the "community correspondent" for the county's Valley Hill area. In 1913, he began to write obituaries.

Then, for a \$1,500 down payment, he bought the weekly Springfield News-Leader and merged it with the Springfield Sun. The year was 1916, and the United States was still trying to stay out of World War I. Moran hasn't worked anywhere else since.

For more than 50 years, he was owner, editor and publisher. After Landmark Community Newspapers bought the Sun in 1973, Moran stayed on as columnist and editor emeritus.

Always nattily dressed in suit and tie, he still roams the streets of Springfield to gather material for his writings. Times have come and gone, but Moran has always been around, getting the facts, reporting the news, keeping

track of life in this rural community. He's an institution here.

A widower — his wife, Margie, died in 1963 — Moran has two daughters. Slender and still ramrod straight, he walks without assistance, although he carries a cane. While he sometimes has difficulty hearing, he has instant recall.

"They say the first 100 years are the toughest," Moran said. "But I've had good health, felt good and felt like working. And I've found a great deal of pleasure in working in newspapers."

Vision problems recently have kept him from writing his column. But most mornings at 10 he still has someone from the newspaper drive him to work.

The Sun's home, a brick building on Cross Main Street, is a mixture of old and modern. There are tall ceilings and varnished wood doors with transoms. But rock music blares from a radio and employees prepare ads on a Macintosh computer.

Moran has no computer and isn't about to trade in his venerable Underwood typewriter to get one. His office is small, most of it taken up by an old roll-top desk he has used for more than 70 years. On the walls are plaques mark-

ing Moran's various achievements, including his induction into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame.

He spends the morning reading his mail, scanning newspapers and perhaps "pounding out" a few column items. About 12:30 p.m., he strolls over to the Home Hearth restaurant, where he likes "whatever they have on the menu." After lunch, he may drop by Springfield State Bank to pass the time of day. About 3 p.m., he has someone drive him home.

It may not be glamour journalism, but it works for Moran. And, anyway, he doesn't have much patience with newspapering as it's practiced many places today.

"There's too much sensationalism, and I don't agree with it. A newspaperman has a great deal in common with a minister, he has to keep watch on the congregation, and if he finds something wrong he should try to correct it."

That's not to say that Moran has shied away from controversy in his career. But he said that he had received "more bouquets than brickbats."

He still says the biggest story he ever covered was a 1917 train wreck at Shepherdsville. But he also recalls the day that World War I ended and crowds poured into Springfield

to celebrate. "People went wild. They used every method of noisemaking that was possible."

Moran rates Woodrow Wilson the best president he's seen — "he was a conservative gentleman" — and he puts Franklin D. Roosevelt second. But he frets about America's declining interest in politics.

"The thing that really angers me is that people don't vote. I have always contended that every individual who is eligible should vote."

He said he never was tempted to move to a bigger paper in a bigger town.

"I spent two years in Louis-

ville once, and I didn't like it. In a big town, you're just another cog in the machine. Out here, you know your neighbors, and they know you."

Now, the neighbors are honoring Moran's century in this community.

It might seem like a good time to retire. But Moran said that his main concern was getting his vision problems resolved — he recently had cataract surgery — so he can get back to writing. He said he didn't know what subject he would tackle first.

But no one here is worried. With 100 years of experience, Moran will think of something.

At 94 columnist Ezra Sparrow puts down pen, but still quotes Kipling

Reprinted from the Herald-Leader

LAWRENCEBURG—In early March Ezra Sparrow said goodbye here on the front page of The Anderson News.

He wrote his final weekly column for the newspaper. The column, called "This 'n That; Here 'n There," had been appearing since 1961.

Sparrow is 94. That's only 17 years younger than The Anderson News, which was founded in 1877.

"I'm from the horse-and-buggy era," Sparrow said during an interview. "My great-grandfather was a half-brother to Abraham Lincoln's mother.

"I remember when the traders used to bring their horses into town on Court Day—the third Monday of the month—and exercise them on Jockey Alley, as it was called back then. The name of the street's since been changed."

A lot has changed since Sparrow was born in 1894.

"This is what I looked like when I was perambulating around France," he said, pass-

ing over a World War I photograph of a young, handsome Army lieutenant.

"I walked on roads that Caesar built, I saw the square where Joan of Arc played as a child, I saw the works of Napoleon. It was quite an education."

Sparrow, who graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1933, spent most of his life as an educator and farmer.

In 1925, he was the founder of Western High School in rural Anderson County—"I began with eight students in a country store"—and the school, which has fewer than 100 students and is one of the smallest public high schools left in Kentucky, still continues.

He began writing his newspaper column at 65, after retiring as director of pupil personnel for Anderson County schools.

It was a rambling collection of homespun philosophy and verse, along with memories of days long past.

Sparrow loves to quote poetry—Longfellow, Kipling and Shakespeare are among his favorites—and to write it. He can recite hundreds of lines without repeating himself.

In his column, he once described the bright colors of autumn leaves as "a gaudy shroud with which nature lays away dying things."

He walks with the aid of an aluminum walker and reads through a double-lens magnifying glass.

Failing eyesight and a heart condition finally caused him to give up his column.

"But as long as you've still got something from the neck up, that's what counts," he said. "I never want to be a millstone around the neck of my family."

In 1986, Sparrow was named the county's "Outstanding Citizen" by the local Chamber of Commerce. He and his wife, Mayme, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary in April.

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Walter Johnson affixes postage stickers to 12 bags of books that were mailed to the Solomon Islands. The books represent about 685 pounds of educational material contributed to the Peace Corps.

News-Journal, Taylor Countians send books to Peace Corps

The Central Kentucky News-Journal, Campbellsville, recently completed a project to provide books and magazines to elementary and junior high students in the Solomon Islands.

Jane Marlow Willis, a former newspaper owner in Brandenburg, joined the Peace Corps and is stationed in the Solomon Islands.

In a letter the newspaper received from Willis in September of 1987, she said, "My main project is to start a resource

library for the primary schools of New Georgia. And I need help from my friends and neighbors at home."

The News-Journal took her request to heart and with the help of the Campbellsville/Taylor County Rescue Squad initiated a book and magazine collection project in the community.

The end result was 685 pounds of reading material that was shipped out on March 18.

Students in Campbellsville

Middle School contributed three 55 Gallon garbage containers full of books and magazines.

The rescue squad housed the books as they were being donated and later on the books were moved to the newspaper office where they were categorized

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5 journalists inducted into UK Hall of Fame

Five distinguished journalists were inducted into the Kentucky Journalism Hall of Fame at the University of Kentucky April 14.

They include:

- John F. (Sonny) Day, a former managing editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, a top news executive at CBS, owner of a weekly newspaper in England, and a cum laude UK graduate who served as editor of The Kentucky Kernel during one of the years it was named the nation's best college newspaper;

- George Hackett, a 44-year veteran newsman with The Associated Press in Kentucky covering everything from the General Assembly and the coal fields, to 35 Kentucky Derbies and the NCAA Final Four;

- Ralph E. Johnson, a retired UK photo journalism professor who worked for the Associated Press 26 years as a photographer, reporter and editor in New York City and Atlanta;

- Bennett Roach, editor and

publisher of the Shelby News from 1941 to 1960, former president of the Kentucky Press Association, weekly columnist and writer for the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative; and

- Earl Ruby, sports editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal for 30 years having started in 1920 as an office boy and author of his daily sports column, "Ruby's Report."

The Hall of Fame awards ceremony was held at the Singletary Center for the Arts on the UK campus as part of activities involving the 11th annual Joe Creason Lecture.

The 1988 Creason guest lecturer was John Ed Pearce, columnist and writer for The Courier-Journal Magazine.

The Hall of Fame was established in 1981 by the UK Journalism Alumni Association. The five inducted in 1988 bring the total to 61 journalists honored for making a significant contribution to the profession.

Advocate now using soybean base ink

The Mt. Sterling Advocate is joining other publications across the country in using ink made from soybean oil in an effort to support the agriculture industry.

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2 newspapers receive national awards from Scripps Howard

Two Kentucky newspapers—the Lexington Herald-Leader and the Kentucky Post—received national awards during the Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Awards ceremony in Cincinnati April 5.

The Herald-Leader received the Charles E. Scripps Award for its efforts to promote literacy.

The award was for a year-long campaign involving news, editorial, advertising and other divisions of the newspaper.

Judges cited the "scope, accomplishment and level of commitment by the newspa-

per and its staff." They singled out the Herald-Leader's sponsorship of a "Learn to Read" series on Kentucky Educational Television and the production of a 16-page special section on illiteracy.

The special section, written by education reporter Mary Ann Roser, was first published last September as a series of daily stories. Southeastern Kentucky bureau reporter Judy Jones Lewis also worked on the project.

The Herald-Leader received a \$2,500 cash prize and a \$5,000 grant for a literacy program in Lexington.

Other finalists for the award were the Knoxville News-Sentinel and the Kentucky Post.

The Kentucky Post also was honored for its activities on behalf of the First Amendment. The Covington newspaper won the Edward Willis Scripps Award.

The Herald-Leader and the Post joined seven other newspapers receiving awards from the Scripps Howard Foundation.

The Herald-Leader series also has been selected by the Education Writers Association as one of the five best printed or broadcast on the topic of literacy.

Literacy students may be published

Kentucky's adult literacy students will be given the opportunity to become writers for other new adult readers this spring. Under the auspices of the Kentucky Literacy Commission, a group of literacy directors, professional educators and newspaper personnel have joined forces to publish the first Kentucky Adult New Reader.

Students from the state will be asked to submit their own compositions, poems, stories, letters and journals. The selections will be chosen based upon interest for other adults, appropriateness of reading level and quality of the work. Illustrations for the selections will add to their general appeal. The project, inspired by Jon-

athon Kozol, national literacy advocate, will give adults who traditionally have been denied the pleasure of seeing their words in print the chance to become authors of the anthology.

Patterned after the language experience methodology which validates each person's life experience, the anthology will also enable the students, as writers, to record a portion of their culture not previously possible.

An accompanying workbook will allow the anthology to become a teaching tool to be used in Kentucky's literacy programs. The workbook will be produced by the team of editors who are compiling the anthology.

Obituaries

Anderson

Jack Anderson, a veteran Western Kentucky newspaperman, three-term Mayfield City Council member and a Graves County coroner, died March 1 at his home. He was 65.

Anderson retired as state editor of The Paducah Sun in 1984 after 19 years of news and sports editing.

His journalism career started in 1940 in Mayfield, the town his ancestors founded, as he carried on a newspaper tradition started by his father, Jess, who is a retired editor of The Mayfield Messenger.

At Mayfield, Jack Anderson was sports editor and an award-winning sports columnist.

He joined the Paducah Sun-Democrat as sports editor in 1965. Two years later, he became night editor and was in charge of the morning Sun-Democrat until it was merged with the afternoon paper. Anderson later was named state editor.

He was a Marine veteran of World War II, a Murray State University graduate and a member of the Mayfield First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Spalding Anderson; a son, Steve Anderson of Frankfort; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Anderson, Mayfield; a sister, Martha Nell Anderson, Mayfield; and two grandchildren.

Caywood

Delmore Thomas Caywood, former longtime newscaster

for WFKY-AM in Frankfort, died April 12 at Capital Hall Nursing Home in Frankfort after a long illness. He was 86.

Caywood became managing editor of the Frankfort newspaper in 1940 and held that position for about 10 years. He once worked there as a reporter.

The newspaper, a morning paper at that time, had two reporters. Caywood did everything from writing headlines to laying out pages to assigning stories to the reporters. The publishing company that ran the newspaper at that time also did the state government's printing work.

Later, Caywood ran a cigar and newsstand out of Frankfort's old Capital Hotel. The radio station decided to have him do an evening news program from the hotel lobby. His "Capital Comments" show was on the air for about 25 years.

"He knew every legislator. They all stayed there. It was about the only place to stay then," said former State Journal editor S.C. VanCuron.

When the hotel closed, Caywood did his broadcasts from the radio station. He opened another magazine and newsstand downtown.

Caywood was managing editor of The Park City Daily News in Bowling Green before he assumed the same position in Frankfort.

While in Bowling Green he also was a correspondent for The Courier-Journal in Louisville and he had worked for the old Bowling Green Times Jour-

nal. He also had worked at The Richmond Register and The Harlan Democrat.

Caywood, a Morehead native, was a graduate of Frankfort High School. He was editor of the school's yearbook.

He was a resident of 110 East Campbell Street in Frankfort at his death.

Caywood was a charter member of a Frankfort barber-shop chorus and a former president of the Franklin County Chapter of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen. He also had been a member of the Frankfort Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his wife, Emma Blewett Caywood; a son, Delmore T. Caywood Jr. of Frankfort; and a grandchild.

Hickey

Barbara Hickey, a senior information specialist in the public relations department of the University of Kentucky for more than 30 years, died April 7 at her home after a short illness. She was 57.

A native of Lexington, Hickey had worked at the UK News Bureau since 1954.

She was a member of the board of tenant services of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and of Theta Sigma Phi, a journalism honor society.

She also was a member of the Newman Center.

A graduate of Cardome Academy, she earned a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in political science from UK.

Survivors include a nephew, Andrew Dwyer Hardaway, and a niece, Elizabeth Wood Hardaway.

Morbley

Reprinted from the Herald-Leader

Gertrude Mae Morbley, who devoted more than four decades of her life to the Lexington Herald-Leader Co., died March 22 at Good Samaritan Hospital. She was 69.

Morbley worked at the Herald-Leader for nearly 44 years, from May 1937 until her retirement in February 1981. At that time, no one had worked longer for the company. She had been an elevator operator, reporter and bookkeeper. She continued to be involved in Herald-Leader activities after her working days had ended.

She was the last person to write the "Colored Notes" column that appeared in the old Lexington Leader. It included obituaries, wedding announcements and general news about blacks. It was abolished in 1969 after public complaints that segregating news about blacks from news about whites was racist.

Morbley was 16 when she began working as an elevator operator at the old newspaper building on Short Street. Through that job, she learned all facets of the Herald-Leader's operation.

"Gertrude was a vital part of almost every department of the Herald-Leader from the time she came to work in her teens," Herald-Leader colum-

nist Sue Wahlgren said.

In 1962, after an automatic elevator was installed, Morbley was assigned to write the Leader's "Colored Notes" column.

Morbley was transferred in 1969 to the Herald-Leader's accounting department, the last department in which she worked.

"Gertrude was a stabilizing force and her presence is always going to be here," Herald-Leader benefits manager Sue Ann Tribble said.

Morbley had many other interests, including Greater Liberty Baptist Church. She had been an assistant church clerk for 35 years, taught Sunday school and sang in the church choir.

Also active in the Dorcas Chapter No. 29 of the Order of the Eastern Star, Morbley was a past grand matron of that organization. She also had served for many years as treasurer of the 1959 Social Club.

After retiring from the Herald-Leader, she devoted hundreds of hours as a volunteer at the Black & Williams Neighborhood Center. She learned ceramics and taught it to senior citizens at the center.

Morbley, a resident of 631 Shropshire Avenue, was a Fayette County native and graduate of the old Dunbar High School.

Survivors include her husband, Cornelius; a son, Darrell Morbley of Lexington; two sisters; and a grandchild.

In-County Postal Rates Old Rates to New Rates

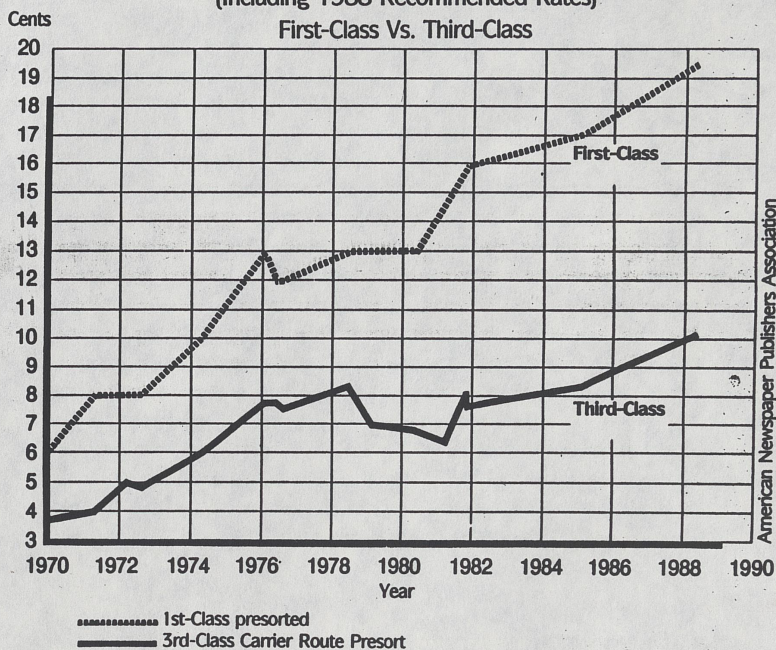
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3 oz. Carrier Route	4.806	4.963	3.25%
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5 oz. Carrier Route	5.944	6.138	3.26%
6 oz. Carrier Route	6.513	6.725	3.26%
7 oz. Carrier Route	7.081	7.313	3.27%
8 oz. Carrier Route	7.650	7.900	3.27%
9 oz. Carrier Route	8.219	8.488	3.27%
10 oz. Carrier Route	8.788	9.075	3.27%
11 oz. Carrier Route	9.356	9.663	3.27%
12 oz. Carrier Route	9.925	10.250	3.27%

From the National Newspaper Association

The Two Largest Classes of Mail Comparison of Minimum Rates

(Including 1988 Recommended Rates)



NNA pleased with new postal rates

After the official announcement by the Governors of the Postal Service that they had accepted the Postal Rate Commission's Recommended Decision, the National Newspaper Association released the chart above, left.

NNA also announced that the new rates were even lower

than they had indicated they would be.

The week before the Postal Rate Commission's recommendation was accepted, NNA had urged to governors to pass on any additional funds from this year's appropriation in the form of lower rates in April.

"We had not widely discussed the possibility of even lower in-county rates because we did not want to create confusion or raise any false hopes," it announced.

Fortunately, the 3.2 percent increase in In-County pre-sort was accepted over the 8 to 9

percent increase.

The new In-County rates are: pound rate, 9.4 cents; five digit piece rate, 5.7 cents; and carrier route piece rate, 3.2 cents.

The chart on the right is based on recommended rates, but NNA has announced that it is still accurate.

Kentucky Supreme Court decision has promising points for journalists

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This is true when investigating court records after the case is closed as well as with a case in progress."

This language will be particularly helpful when we are arguing that getting the transcript of a hearing after the fact is not an adequate substitute for having access to the hearing itself. (An argument we've had to make all too often.)

Second, the court gave us some wonderful language concerning the media's and public's right of access:

"We recognize that the government belongs to the people, that its activities are subject to public scrutiny, and that the news media is a primary source for protecting the right of public access. This right includes the public's right to inspect and copy public records and documents, including judicial records and docu-

ments.'" (Case citation omitted.)

Third, for the last time, the Kentucky Supreme Court has expressly stated that there is no difference between the public's right of access to criminal proceedings and its right of access to civil judicial proceedings and records. The Court also reiterated that there is a "fundamental right of the news media to a hearing to decide whether the hearing should be closed or the records sealed

from access to the public and the media."

In the past, we have made all of these arguments in court closure cases or cases where court files were sealed. We have had to resort, however, to cases outside of Kentucky for authority for our arguments. This decision from our Supreme Court, with all its excellent language about our right of access in a timely manner, will be extremely helpful to all news agencies in Kentucky.

New Era purchases Tempo magazine

Officials of the Kentucky New Era and Contemporary Publishers Inc. jointly announced on Feb. 18 the newspaper's acquisition of the printing and distribution rights to TV Tempo magazine.

Robert C. Carter, New Era publisher, said the acquisition from Contemporary Publishers paves the way for the merger of TV Tempo and the newspaper's Channel One television magazine under the new name of Tempo Magazine.

Contemporary Publishers, under the leadership of Rachel McCubbin, has published TV Tempo for the past two years after purchasing the magazine rights from Dot Tatum.

Though labeled a loss, Court's decision is welcomed by media

FRANKFORT (AP)—An attorney for The Courier-Journal newspaper said news organizations lost a small skirmish but won the war in a Supreme Court ruling on access to court records.

The court ruled on March 3 that news organizations and the public have a limited right of access to documents in civil cases.

"This is going to be an extremely helpful decision," said Jon Fleischaker, the attorney for the Louisville newspaper.

The case started when a reporter for the newspaper sought access to records of the settlement of a lawsuit filed against Jefferson County by a former county police officer.

Jefferson Circuit Judge Olga Peers refused the request on the grounds that the file con-

tained information about an unidentified individual's "mental status."

An attorney for the newspaper went to the judge's chambers to ask for a hearing on the closure but was denied.

The high court, in a unanimous opinion written by Justice Charles Leibson, said the newspaper did not follow the proper procedure in seeking access to the record, but then laid out a recommended method.

The court said that news organizations can intervene in cases where records are closed and can demand a hearing on the issue. The judge must then decide whether the right of privacy or other concerns outweigh the need for openness.

"We technically lost the case, but we won some huge battles," Fleischaker said.

NNA Update

NNA thwarts revenue deficiency rule

In one of the most significant achievements of recent NNA postal lobbying, General Counsel Bob Brinkmann halted implementation of a final rule on revenue deficiencies which would have allowed the Postal Service to stop publication of a newspaper.

Bob's successful strategy was the threat of a letter to Congress. USPS wants no more trouble from that gang, which trimmed millions from the USPS budget, ran off the Postmaster General and threw operations into chaos during December. The final rule would have allowed USPS to take money directly out of a deposit account if a final judgment of debt had been made. This would have forced those without money to pay back postage out of the mails, possibly putting a paper out of business.

As a result of this move, NNA also gained certain agreements from Mail Classification officials: to produce an instruction sheet for 3541s and an instructional video; to honor instructions from postmasters that result in mistakes and underpayment of postage; to set a one-year-limitation statute on legitimate debts; to instruct postmasters to check with higher authorities before answering second class questions; to conduct more immediate audits of presorting; and to improve educational programs for postmasters with 800 numbers to classifications centers.

NNA bill asking for revocation of lottery law now pending

Also encouraging is word that NNA's bill to remove the federal prohibition on advertising legal lotteries is moving to the House Judiciary Committee. Here in Kentucky, Don Towles and I have lobbied Ron Mazzoli of Louisville, a committee member, and gained his support. HR 3146 would allow church bingo, civic club raffles and other lotteries to advertise. Watch Pub Aux and this column for updates.

Reagan trying to eliminate revenue forgone ... again

President Reagan, in his last budget, is trying again to eliminate revenue forgone funding for second class in-county. We've beaten the administration every year on that one, although we've taken our lumps with the loss of limited circulation subsidy out-



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of-county and tighter sampling rules. The fact that this is an election year won't hurt our chances in the 1989 budget. And because of the "savings" which Congress inflicted upon the Postal Service in December, USPS is fighting hard to get off the federal budget. NNA is promoting a separate subclass for in-county, which would have rates as low or lower than our present subsidized rates. The only obstacle is Rep. Ford of Michigan, who is at odds with publishers in his state and won't move on it.

Membership drive coming in Kentucky

NNA is strong in Kentucky, with about \$12,000 in annual dues support. But we plan to join other NNA State Chairmen in a membership drive. If you aren't an NNA member, we'll be contacting you soon about the benefits. If you appreciate what we try to do with this column and the postal question-and-answer service we try to provide for KPA/NNA members in the state, please join and help support our lobbying effort with your dues.

Libel insurance discount 10 percent for KPA/NNA members

Now that KPA has added libel information to its FOI Hotline (Jon Fleischaker and Kim Greene at Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, 502-589-5235), KPA and NNA members are eligible for a 10 percent discount off libel insurance policies with Waltery Insurance Brokers. For more information, call Waltery at (800) 638-8791.

KPA 1988 newspaper yearbook has cities, population

The Kentucky Press Association newspaper yearbook for 1988 lists the counties and their newspapers, and the populations of the principal cities. The population figures either come from the 1980 census or from later estimates that have some reliability.

The KPA guide furnished the following list of cities, over 10,000 in population, which have local newspapers:

Louisville	287,900
Lexington	210,100
Owensboro	55,600
Covington	47,629
Bowling Green	42,500
Paducah	32,000
Hopkinsville	28,897
Frankfort	27,839
Henderson	27,500
Ashland	27,064
Richmond	21,650
Radcliff	19,300
Elizabethtown	17,743
Madisonville	17,561
Shively	16,610
Ft. Thomas	16,012
Winchester	15,216
Glasgow	15,100
Mayfield	15,000
Erlanger	14,466
Murray	14,248
Nicholasville	14,106
Danville	13,200
Middlesboro	12,325
Georgetown	12,293
Somerset	11,000

Other cities over 10,000, and some with a (u) for unincorporated, include:

Ft. Knox (u)	31,035
Pleasure Ridge Pk. (u)	27,332
Newburg (u)	24,612
Valley Station (u)	24,474
Newport	21,587
Okolona (u)	20,039
Ft. Campbell N. (u)	17,211
Fern Creek (u)	16,866
Jeffersonton	15,795
Florence	15,586
St. Matthews	13,519
Highview (u)	13,286

Across Kentucky

EDNA DUGGINS, the editor of the Grayson County News-Gazette, has been notified that she will be included in the 1988 Edition of American Publishing's *Who's Who in Society*. A 1979 graduate of Western Kentucky University, Duggins has received numerous awards from the Kentucky Press Association and the Kentucky Newspaper Association.

Kentucky New Era Publisher **ROBERT C. CARTER** was named vice chairman of the Murray State University Board of Regents during a February regents meeting. Carter was appointed to the board by former Gov. Martha Layne Collins last year.

CHRIS JONES, a former reporter and photojournalist for The Harlan Daily Enterprise, has been named Coordinator of Extended Programs at Southeast Community College. Jones, a former SECC student, assumed the post earlier this year.

ERIC HARRIS replaced **KEN DUFFIELD** as controller of The (Madisonville) Messenger in

early January, after Duffield moved back to his home state of Florida. Harris worked previously for the Union Federal Savings & Loan in Evansville, Ind.

JEFF SPRADLING has been named managing editor of the Mt. Sterling Advocate, replacing **FRED HARRIS**, who took a position as editor of the Valley Courier in Alamosa, Colo. Spradling has been assistant to Harris since April 1987.

Paducah native **RONALD L. JERRELL** has been named advertising director of the Union County Advocate. A graduate of WKU, Jerrell was formerly an account executive for Extra, a publication of The Paducah Sun.

BETH JORDAN, 22, has joined the McLean County News staff as a reporter and photographer. Beth graduated in 1987 from David Lipscomb College in Nashville with a bachelor of arts degree in Communication/Public Relations.

The Sentinel-Echo has added **PATRICIA SMITH BRIDGES** to its advertising sales team.

Bridges, 39, comes to the Sentinel from employment with Southern Belle Dairy.

TAMMY WINKLEMAN has been named advertising manager for The Morehead News, Menifee County News and The Shopping News. The three papers are among the six newspapers published by Park Newspapers of Morehead, Inc.

KENNY ROBINSON, who joined The Boone County Recorder over a year ago as a sports writer, has been promoted to the position of sports editor for all three of the group's Northern Kentucky papers. Robinson, 24, fills the position left vacant by **CARL HORST**, who has accepted a post with the Cincinnati Suburban Press. Horst worked as a

reporter, news editor and then sports editor and associate editor for The Recorder. **LESLIE C. JOHNSON** replaced Horst as the new associate editor for the Campbell County Recorder. Johnson has also been associate editor for the Kenton County Recorder and then the Boone County Recorder.

News-Herald Publisher **ED ASHCRAFT** has announced his candidacy for a seat on the Owen County Board of Education. The general election will be held in November.

DAWN STRATTON, a 23-year-old graduate of the University of Kentucky, has joined the sales staff of The Kentucky Standard. The Anderson County native will sell display advertising for the newspaper.

Gleaner classified staff wins medals

The Gleaner's classified section won two silver medals in mid-February at the Southern Classified Advertising Managers Association's 42nd annual seminar and sales conference in Columbia, S.C.

The Gleaner came away

with the silver medal for Best In-Paper Classified Promotion among newspapers of 30,000-and-under circulation.

It also won the silver medal for Best Series of Line Ads among newspapers of all cir-

ulation sizes.

The various competitions attracted 731 entries from 80 southern newspapers, according to Gleaner advertising director Nancy Pippin, who attended the week-long conference.

Ad representative retires from Register

RICHMOND—Harry Johnson, who had been with The Richmond Register for 49 years, retired from full-time work Jan. 29.

Johnson started work as a newspaper carrier in 1939, when he was 14. By the time he was a senior in high school, he was working in the mail room.

"I've worked for The Register all my life except for two years and nine months with Uncle Sam," he said recently.

In 1946 he was in charge of The Register's carriers, and with on-the-job training paid for by the G.I. bill, he learned all the operations of the press room. "I broke in on an old QQ flat bed press," he recalled.

In a few years, he began working in advertising sales, and from 1958 to 1985 he was

advertising director for The Register. At the time of his retirement, he was national advertising representative.

He was a charter member of the advertising division of the Kentucky Press Association, and served as secretary of that division for four years.

A very popular project of his is "Reflections of Madison County," a quarterly compilation of area history produced in tabloid form by The Register. He will continue to produce "Reflections" as well as handling legal advertising and agency advertising for The Register.

His wife, Lillie Johnson, is retired after 35 years with Westinghouse. The couple has two daughters, Janet Johnson, who is on the faculty of Rockcastle County High School; and Sheryl Hart of Owen County.



Gannett literacy program gives Kentucky group \$100,000

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A project to improve and expand tutoring services of local adult-literacy groups throughout Kentucky has won a \$100,000 grant in the Literacy Challenge, a Gannett Foundation program in cooperation USA Today.

Kentucky's award is one of 21 totaling \$1.35 million. These competitive grants round out the second year of the two-year, \$2.5-million program to foster coordinated, state-level efforts promoting adult literacy.

Census data and public-school records show that about 400,000 of the state's adults cannot read well or at all. Kentucky has the lowest percentage of high school graduates in the country. About half of Kentuckian adults over 25 do not have high school diplomas. The Kentucky Department of Education provided basic literacy services to approximately 15,000 adults in 1987.

The grant goes to the Ken-

tucky Foundation for Literacy, Inc. in Frankfort, serving as fiscal agent for three agencies coordinating the project: the Kentucky Literacy Commission (Patricia Gleich, executive director), the Kentucky Department of Education and Kentucky Educational Television.

With the grant, the three agencies will help community literacy groups attract more volunteer tutors, train tutors more effectively and become self-sufficient.

Here are some of the goals of the coalition.

- Holding 15 regional workshops to instruct 375 new trainers of volunteer literacy tutors.

- Producing three 30-minute video programs that offer advanced training to volunteer tutors helping non-readers who have learning disabilities, speak English as a second language or need math instruction.

- Producing three 30-minute video-based training kits to help community literacy groups improve fund-raising, recruitment and evaluation skills.

Publishing descriptions of

- model adult-literacy organizations to help local providers decide how to create or improve programs in schools, libraries or other local institutions.

- Establishing four regional

- technical-assistance groups to help local literacy providers develop and monitor their programs.

Project organizers say that training groups and materials are highly necessary for tutors

Leslie County newspaper purchased by its competitor of 20 years

Reprinted from the Herald-Leader

HYDEN—The Thousandsticks News, one of Leslie County's two newspapers, has been sold to its competitor, The Leslie County News.

The sale represents the final chapter in a 20-year rivalry between two small-town newspapermen whose publications backed opposing political groups.

"I bought The Thousandsticks on Oct. 31, 1966, and I've enjoyed every minute of it. I've enjoyed competing with the Baker family," said Paul Hensley. He sold The Thousandsticks about three weeks ago for an undisclosed price.

Vernon Baker, who owns the Leslie County News, said the rivalry between him and Hensley had dimmed somewhat in recent years. Leslie County's judge-executive, Charles Wilson, had been well received by both newspapers, Baker said.

"As you age you get a little easier, a little slower than when

you were young and had all that vinegar," he said.

Hensley said he had decided to sell because of faltering eyesight caused by an incurable ailment. He said he wanted to concentrate his efforts in Perry County. He has interests in the coal business there and runs one of the county's three weekly newspapers, the Hazard Times.

Baker said he would continue printing both newspapers, though he moved the offices of The Thousandsticks into the same building as the Leslie County News.

Baker was a high school science teacher when he bought the Leslie County News 21 years ago. He owns a store in the Wooton community of Leslie County.

The Thousandsticks News, founded in 1898, was named after a community located about four miles northwest of Hyden, according to an account in *Rugged Trail to Appalachia* by Mary T. Brewer.

The name also was used for two years by a Middlesboro newspaper, after a 1910 fire in Hyden destroyed the Thousandsticks News plant. Henry C. Chappell, who had been working for The Thousandsticks, moved to Middlesboro and called his new paper the Thousandsticks. The same paper is now published as the Middlesboro Daily News, according to a 1986 edition.

The Thousandsticks name lasted only two years in Middlesboro but endured for 62 years under ownership of the A.L. Mendell family of Leslie County, according to Brewer's account. In 1966, Hensley bought the paper.

Baker "tells me he intends to continue publishing it," Hensley said.

Despite the editorial blasts the papers have taken at each other in 20 years of competition, Hensley said he thought every county should have competing newspapers.

Louisville street to be named Bingham Way

LOUISVILLE (AP)—Mayor Jerry Abramson announced in February that a short new riverfront street will be named Bingham Way to honor Mary and Barry Bingham Sr.

The mayor's office said Abramson thought it would be appropriate to name a street after the couple who are known for their charitable and civic contributions.

Bingham, the former publisher of The Courier-Journal, was in a Boston hospital for treatment of a brain tumor at the time of the announcement. He has since returned to Louisville and will continue his recovery there, his Louisville doctor said March 5.

The mayor's office said that in addition to other contributions, the Bingham's are paying for a new floating fountain and gave \$500,000 so Louisville could acquire the old Martin Marietta property.

Larry Craig: preaches 'truth' in parish, paper

MORGANTOWN (AP)—Larry Craig, Baptist minister and newspaper editor, sees plenty of similarities between his Sunday flock and the "civic parish" he reaches through his weekly newspaper.

"I've been asked, 'How can you raise hell all week in the paper and preach against hell in church on Sunday,'" said Craig, 38, owner and editor of the Green River Republican in Butler County.

"A lot of people have this idea that a newspaper man can't be a preacher. But my position is that the truth is the truth, whether it's in the church or in the this paper."

Craig, president-elect of the Kentucky Press Association, calls his 4,000-circulation weekly a muckraking newspaper and has the bullet holes in his office to prove it—the result of an investigation into voting fraud not long after he became editor of the paper in 1980.

"I offered a fellow \$100 for a list of voters who could be bought and what it would cost to buy them—whiskey, money or both," he recalled. "That was on a Tuesday night."

The next night, as Craig preached at his Mount Olivet Baptist Church someone fired several blasts from a shotgun into his office 17 miles east in Morgantown. Craig's desk and the wall behind it were peppered with buckshot.

"If I had been sitting there it would have pretty much blown my head off," said Craig, who has since moved the desk away from the window and started carrying a piston "about half the time" for protection.

When the bearded, soft-spoken editor saw a poster announcing a Ku Klux Klan meeting in 1985, he decided his readers needed to know about the organization.

"I took my pen and pad and camera and pistol and went. I took a picture of the Klan leaders who came from Louisville and interviewed them about their beliefs, sick as they were, and used their quotes verbatim on page one."

He included an apology at the end of the story for the language and the racist views expressed.

"And the result was gratifying, because when people saw how depraved their thinking was, they wanted to have nothing to do with them," said Craig, who referred to the Klan in his article as "the bedsheet bunch."

He got telephone threats, found a 3-foot white cross in his front yard and received a visit from three men who claimed to be Klan representatives.

"They knew my parents, they knew where I lived, how many children I had. I took it all as a thinly veiled threat," Craig said.

"There aren't many pistol-packing preachers, and he's one," said David Hawpe, editor of the Courier-Journal and vice president of the Kentucky Press Association. "He's gotten himself in a little trouble in his community from time to time by being forthright, by doing the kind of journalism that's unafraid. And that's fairly rare, especially in small-town situations where the editor or publisher is likely to meet the target of his words on the street the next day."

County Judge-Executive David R. Martin said Craig has earned his respect: "He prints it like it is. He doesn't pull any punches, no matter who it is."

Craig once received first place in a state competition for his editorial against a proposed ordinance to outlaw "aimless walking and loafing in public places."

"People who lived in upstairs apartments were congregating on sidewalks in the cool of the evening in front of some of these businesses," he said. After Craig's editorial, "Ordinance Stinks," the matter was dropped.

Craig also once ran pictures of several trash dumps along Butler County roads—along with names taken from envelopes and shipping labels.

"I printed them all, including some who were dear friends," Craig said.

He has run grisly pictures of poached deer, urging readers to report illegal hunters, and investigated the county's policy of hauling gravel for political friends.

"On a newspaper like mine you're insulated to some extent from the people you write about," Hawpe said. "But a person like Larry isn't. That makes a difference. And it requires a measure of courage. And there's not as great a margin of safety financially for Larry. It's possible to retaliate economically against a paper like Larry's."

Craig doesn't always aim to shock. Under the theory that most people are mentioned in the paper only when they are born, married and buried, he prints as many names as possi-

ble. He once ran a picture of someone who had grown a potato that looked like Richard Nixon.

"People ought to be written up in the paper for doing good things, for just being who they are," he said. "My philosophy is that everybody on the planet has a story to tell, 99 percent of them don't believe it and the other 1 percent have agents and PR people."

A Todd County native, Craig cut short his studies at Western Kentucky University to work full time to put his wife

Patricia through school. She is a high school English teacher in Morgantown, and the couple has three daughters. He bought the paper in 1983, three years after moving to Morgantown, a rugged, isolated community of 7,500 just north of Bowling Green.

"One man told me his religion wouldn't let him call me what he wanted to, but that he hoped my mother crawled out from underneath the porch and bit me on the ankle when I got home," he said.

Craig also prides himself on consistency, running a front-page story when he got a speeding ticket in another county. And the one-time carpenter, factory laborer and farm hand fights to avoid letting skepticism turn to cynicism.

"If this ever gets to be primarily a business I'll sell it," he said. "It's a public trust. Inherent in that idea of nailing up a shingle and calling yourself a newspaper is fulfilling that sacred trust."

Pulaski judge offers apology to paper for photo ban, threat

A Pulaski district judge apologized to a photographer for The Commonwealth-Journal after threatening to put him in jail for having a camera in a courthouse corridor outside the juvenile courtroom during March.

Judge Bill Cain, who serves as juvenile judge, ordered C-J photographer Roy Mobley not take a photograph of a juvenile charged with armed robbery as the 17-year-old was being brought into juvenile court for a hearing. The juvenile was recently brought here from Georgia on charges of robbing a string of convenience-type stores in Kentucky including two on U.S. 27 in Somerset.

A 17-year-old is considered an adult under Georgia law, but a juvenile under Kentucky law. Georgia officials released the youth's name—Paul Ray Dillion of East Bernstadt in nearby Laurel County. Juvenile records in Kentucky are sealed by law.

Cain, after an hour-and-a-half discussion with C-J managing editor Bill Mardis, agreed that he may have been out of line by issuing an impromptu court order outside his courtroom and may have extended his authority too much by threatening to hold the photographer in contempt of court and jailed if he used the camera.

The judge said he felt at the time of the confrontation with Mobley that it was his responsibility to shelter the juvenile from publicity, even along the route from the jail to the courtroom. He said the father of the juvenile was with his son and had asked that reporters

not be allowed to contact his son.

Cain said he believes he controls the area outside his courtroom, and said he plans to define his position with the Administrative Office of the Courts.

The judge conceded, however, that other people were in the courtroom corridor when the incident occurred on March 15; that all present could see the juvenile as he was brought to the courtroom; and that a camera is the mechanical eye of a photographer and can "see." Cameras are allowed inside a courtroom only at the discretion of the presiding judge.

Cain admitted that he did not clear the corridor of spectators and that Mobley was the only person whom he issued a restrictive order or threatened to jail.

Mobley, a Mississippi native who is relatively new in the area, contends that observers at the courthouse did not understand what happened and that it was damaging to his reputation to be threatened with incarceration in a public place.

Noting that juveniles are held in out-of-town jails, the newspaper requested that if Cain extends a corridor of protection outside his courtroom, the route must be marked to prevent possible intrusions. The newspaper's managing editor suggested that if highways are included in the protected corridor, that the roads be properly identified with appropriate signs.

Furthermore, the newspaper asked that all persons, not just reporters, be banned from the

restrictive areas, including whatever highways the judge elects to include in the corridor to the courtroom.

Kentucky Press Association attorneys were contacted about the issue and strongly disagreed with the district judge. Kim Greene, of the Louisville law firm of Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs, said taking and printing pictures in the public view was considered lawful, regardless of whether the accused is and adult or juvenile.

Greene contends state law only seals a juvenile record and hearing but does not extend to the public view. She also noted the case has received much publicity both across Kentucky and in Georgia, bringing it into the public light.

Greene added that Dillion is nearing 18 and the crimes of which he is accused are all Class B felonies.

Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice Robert Stephens, on the day of the incident, declined comment about whether Cain had authority to order Mobley jailed for taking a picture of Dillion. Stephens said he would not comment because the case could wind up in his court.

Dillion's attorney, Larry Whittaker, could not be reached for comment.

Other court and police officials involved in the case would not comment on the outcome of Dillion's arraignment, citing confidentiality of juvenile records.

Mobley accepted Cain's apology by telephone.