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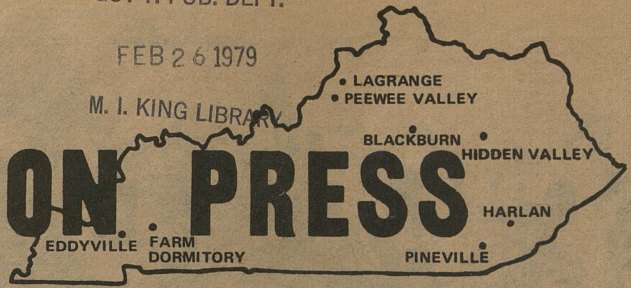
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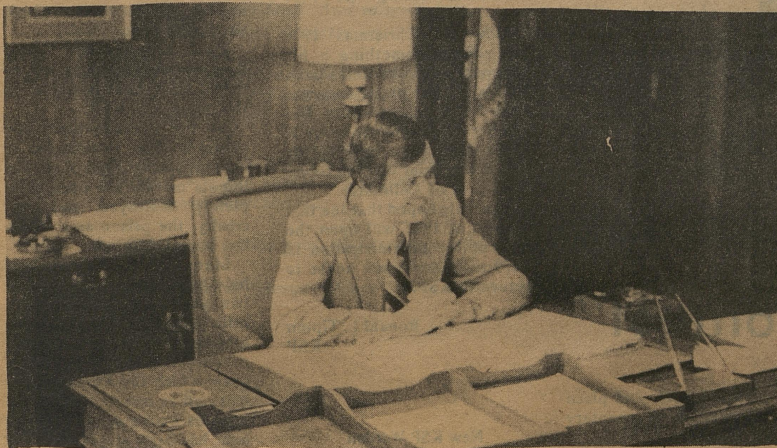
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Raymond Kottak, shown in his Frankfort office, has taken over the duties of Secretary of the Department of Justice following the resignation of John L. "Jack" Smith.

Smith Enters AG Race, Kottak Assumes Role In Department Of Justice

Three years after returning to his native state to head the Kentucky Department of Justice, John L. "Jack" Smith announced his resignation from the post in order to enter the race for Attorney General.

Raymond A. Kottak, well-known throughout the department in his position as Deputy Secretary, has been named by Governor Julian Carroll to fill the office of Secretary.

During his tenure with the Department of Justice, Smith led the restructuring of the Bureau of Corrections during the summer of 1976.

Prior to the appointment of Commissioner David Bland,

Smith held the post of acting Corrections Commissioner, in addition to his duties as Secretary.

It was during this period, that he pledged to take hold of the state's corrections system and its problems—"to take the hog by the ears."

In March 1977, Kottak joined Smith in the Department of Justice, assuming the post of Deputy Secretary.

The 31-year-old Kottak is a native of Louisville and came to the Frankfort post after having worked more than five years in Jefferson County government.

Prior to his appointment, he

worked for the Jefferson County Fiscal Court, directing the personnel administration of the departments and agencies answering to the courts.

Kottak has also served as Clerk of the Quarterly Court in Jefferson County and as Assistant Director of the Jefferson County Personnel Department.

In addition, Kottak has held the position of administrative assistant with the Metropolitan Park and Recreation Board in Louisville.

Kottak holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and a Masters degree in Business Administration.

Residents' Children Spend Weekends Through DBCDC Program

By Beverly Combs

Once a month, through a program called MOLD, the residents at DBCDC have the opportunity to have their children spend the weekend with them. The purpose of MOLD (Mother Offspring Life Development) is to allow the mother and child to maintain contact and to become better acquainted. Mothers of MOLD are required to attend classes on being a parent in today's society before becoming eligi-

ble for a MOLD weekend.

Frankie Beasley, program director, had this to say about MOLD, "I feel this program helps keep a closeness that is needed between mother and child. Also, it gives the mother more responsibilities. My job, as MOLD director, is to observe and help in any way I can."

This is just another one of the many programs here at DBCDC that helps each woman to achieve that final goal: Freedom.

POPULATION FIGURES

Kentucky State Penitentiary	872
Kentucky State Reformatory	1783
Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women	88
Blackburn Correctional Complex	201
Bell County Forestry Camp	66
Harlan County Forestry Camp	33
Western Kentucky Farm Center	112
Daniel Boone Career Development Center	29
Roederer Farm Center	126
Frankfort Career Development Center	80
Total Resident Population	3390

Parole Board Member Ousley Dies At Age 70

Carl C. Ousley, Jr., a member of the Kentucky Parole Board, died on November 10, in Frankfort. He was 70 years old.

Ousley, a native of Louisville, was named to the Parole Board in March, 1973.

Prior to his appointment, he served as an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Jefferson County where he was known as a "tough and fiery" prosecutor. He held the Jef-

erson County post from 1946 to 1973.

Ousley graduated from Male High School in Louisville, and went on to receive his law degree from the University of Louisville in 1931.

He practiced law from 1931 to 1942, and then entered the United States Navy.

Following his discharge, he joined the Jefferson County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office.



Students at the Bridgeport Elementary School in Frankfort, received first place honors in the Great Pumpkin Contest sponsored by the FCDC Futuristic Jaycees. The students and their teacher, Mrs. Jackie O' Lane, are pictured with their winning entry.

"The Great Pumpkin Contest"

By Kent Trumble

The Futuristic Jaycees of the Frankfort Career Development Center sponsored a county-wide Pumpkin Contest in the Franklin County Elementary Schools during the month of October.

True, the time is a little late to discuss pumpkins, but in all honesty, it was discovered by the FCDC Jaycee Chapter that there were more ways to enhance a pumpkin than our imagination could offer.

The project itself was initiated by Mr. Mike Martin, Superintendent of FCDC after discovering a surplus of pumpkins in the Jaycee Senior Citizen Garden. He felt that it may prove interesting to give the surplus pumpkins to the

elementary schools to carve, dress up, or just use the old imagination and come up with a finished product.

To say the least, the project proved to be a brilliant success. It was finally labeled the "First Annual Futuristic Jaycee Pumpkin Contest."

Final judging was from October 25 through 30. But due to the unforeseen anticipation that these children possess the most fantastic imaginations conceivable, the judges had to deliberate an additional week to come to their final decision. With much serious thought and painstaking energies, the judges finally found a winner.

The final outcome was: Bridgeport Elementary School, 1st place; Bald Knob

Elementary School, 2nd place and Thornhill Elementary School, 3rd place.

All students and classrooms were given individual certificates. The first place winners were given the additional prize of coming to the Frankfort Career Development Center for a tour of the facility and lunch and the entire event proved to be a success for both the participants and Futuristic Jaycees.

Mr. Marshall, principal of Bridgeport Elementary Schools, has in turn invited the Futuristic Jaycees to their school for lunch and to speak on the topic of "being incarcerated." The Chapter is presently in the process of planning this event.

Letters To The Editor

Christmas at KSP

Christmas 1978, in the maximum-security prison at Eddyville, was a different kind of holiday than the memorable 1977 Christmas when an open house for family and friends was held.

Many inmates have questioned why the administration decided against another open house after last year's big success. More than 1,200 visitors spent the entire day at the institution during the 1977 open house.

However, Christmas 1978 still offered something a bit different from Christmas past. Visiting on the picnic area was held for 10 days—from December 23, through January 1.

No visits were held in the prison's regular visiting room, located in #4 Cellhouse.

It is truly hoped that the fine turnout of 1977 will open the eyes of the administration in 1979 and allow open house to return to KSP.

Ronald L. Tipton
KSP

New KSP Warden

January 3, 1979, will find a new warden at the 96-year-old maximum security prison located in Western Kentucky.

After nearly two and one-half years as warden at Kentucky's only maximum security prison, Donald E. Bordenkircher announced that he is getting out of corrections and entering politics.

Dewey Sowders, an 11-year veteran in the Bureau of Corrections, has been named

to replace Bordenkircher by Corrections Commissioner David H. Bland. It is hoped by the KSP population that the new warden will bring with him a new outlook on rehabilitation.

The past two and one-half years at KSP, the inmates were taken through several changes by Bordenkircher. The inmates saw practically all their privileges stripped without due process of law. Rehabilitation has been overlooked because Bordenkircher centered his attention on retribution and on the welfare of the citizens of Lyon County.

The resignation of Bordenkircher brought a wonderful Christmas present to the inmates at KSP.

At the present time, the prison is at an all-time low in many respects. First of all, the inmate morale has been completely destroyed and, secondly, the prison as a whole has been left to rot.

Many of the activities here have been stopped. In the past two and one-half years, very little has been spent on the athletic program and AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), a program which the Parole Board looks on as beneficial to those inmates with a drinking problem, has been stopped.

We hope that the new warden will bring back these programs and give the inmates new hope.

For many of the inmates, all Bordenkircher has left behind him is a legacy of hate, distrust and constant turmoil, among his own staff as well as the inmates. If Donald E. Bordenkircher does for politics what he has done for corrections, then politics is headed for a dark storm.

Ronald L. Tipton
KSP

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"BLACK WOMAN—ALIAS COLORED GIRL"

She has black coarse hair with a pretty face, and wearing a soulful dress with a touch of grace.

She has gleaming eyes and pearl white teeth, with the soulful dress covering the ebony skin underneath.

She has love for humanity within her heart, while possessing the power to resist a false God, she is dancing up and down all through the land. And magnifying strength making America an even better land.

She knows someday we will reach that higher goal. For we got beauty, intelligence and a choice of soul.

She keeps dancing and wearing her soulful dress. For she knows she is fair lots more than the rest.

She is one of the profound beauties of this world

She is Black Woman—Alias Colored Girl.

"THE QUESTION WHY"

*Is there any rest pertaining to the question why on the thoughts of live and die
If no—where does the peace lie.
In the way we conduct this life before we die.
Will we take care of all we have that others had or will we be consumed by some destructive fad. Shall we follow or shall we lead. Will we ever be smug or will we forever need.*

*What is down and how far is up
Who controls the measuring cup
How do you do the dance to make it rain
Shall we do our good in vain.*

*We can have peace as we live in time
Because peace is a state of mind
After all is unraveled and done and we die
But still remains the question why.*

*Now I rest
I do my best*

"I LOVE LIFE"

*I love to party
I love to dance
But I was told
It will never last.*

*For dancing legs
Make not of praying knees
For the devil in hell
Wants to punish me.*

*I know these things are no good
To make it to heaven I must be good
Eternal life sounds good to me
The thought of burning for eternity
Makes this hell we're in a small burn on men.*

*But when we get there it burns without
And we burn within
A living hell with no end.*

"THE FENCE"

*It's a beautiful day
beyond that fence
but from in here
where the air is dense*

*There is no beauty
of a springtime day
only an X on the calendar
Marking time away*

*For behind this fence
Many men are confined
With thoughts of imprisonment
to torture their mind*

*With hearts full of bitterness
contempt and hate
for people and things
that decided their fate*

*For the father of children
The tormenting hell
Of what their kids think
about Daddy in jail.*

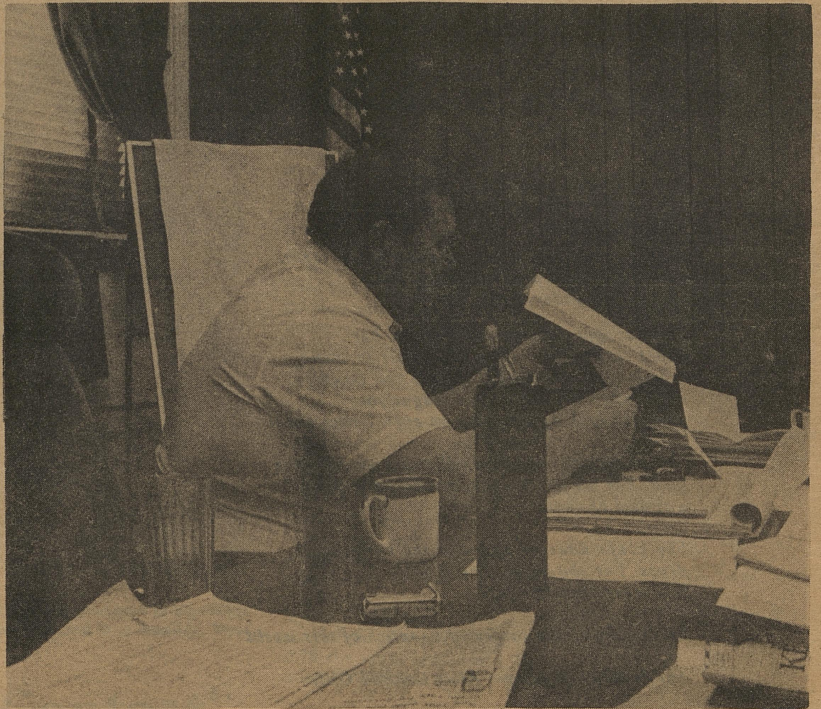
*Awaiting impatiently
For that "nightmare" to cease
and that precious moment
of that final release*

*For when that day comes
so happy I'll be
but I'll not rest easy
until I am free . . .*

EDITOR'S NOTE: The poetry printed on this page was written by a former BCC resident, James Howard Fields. Fields, known by the nickname "How Boo," has made parole. He is 29 years old and was born and raised in New Castle, Kentucky.



Don Bordenkircher and Operations Director Mike Taylor, make their way down the steps at the Penitentiary. Bordenkircher has resigned his post at KSP to manage the lieutenant gubernatorial campaign of Richard Lewis.



Newly-appointed KSP Superintendent Dewey Sowders began work at the maximum-security institution in early January. Sowders had previously served as superintendent at the Reformatory.

Superintendent Ranks Undergo Major Changes

Dewey Sowders, an 11-year veteran of the Bureau of Corrections, has been named superintendent of the Kentucky State Penitentiary by Governor Julian Carroll.

Sowders' appointment was a result of the resignation of Don Bordenkircher as warden of the Lyon County facility.

Bordenkircher's decision to resign marked the end of a 20-year career in corrections.

The 43-year-old Bordenkircher began his career as a correctional officer at San Quentin. He later served as the senior corrections consultant to South Vietnam; as chief instructor on prisons for the International Police Academy and, prior to his appointment at Kentucky State Penitentiary, as warden of the West Virginia State Prison at Moundsville. Bordenkircher resigned his post at Kentucky State Penitentiary to manage the campaign of Richard Lewis, a candidate for the Democratic Lieutenant Gubernatorial nomination.

Sowders brings more than six years experience as a superintendent to his new job at Kentucky State Penitentiary. He served as superintendent at the Bell County Forestry Camp for two years; as Blackburn Superintendent for three years and superintendent at Kentucky State Reformatory for nearly one and one-half years.

He joined the bureau in March, 1967, as a correctional officer.

The Bell County native also spent 10 years in military service and is a former member of the Middlesboro Police

Department.

Sowders, 43, is a president-elect of the Kentucky Council on Crime and Delinquency (KCCD).

As a result of Sowders' transfer to Kentucky State Penitentiary, Steve Smith has assumed the superintendent's job at the Reformatory. Smith served as Associate Superintendent for Treatment from February, 1974, until his appointment as superintendent.

Smith, 31, joined the Kentucky State Reformatory staff in September, 1970, as a Classification and Treatment Officer. During his tenure at Kentucky State Reformatory, he has also served as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent; and Assistant Director of the Admissions and Orientation Unit and as Supervisor of Casework Services.

Harlan County Forestry Camp has also undergone a change in superintendents. Jody Ison resigned as superintendent of the minimum security camp on November 30 to enter private business.

The 28-year-old Ison joined the bureau in July, 1973, as a correctional officer at Harlan County Forestry Camp.

Lieutenant Hobart Nantz was named Acting Superintendent following Ison's resignation and on January 15, Lieutenant Russell Johnson officially assumed the Superintendent's position.

Nantz, 49, joined the bureau in April, 1973, as a correctional officer at Harlan County Forestry Camp. The 58-year-old Johnson began work at Harlan County Forestry Camp in March, 1973.

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