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Wanna Be A Councilman?

While The Mercury has no intention of exacting any promises from candidates for Carlisle city council, it is of more than fair that these candidates be advised as to what will be expected of them once they are elected.

The Mercury has every reason to believe that the following expressions are only reflections of the thoughts of a majority of the city's residents:

Carlisle is entitled to better street. Than it now has and people are beginning to wonder why the carload of chips which was received by the city 60 days ago has not been applied.

Carlisle is entitled to a city-supervised and directed system of garbage disposal. Other towns no larger have been giving their residents such a service for quite some time.

Carlisle is entitled to be something better than "mosquito bait" and its getting sick and tired of battling there pests, summer in and summer out.

While there are some sections of Carlisle where water pressure is strong there are other sections where water won't run out of faucets on the second floor if the downstairs taps are on.

Yes, candidates of council, these are a few of the problems with which you are faced. We could mention more but we feel that these are ample for the present.

The Mercury is older than most of the residents of the city. It did not attain that venerable age by letting its people down!

Exercise Care, Please

Carlisle and Nicholas county schools will begin a new year Monday, when more than 1,300 children are expected to be traveling back and forth from their homes to schools, throughout the week. This means that special care should be exercised on all the highways, that these children may go back to school in safety.

A large number of the children of this county is transported to school on buses and the county has an enviable safety record for the transportation of these children. Let us continue to maintain this record.

There will be many children on the streets of Carlisle and on the county's highways who will not be school bus passengers. Let's take care of these too. The Mercury believes in exercising safety measures on the highways at all times and that motorists should be ever mindful of children.

Teachers can give instructions to children that may mean much toward a safety program. Parents, too, can help in this. Let's all work together to send the children back to school safely.

Are You Registered?

It is of more than passing interest to learn that throughout Kentucky there is in progress a concerted campaign to register Kentuckians of voting age so they may vote in the November election. Labor unions, veterans' organizations and civic bodies are cooperating in the movement aimed at awakening citizens' responsibilities in the November and other future elections. That is the way it should be.

If you think there is no need for such an effort, take time for an impromptu poll among your friends and acquaintances. Ask the veteran next door; the man you meet at the store, or at church; the fine lady with the nice family of youngsters residing just down the street or road? Ask them if they are registered.

Be prepared for a surprise! Persons who make a study of such things estimate that in Kentucky more than 200,000 eligible men and women are, through failure to register, not even qualified as voters. It is safe to state that in your neighborhood the percentage of such persons is in keeping with the state's high figures. In your survey, you'll find that a surprising number of veterans who willingly struggled in the battle centers of Europe and Asia, now fail to maintain that interest in the government for which they fought. According to estimates, less than one-third of Kentucky's World War II veterans are registered.

This strange fact is not confined to the young ex-soldier. The Louisville Courier-Journal estimates in the ranks of organized labor, less than 50 per cent of the union membership is registered.

And among farmers, businessmen, housewives and other groups, the lack of interest is deplorable.

Too busy! Don't want to get mixed up in dirty politics! What's the use?

These and other flimsy excuses attempt to explain why such widespread disregard for the privilege of citizenship exists in our Commonwealth.

While the world today passes through one crisis after another, it is important to notice that frequently some struggling nation is forced from its last vestige of a democratic form of government. In many of these countries, the right to vote, if it exists at all, is a mockery. What would those people give for the privilege to select officials of their choice, dedicated to serve the people who give them power?

And yet, in this nation, where the right of you and your neighbor to select the governing officials of your choice remains unchallenged, we put that right in jeopardy through indifference. That indifference deprives right-minded movements of the support of righteous citizens. It permits dangerous theories to go unchallenged.

Let us remember that our government is based on the principles of a free election engaged in by an enlightened electorate. And let those who recognize that fact make special effort to urge friends and neighbors to register before September 6 and be ready to vote in the November election.

For Value Received

Among criticisms commonly heard in regard to the American medical system, are availability of doctors in sparsely settled areas, high costs, and inadequate facilities. Those who are unable to see anything good in established American institutions such as medicine, have magnified these criticisms to the point where many people have lost perspective.

A short time ago, to illustrate a few of the good points in our medical system, a party of vacationists was cruising on a small boat in the northwestern corner of the State of Washington, among the San Juan Islands. It is a remote area. One evening a small child in the party developed a high fever. By the time the nearest island village was reached, it was very late. The parents located a doctor who came to the boat immediately and spent nearly two hours with the child. He had just completed a "residency" with a well known hospital. When questioned about local hospital facilities, he said there were none but that he cooperated closely with the Coast Guard. Emergency cases were taken to the mainland an hour or so away by high-speed cutter. His personal interest in the child was apparent. He returned home at 1 a. m., but was back at the boat at 7 a. m. for a final check.

The next night the party and the little patient were once more moored in an out-of-the-way spot. Again it was necessary to call a doctor and again an efficient, courteous individual appeared late at night. This time arrangements were made for admission to a Seattle hospital at 2 a. m., where still another doctor took immediate charge. Complete examination covering a 36-hour period followed. Through it all appeared the same personal concern for a patient's welfare.

Finally, the patient was released. Hospital expenses were disposed of without red tape, under the Blue Cross plan. Total doctor bills, night calls and all, involving three different doctors who had spent in the aggregate about 30 years preparing to follow their profession, amounted to slightly over 30 dollars.

The next time you hear a "reformer" condemn the American medical system, you should ask yourself in all sincerity how many other callings—lay or professional—give a greater measure of service, dollar for dollar, than your doctor.

Capito! Comments

By David M. Perier

After a "palsy walsy" meeting in Louisville last Friday, the Republicans are all like a Barber Shop Quartet, full of harmony.

General Dummit, Governor Wills, Senator Cooper, John Fred Williams, Steve Watkins, Orville Howard, William Stanfill, and Congressman Morton all were there, and Jouett Ross Todd was out of the city. L. C. Ross of Somerset was appointed state campaign chairman for the coming election and immediately announced that the party would stand on the record of the Willis Administration. He stated "We must win on the record we have made in Frankfort, or we must lose."

Governor Willis stated "We can lick them in November by carrying on the high principals of Americanism as favored by the Republican party and by making known our purpose to keep our party clean and strong in the promotion of honest and progressive state government."

Senator John Cooper said "Our chances in November are as good or better than a year ago because there is unity in the party. The Republican ticket is a better one than the Democrats have, and the people wanted the type of government the Republicans offered them."

That there will be a real battle this Fall is shown by the type of organization the Republicans are setting up. Congressman Thurston Morton was appointed finance chairman, he was formerly an official of a large milling company, and is familiar with wealth and its sources, a good man for the place. John Fred Williams and Thomas F. Manby of LaGrange were appointed as vice-chairmen under Ross. Vaughn L. Wiman of Mayfield, who did a fine job as Dummit's campaign manager, was appointed chairman of the campaign advisory committee and Williams, campaign manager. Bryant Lawton, was named as vice-chairman.

What seemed to be a walk-away for the Democratic party has turn into a real battle by October as the Republicans have the state machine always a strong factor in any election. The doubt in the minds of the public as to whether Governor Willis and his administration would back General Dummit seems to be a thing of the past and with unity in the party, watch the sparks fly the next two months.

RANDOM SHOTS—Construction of the proposed Mining City Dam in Butler County on Green River is opposed by John Cooper, Governor Willis and Democratic Congressman Earle Clements the nominee for Governor on the grounds that it might destroy or impair Mammoth Cave.—The Republicans have gotten the jump on the Democrats in the first blood of the campaign. Their opening is set for Lexington on September the 20th, a week before the Democratic opening at Morehead.

News In The World Of Religion

By W. W. Reid

Wherever English is used as the medium of Christian singing—and in many places where English hymns have been translated into other tongues—men and women will sing this September hymn by loved lines:

"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me."

September 1947 marks the centennial of the writing of these words and of the death of their author, the Rev. Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). A native of Scotland, educated in Ireland, vicar of a church in England, Mr. Lyte wrote these words after his last sermon from the pulpit he had to leave because of ill-health. The next day he sailed for France where he died almost as soon as he arrived. He was buried in the English Cemetery in Nice, and there is a monument to him at his church in Brixham, England, but his hymn, found in almost every hymnal of the Christian churches, is his greatest monument. It has been a favorite of laymen and ministers, saints and sinners, for several generations.

Although there appears to have been no instance of lynching in Virginia in the last twenty years, the Virginia Council of Churches is concerned with new lynching outbreaks in various parts of the country, and "the crimes which lead to situations where people are tempted to take law into their own hands", and has issued a series of suggestions to its constituent churches. Declaring that the Christian conscience and the Christian church believe in upholding the laws of the nation, the Council asks that churches "Educate the people of their community against lynchings; develop an enlightened public opinion through other organizations; work for legislation that will assure all persons equal protection under the law; request ministers to set forth the evils of lynching; urge church members to pray, act to its elimination; and write letters to daily newspapers concerning the crime."

A bust of General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was recently presented to the United Nations, at Lake Success, L. I., marking the eighth anniversary of the commencement of the Army's educational evangelistic, and social welfare work, now organized throughout most of the world. There are today 3,000,000 members under 97 national flags. The first group of Salvation Army officers arrived from England in New York in 18-

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