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From—An editor's random thoughts

Lay late, even for the Sabbath and fain would linger, having moved from book to book last night till long after midnight, like a numbskull, losing much sleep and adding little to my wits. A habit born of much hurried newspaper reading, this nibbling at one book and then another, munching at this may asine and that like a pig with too tempting an array of corn; so that I wonder if ever again I shall be able to read leisurely and with good digestion. For I have heard it said that five years in a country newspaper office will make one unfit for a neat orderliness in any business and alack! twenty-five years have flown by with their sunshine and shadow, since that bleak November day when I saw the first blurred sheet come out of the old Cincinnati Cylinder and called it my own. So that I am triply unfit for method and neatness and must admit it. But I suspect that those of us who toil and moil in the dust and grime of country print shops have ruined no embryonic captains of industry in our choice of a profession.

Yet the craft has its compensations, if it return little compensation to its devotees. It is indeed a sad, glad, happy-go-lucky trade, with a multiplicity of ups and downs, in which the downs mostly have it, and one learns restraint and thrift and a suavity with bill collectors and human nature and profanity. One has his sense of humor sharpened, in country print shops, of necessity, else he would burst into tears or a bank and steal enough to buy all the machinery every printer craves and never gets, or being apprehended, go to prison, get his hands clean of ink and have time to read and perchance write a book. For nearly all who dabble in the vacous fluid that "makes millions think" believe they could write rings around Sinclair Lewis (and they might do it, too) and show Irvin Cobb a thing or two, (which I doubt)—if they only had the time. Which they never have.

So as I bathe and dress I fall to thinking of my twenty-five years spent in trying to tease a competency from a country weekly and futile years they seem to me in my beastly morning mood. For experience has dimmed the lustre of the high hopes and brave ideals of the tyro who gloated at the new name in the mast-head that November morning years ago. Recalcitrant cylinder presses, antiquated machinery and ten cents per column inch have dimmed the hopes and shattered the ideals of many a would-be journalist, and those first few years these did dim and shatter me with a vengeance. But they left my finances as they found them, having there nothing to work on, nor ever will, I reckon.

—Warren R. Fisher Sr.

Paralysis is personal

There has been a lot of talk recently about polio statistics. They look very good. The incidence of the paralytic disease went down sharply in 1957. The Salk vaccine obviously works and works wonderfully well. There is considerable patting on the back that victory is within our grasp.

Fine and dandy. But do we know that 1957 would not have been a light polio year anyway? We do not. Polio is a notoriously unpredictable disease, up one year and down the next.

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis points out that there is one thing we do know for sure, and that is that a lot of people either haven't been vaccinated at all, or have not completed their full series of three shots. These people will be in just as much danger if next summer is a heavy polio summer as though they lived before the age of Dr. Salk.

Statistics are figures—marks on a piece of paper. Paralysis is personal. If you or your children contact paralytic polio, all the encouraging statistics in the world will not ease the tragedy. And tragedy it is, in the fullest and most awful sense, if men, women and children are stricken by this venomous disease when the means to protect them are at hand.

The statistics that count, so far as any family is concerned, are its record of vaccination. Make no mistake about it, your own vaccination is the pay off. Get it done. Finish your full series of three shots. National statistics are pretty meaningless in a family where a child or adult is struggling to breathe with muscles that have been knocked into nothingness by polio.

Pulse of the country

The great American cities are booming in population. But millions of people still prefer the smaller towns, the grass-roots feel and atmosphere, the way of life that goes with the countryside.

Recently an employment agency ran a three-line ad in the New York Times offering jobs on country weekly newspapers. From that single, tiny notice more than 60 replies were received. This caused the American Press to say that "... there may be many newspapermen who have gone to the cities to seek their fortunes and, after a few frustrating months or years, long to return to the country ..."

Those who work on the smaller papers are about as close to the pulse of the country as anyone can be.

Americans are meat eaters on a grand scale. The annual per capita consumption runs around 160 pounds—more than any other comparable country.

Wind wrecks tobacco barn in County; child injured with dynamite cap

Thursday, December 2, 1937

Fire originating in the roof of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey C. Norton about 2 o'clock Tuesday caused considerable damage to the home before the blaze was extinguished. This is the fourth fire in Carlisle since the water has been so scarce.

Rains during the weekend brought tobacco into condition for stripping and a number of farmers report that they have practically completed stripping their crops.

Robert Colliver qualified in county court Tuesday as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Frannie Colliver.

Gaining entrance by cutting out a piece of the door and then prizing off the stud of a night lock, thieves entered the store of the A. & P. on Main street early Sunday morning and escaped with an undetermined amount of merchandise.

$1,206,854 is given as the total taxable valuation of all city property for 1937.

Wind completely demolished a large tobacco barn on the farm of George Sampson in the Blue Lick section Sunday. Tobacco in the barn was damaged.

DIED—Mrs. Margaret Jones, 86, at the home of her son, Enoch Jones, near Saltwell Nov. 25.

Thursday, November 29, 1917

Rev. E. B. Bourland of the Christian Church, to preach union Thanksgiving sermon at Methodist Church this morning.

Joe Sidles, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Sidles, of Barefoot, seriously injured when a dynamite cap he was playing with exploded.

Ernest Piper buys Earl Allison place near Carlisle at public auction for $4,725.

MARRIED—Miss Anna Simons and T. H. Holland, both of the County, on the 27th.

DIED—Jesse Wilson at his home in the County on the 26th.

Tom Payne Says:

Rev. Ben Cain paster of the Moorefield Church and paster of Headquarters Church came up to County house with the Salt well Methodist Church and held a short serves on Sunday, Nov. 3

Equl rights for a woman have gone to the dogs. City Council has decided on Licenses for female dogs will cost the same as those for males instead of a dollar moore.

When had horses and Buggies Tom Payne said a man told him he was in a big rain storm and he had 10 miles to go and he had a fast horse and he keep a head of rain storm. he went so fast that it went in back of his buggy and dident rain in front of him. went for 10 miles. that was fast riden. I dont kanow where that is true are not.

On Thursday nov. 14 the Carlisle Baptist church came out to County house and had a serves. red a chapter in the Bible and had a prayer and sing a few songs and then treated tham all to ice cream and cakes. here is the names who was here. Mrs. Nathen Buckler, Mrs. dock Cowan, Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Curtsinger and Mrs Lucille Stone and Neil Craycraft and Ernestine Eads. was a good lot of ladys and nice ladys.

Tom Payne said when he live at Kings Mountain Ky—me and a nother man went to church walk about 5 miles. he lived little over a mile from Kings Mountain near a nother church had a grave yeard. when he left he started running up to the house and he got a bed sheet and got out there Before I did when I was Passing the grave yeard I heard a racket and I look at that grave yeard and there came sompsan over the fence and I started running but it never did catch me. I never did go back to that church 5 miles away but later I found out it was the man I went with. this is all true.

There was a man that lived at Kings Mountain could tell how many times a Rail Road train would turn over in a mile. I dont kanow where that is true or not.

A LITTLE YAPPIN
by NELLIE CRUMP

Needed, a Headband!

Met a lady Sunday and she told me she takes The Mercury and reads "every word of it, ads and all, every week." Also added that she likes this column especially and reads it "the very first thing." Oh boy! My head began to feel So-o-o big! Thanks a million, reader.

—YAP—

To What the Appetite.

We have had the flu at our house which left poor (?) appetites. As a cure-all Little One suggested after church Sunday that we stop at "that little house with the big each" and get some of Frankie's chili. Good idea, and Valetta's pie was "out of this world!"

—YAP—

Ah, The Broken Dollar!

Thinking of ways and [illegible] at this season, I recall a variation I had in Missouri some years ago. There was a variety store in the small town called "The Broken Dollar," run by a family from Louisville, Ky. Wonder if it's still there!

—YAP—

He's on the Ball!

Announcement of Senator Stanley H. Blake of Carlisle, Dean of the Ky. State Senate and General Assembly to make the race for the 7th tem of the State Senate, recalls the fact that he was first elected to the State Senate in 1937. From the 30th district, composed of Nicholas, Bracken, Grant, Harrison, Pendleton and Bourbon counties, he has won six consecutive four-year terms and has served under five Governors, one of them twice. Now that's "a good job well done."

—YAP—

Bazaar of Bargains.

Been wanting to take the trip (but can't make it) out to Mary Lizzie Clay's ever since hearing of the Odds and Ends "store" she has started at her home on West Main street. As the story goes, there are rare articles at rare prices, which makes me wonder if she might have a money-stretcher in stock. I must try a bit harder to get there for one month from right now Christmas 1957 will only be his name.

—YAP—

To toot, or not to toot?

When one fails to toot his own horn, usually same goeth unstooted. Therefore, with great pride it is hereby announced that The Mercury has recently installed a small Kelly automatic cylinder press. Shy of all the gadgets it took to manage the contraption, together with the corps of helpers, neighbors, sightsee'ers, sweat (nary a cuss word) I just baby sat with the telephone in the front office and hoped for the best while the unloading was going on. Today, I ventured to inquire "how's it doin'."

"Fine," said the pressman, "if I ever get it to understand who's boss."

Two new presses in a little more than a year—Really something to toot about!

Yapo—all

MAN ON THE STREET

FOR IMPROVING
WORK OF LOCAL
CHARITABLE
ORGANIZATIONS

By Kenneth Fink, Director, Princeton Research Service

Princeton, New Jersey—What suggestions do rank and file citizens have for improving the work of their local charitable agencies?

To determine the answer to this all important question, MAN ON THE STREET and his people asked people in all walks of life minds at the present time:

"What one suggestion do you have for improving the work of local social service (charitable) agencies around here"

Results of this survey show that two ways to improve the work of local charitable agencies are uppermost on people's minds at the present time:

1. More publicity: have a lot of publicity; better public relations; like to know what they're doing; advertise more; keep people better informed; advertise themselves more

2. More volunteer workers: more volunteers; get more people to help; more people helping them out; get more people working for free

Next most popular suggestions, judging from the frequency of mention, are:

3. Better qualified solicitors: more of right people for jobs; use mature, courteous people; have them more polite; train solicitors better; teach them not to make pests of themselves

4. Stir up more enthusiasm: get more people more enthusiastic; more spirit; more community spirit aroused; get people together more; stir up more interest

5. Make more thorough investigations of applicants for charity: better investigations of those getting charity money

6. Have central agency: avoid duplication of effort; more cooperation among various charitable agencies

Smaller groups mentioned explain where the money goes; have one campaign; improve their services; spend money for what they collect it; make more callbacks when collecting; have more paid workers; do more for the needy; have more affairs for charity; have street collections, and have more drives for charities. A second question asked in today's survey shows that just about three out of every ten people in the survey questioned said that they would be willing to serve as solicitors for their local charity drives.

"Would you be willing to serve as a solicitor for funds for your local charity drives or not?"

Yes	29%
No	71

From the above, it would seem that if a carefully planned effort were to be made by those in charge of their local drives, they would have little trouble getting all the solicitors they need.

And making every effort to let the public know about their charity drives and keeping people informed of what they are doing would almost certainly pay off in the way of money returns.

The Carlisle Mercury presents the reports of MAN ON THE STREET exclusively in this area

KENTUCKIANS

IN WASHINGTON
By Gil Kingsbury

DISCOURAGING NOTE:

The Agriculture Department blows a blue note on its horn when it says an increase in use of foreign tobacco and a decrease in the use of Kentucky and other tobaccos.

And we are informed, the increase in foreign tobacco is likely to increase.

With this threat over the head of the tobacco farmer it seems like the Agriculture Department should do some research into new uses for Kentucky tobacco.

SCHOOLS AND MONEY:

Word that Kentucky schools will need more money next year sent us looking into some facts and figures on what other states are doing.

Cross the Potomac from Washington, the Arlington school board is going to meet soon to decide on opening the schools the year 'round. It's either that or build a new high school. And in Washington one school is going to drop kindergarten as a money saver.

RATING TEACHERS:

Another note of interest, especially to Kentucky teachers is a plan to grade teachers according to ability—and pay them on their grades.

Seems that one organization, anxious to pay good teachers what they deserve, offered the plan. As yet, there are no takers. But something got to be done, the experts say, if we are going to get enough teachers to care for the increase in population.

50 YEARS OLD:

Thousands of Kentuckians who have passed through Washington's Union Station will want to know that the old, soot-covered building has celebrated its 50th birthday.

One baggage room attendant told us about his greatest problem. Seems that several years ago a runaway train plunged into the outer waiting room. An elderly lady, seeing the steel monster lunge at her, dropped two pieces of luggage and fled the scene.

Now that she hasn't returned and the attendant has two lost articles—or a lost lady—on his hands.

The HUNGRY SPORTSMAN
by Eddie Meier

PHEASANT AND SAGE

Pheasants which have spent a life in the wild (as compared to game farm birds) seldom come with much fat on them and so tend to be dry in roasting unless preventative steps are taken. One satisfactory method is to rub the bird well with olive oil and wrap in toweling for an hour or so. A second application is usually desirable if the first is absorbed readily.

Baked pheasant with sage dressing is a hard combination to beat and the same dressing recipe you use for chicken fills the bill nicely. Place the stuffed bird on a rack in the roaster and bake until brown in a hot oven (425 degrees), then reduce heat to slow (300 degrees), cover pan and continue baking for 2½ hours.

Here is one of my favorite dressings. Melt 5 tablespoons butter in pan and in it saute until transparent 1 medium onion (sliced and quartered) and ¼ cup diced celery. Add 4 cups bread crumbs, 1½ teaspoons sage, 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Mix well.

CASSEROLE OF COOT

Coots subsist mainly on the same foods that give the famed mallards, canvasbacks and other top table ducks their fine flavor, so you'll find the lowly "mudhens" can be transformed into excellent dishes! Casserole of coot is one of them. Just remember, always skin a coot and remove all fat.

Four coot breasts are needed for this casserole and they should first be soaked in salt water 2 hours. Dredge the breasts in seasoned flour and brown in bacon drippings in a skillet. Place in casserole, sprinkle with ¼ teaspoon dried basil, then with 1 tablespoon minced onion. Add 2 six-oz cans of mushrooms and 2 cups evaporated milk. Bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) 1½ hours.

SQUIRREL PIE

Squirrels that flash into hiding the instant you shoot will come out much quicker if you'll not rush over and pick up your game. Just stand still. In about 10 minutes they will have forgotten the blast and will come out again. Movement, however, may hole them up for 30 minutes or more.

One large bushytail is sufficient for this tasty squirrel pie, which goes together all the more quickly if you use the prepared biscuits available at the refrigerator section of your grocery.

Simmer the squirrel in water to cover until meat falls from the bone (about 1 hour) along with 1 stalk celery, 1 carrot and 1 onion which have been run through a food chopper. Remove squirrel and pick meat from bone, place in casserole with two 4-oz. cans mushrooms, and cover with a gravy made by thickening 2 cups of the stock with 3 tablespoons flour seasoned with 1 teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper and ¼ teaspoon paprika. Cover with biscuits and bake as per directions on container.

ROAST PHEASANT, CORN STUFFING

Just as do humans, pheasants like to be in clover—only the unclipped fields, of course, offering attraction to the ring-necks. In working clover fields, move in zigzag fashion with about 10 to 12 feet to each of the zigs and zags. Such tactics will induce tight-sitting birds to check out a la wing in a hurry. Distance between you and your partners can be increased by this device, too!

Roast pheasant with corn stuffing is a super way of preparing this king of upland game birds. For your stuffing, mix together 3 cups of soft bread crumbs, 1½ teaspoon salt, ¼ teaspoon pepper, 1 tablespoon minced onion, 1 tablespoon minced celery, 1 tablespoon minced celery tops, 1 tablespoon butter, 1 tablespoon bacon drippings, 1 beaten egg and 1½ cups cream-style corn.

Stuff and truss pheasant and bake 30 minutes in hot over (425 degrees), then cover roaster, deduce heat to slow (300 degrees) and bake 2½ hours longer. Since pheasants have little fat on them and thus tend to be dry in baking, they should be basted frequently with melted butter.

TODAY'S Meditation

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THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28
Read 11 Timothy 1:1-7.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. (Psalm 103:2)

Harold W. Ruopp describes an occasion when he telephoned to know if he could speak to the city editor of a large metropolitan newspaper. The editor's secretary replied somewhat abruptly, "I doubt it, he's very busy.

"I'm sorry I simply wanted to thank him for his splendid editorial yesterday."

"Oh," she said, "just a minute. I'll see if I can get him." The editor was soon talking. After receiving Dr Ruopp's thanks for the editorial, the editor took fifteen minutes of his busy time telling about the tribulations of a city editor.

When the phone conversation was over, Dr. Ruopp said half aloud, "That magic word, Thanks.

If a city editor of a large metropolitan newspaper would give the above response on being thanked, how must God respond when we thank Him for our many blessings?

God showers upon us a multitude of blessings every day. We can complain, we can take them for granted, or we can be thankful for them.

PRAYER

During this season of expressing gratitude to Thee, O God, we pray that Thanksgiving will continue to be a part of our daily life. Help us to be more thankful to Thee for all Thy benefits to us. In our Savior's name, Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.

Thomas L. Henry (Indiana) Daily Bible Reading—Micah 6:6-8.

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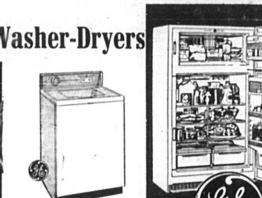

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Jackstown
By Mrs. Kenneth Kearns

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Way and Danny Whalen of Paris spent Sunday with Mrs. Day's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Banta and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sapp spent Saturday in Paris.

Mrs. Rosie Wilson has been quite ill with the flu.

Bobby Kearns of Bourbon county visited his father, Kenneth Kearns and Mrs. Kearns Sunday.

Mrs. Everette Wilson visited Mrs. Jesse Smith one afternoon last week.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Mrs. Ruth Wasson Sharp who passed away last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kearns and Mrs. Hollis Daniels were guests last Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Allen.

Concord
By Phyllis Tapp

James Tincher visited his mother, Mrs. Herman Hilander, Thursday.

Mrs. Pearlie Smoot visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parson at the Johnson Memorial Convalescent home last Saturday.

The Concord Homemakers met, Thursday afternoon with Mrs. George Bell. There was a good attendance.

Ernest Alexander, William Stanley Alexander and George Burl Smart attended stock sales at Paris, Friday.

Bill, Pat and Paula Donovan and Sue Bretz spent Friday night with Mrs. Ernest Alexander.

John S. Tapp visited his uncle, Pete Tapp, Saturday, who has been ill for some time.

Mrs. Lida Smith entered the Nicholas County hospital for surgery, Saturday. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Wayne Tapp spent Tuesday night with Gayle Tincher and Jerry and Frankie Hilander.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Duncan visited Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Tapp.

Henry Hilander and son of Lexington visited Mr. and Mrs. Allie Tapp and family a while Sunday.

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