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Had enough

Since when has the American Legion been given the right to deface the court house lawn? We are of the opinion that the lawn is public property, belonging to the County and in turn all of us. Those of us with any civic pride have admired the lovely old trees, the Carlisle Garden Club has planted several small ones with the hope that they will survive and grow each year.

For five days the court house yard has been occupied by a transit carnival, which will move on, taking most of the money spent during the so called Blackberry Festival with it. What money is left in Carlisle will be used, more than likely, for a "beer bust".

The carnival in its wake will leave several trees with only a branch or so gone, (if that branch was in the way of their wiring) but one tree in particular will stand out. This stately old oak tree with a number of its branches cut away, left disfigured, will be a constant reminder to many citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County that perhaps they have had enough. No one organization should feel that they are at liberty to give orders to deface public property.

ACROSS THE DESK

IDEAS FROM OTHER EDITORS

Maybe It Is Sour Grapes, But We Still Dislike Seeing Scott County Left Out

We are certainly glad for Nicholas Countians that the state has agreed to build a $100,000 highway fill dam in their county, thus creating a 150-acre lake. But we are a little sad because this is another in a long list of similar developments that have gone to other counties while Scott county has been overlooked.

If any administration in the history of Kentucky has ever done anything of a major nature especially for Scott county we would certainly like to know about it. It is true that Interstate Highway 75 is being built through our county, but we just happened to be on the route. The state didn't give it to us because we were good fellows or asked for it, or always voted for the party, or followed the state's choice. Is it any wonder that our people are pulling away from party ties and are scratching the ballot to vote their sentiments?

As we have so often pointed out, northern Scott county offers some of the most ideal spots in Central Kentucky for lakes similar to the one planned in Nicholas County. And the location is so advantageous to both the Blue Grass and Northern Kentucky that a state park might well be created here.

Governor Bert Combs last week approved the State Lake Development Committee plan to work with the State Highway Department in constructing the Nicholas County dam. It will be on a new rural secondary road to run between U. S. 68 and 32, and be located about two and a half miles from Carlisle.

A local non-profit corporation has been formed to acquire the land and sponsor the development of the lake for industrial and recreational purposes. The group also will assume the responsibility for maintenance and operation of the lake.

The cost of converting the highway fill into a dam for the lake is estimated at $100,000. "The local sponsoring organization plans to invest considerably more than this amount on the project," according to J. O. Matlick, commissioner of construction and chairman of the Lake Development Committee.

Nicholas county attorney Charles M. Cox, one of the leaders in promoting the project, pointed out that "this is the only lake of its kind in this part of the state. It will be of considerable interest to everyone who enjoys fishing and boating, or having a summer retreat for their family. The lake will be a valuable asset, not only to the community of Carlisle, but to those people residing in surrounding counties. We appreciate the cooperation of Governor Combs and other state officials in helping to make this project possible."

The Nicholas County lake is another project in Governor Combs' plan to build a "chain of lakes' across Kentucky by utilizing highway fills for dams. By converting highway fills into dams, water can be impounded at a fraction of the cost of conventional methods, Matlick said.

Yes, we are glad for Nicholas County, and some hot day next summer when we have a couple of hours for the drive—and the price of the gasoline—we may be able to drive over and watch them enjoy their lake.—The Graphic

Across the desk

An interchange at Clay City on the East Kentucky Toll Road is estimated to cost $40,000.

Last week Governor Combs approved a project for a lake in Nicholas County to cost $100,000. The $100,000 was estimated cost or running a road over a mountain to make the lake.

We do not question the value of the lake for Nicholas people; but we fail to see why anyone should question the need or value of an interchange at Clay City.—The Clay City Times

A LITTLE YAPPIN'

By Nellie Crump

When the Telephone Rings.

Was reading about one of Carlisle's popular young men having a little trouble with his new telephone number. His phone has been so recently installed the number has not yet been listed in the directory, therefore his phone has rung several times when the person calling really wants to get someone else. I want to tell you a few experiences I have had likewise.

The Nicholas County Hospital is 456 and my number is 465. See what I mean? Answered a call at 2 a.m. once from a man somewhere in Ohio that wanted me to tell him confidentially if his son lived or died that was injured in a wreck near Blue Licks. That was an easy one compared to the time a trembling feminine voice entered excitedly, "Is the baby born yet?" (all families think theirs is the only baby in the hospital).

Then there is Dorsey Bros. & Fisher whose new number is 46-R which does sound like 465 and I have answered calls for everything in the coal and lumber business. It really gives one a lift to hear the different voices and learn when who wants what and where to put it. I don't mind a bit but please do not slam the receiver up in my ear!

—Yaps—

This Way to the Circus.

Three children (two boys and a girl) lumbered up from their steps and all talked at the same time when I got to the door. They asked if I would come to the CIRCUS so I thought they were selling tickets for something or other. Simmering down a bit, they got it across that there was to be a circus in an old garage about a half block away at one o'clock sharp. There is an old saying that "an idle brain is the devil's workship" and there was no reason not to cooperate with a few children at play so I promised to attend. Why not?

Hurrying on their way, the largest and loudest boy (the ringmaster himself) turned and said, "Some more mothers will be there; can you walk, or must we come and get you?" I assured him I could walk. However, as the time drew near both my feet got a little cold, but a promise is a promise! Bedecked in ribbons and various lengths and hues, I went. Lucky me! Not a person did I meet on the way! After paying the dime admission, a couple of Indians, warpaint n' everything, escorted me to the fortune teller. There, and for 3¢, I was very pleased to hear I would live to be very old and have plenty of money from whence it came, eth she did not say). Just then the "midget panther from Africa" was reported on the loose. I was less frightened, naturally, when I recognized the little black kitten that was having his own idea of a good time with the red streamer on my hat.

No mothers came to the show! I was the whole audience and occupied a real "box seat" where I was served a cup of as good grape coolade as anyone can make (two ice cubes) all for 2¢ more, while oriental dancers, clowns and the man "on the flying trapeze" entertained.

But "All that glitters is not gold" and I do not know what in the Sam Patch made that snake charmer throw a real honest-to-goodness snake into the midst! But she did. It was good an' dead but it landed right between my feet. In less time than it takes to write it, another dance was added to the afternoon performance.

Also in my pocket was Charlie, a small puppet, that did very well for his age and physical condition. Still nervous, he nodded "yes" when aske dif he liked the show.

The entire ensemble then sang a few lines of Jingle Bells and the Biggest Show on Earth had come to a close.

Yaps—all . . .

WEEK-END EXODUS

20 YEARS AND 40 YEARS AGO

Drouth hurts berry prospects; Chautauqua season opens here

Thursday, July 3, 1941

Nicholas county which is famous for blackberries will not have a bumper crop this year, it is reported. The early drouth hurt blackberry prospects.

Choice lambs at the Farmers Stock Yards Tuesday sold $11.60 down, again with top quotations of last week. Other lines on the market were steady to strong.

Herschel Barton, Dayton, Ohio, formerly of this county suffered severe lacerations of the head Saturday afternoon when his hair became entwined in the gears of a drill press which he was operating. He is the son of Mrs. John M. Hamilton of the Pleasant Springs pike.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Crump on June 30th a 9½ pound daughter, named Nora McClary Crump.

MARRIED — Miss Bertie White, 16, and Archie Paul Feeback, 18, both of Nicholas county on June 24th.—Mrs. Ellen Fulton and D. E. Coakley of Milwaukee, Wis. Mrs. Fulton was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Scott of Carlisle.

DIED—William W. Campbell, 69, farmer of near Pleasant Valley Saturday morning in the Johnson Memorial hospital.—Samuel Aquilla Jones, 90, died Saturday morning at his home on the Arthur pike.—Mrs. Alice Adeline Hopkins, wife of the late B. F. Hopkins, died Thursday at her home on the Paris-Little Rock road near Little Rock. Mrs. Mary George 94, died at 1:15 Monday morning at her home here.—Ralph C. Bonar, 64, retired agent of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company, died Thursday afternoon at Cynthiana.—Gains S. Dudley, 81, retired tobacco buyer and warehouse owner, died Friday afternoon at his home on West Main street here.

Thursday, July 7, 1921

The annual Chautauqua season for Carlisle opened Wednesday afternoon with a concert by the Oceanic Concert Company.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bowen, of the Ishmael neighborhood, on Tuesday, July 5, a son.

MARRIED — Miss Gertrude Broughton, 21, and Harlan Buckler, 23, were issued a marriage license.—Miss Sallie E. Collyer and John H. Leach, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Bela Metcalf, last Saturday afternoon.—Miss Bessie Lee Knox and Feland Mann, at the Windsor hotel in Paris last Thursday. —Miss Rosa Collins and Malcolm Daniel at the home of the Rev. B. B. Hester, Wednesday.—Miss Lorraine West and Hirel Fay Asbury at New Albany, Ind., last Wednesday.

DIED—Robert Hughes, 25, at the home of his parents near Bethel last Monday.

Letters to the Editor

June 30, 1961

Dear Friend:

A few days ago I sent you my analysis of the omnibus farm bill presented to the Congress by the new Administration, and which was before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry on which I serve. Now I want to report to you on the action taken on by our Committee.

This week the Senate Committee on Agriculture struck out of the bill all of "Title I." That was the section which delegated Congressional authority to write new farm programs to the Secretary of Agriculture. I concluded that it shifted tremendous power over farmers and all agriculture from Congress to the Department of Agriculture. It created a great many other large and highly controversial proposals—dealing with marketing orders, marketing quotas and production controls, new price support and parity and advisory committees — for every agricultural commodity and farm product.

The vote in our Committee was very close—9 to 8. I voted for the successful Aiken-Holland motion to strike out all of "Title I" except extension of the National Wool Act.

The House Committee on Agriculture yesterday took similar action. What remains in the bill for further consideration, is the old basic and well established programs of the Farmers Home Administration, and extension of Public Law 480—the "Food for Peace" program through which farm surpluses are sold abroad for foreign currencies. There are also proposals to include a wheat program in the bill, and possibly to extend the 1961 emergency feed grain program.

In my opinion, this conclusive action by the Agriculture Committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives has killed all of the "Title I" proposals, certainly for this session of Congress and perhaps permanently. I was glad to receive the views of so many interested Kentucky farmers on this subject, and wanted to report to you promptly on the action taken by the Committee and my own vote against this far-reaching proposal.

Sincerely,

John Sherman Cooper

We will continue to work on new farm problems in our committee

For whom was the Filson Club in Louisville named?

John Filson, a Pennsylvania schoolmaster, born about 1753, was Kentucky's cartographer. He is generally credited with spreading the frontier legends of Daniel Boone and through other writings making known the name of Kentucky in this country and abroad. Filson was only 35 when he disappeared while surveying the site of a town he named Losantiville—now Cincinnati, Ohio. A recent biography of Filson is "John Filson of Kentucky" by John Walton, a descendent. (University of Kentucky Press: 1956.)

What is the westernmost town in Kentucky?

Hickman, the county seat of Fulton County, is the most western town of any size, although a portion of the county stretches some miles farther west. New Madrid Bend, several thousand acreas of fertile farm land, is separated from the rest of the state by a sweeping bend of the Mississippi River. Both the river and a portion of Missouri must be crossed to reach the land, which is actually the westernmost portion of the state. A few farm families live here and are legal residents of Kentucky.

Lexington is advertised as a favorable convention city. What

100 YEARS AGO

Fourth of July Brings Battle, Call for Troops

by Lon Savage

The fireworks of the first Independence Day of the Civil War were almost drowned by war cries and cannon shots.

In many areas of the United and Confederate States that day 100 years ago this week, troops either prepared for battle or actually fought.

At Washington on that Fourth of July, President Lincoln went before a special session of Congress with an important message. He drew sweeping applause when he asked for 400,000 men and 400 million dollars —"the means for making this contest a short and a decisive one."

While Lincoln spoke, troops were moving in southern Missouri and Arkansas. Union Col. Franz Siegel pulled a force of 1,000 men out of Neosho, Mo., and headed for nearby Carthage. There, Missouri's displaced, secessionist Governor Claiborne Jackson waited with more than 4,000 state troops ready to do battle.

Battle of Carthage

The result was the battle of Carthage on July 5, when Siegel attacked Governor Jackson.

Is the largest group ever to meet there? e

A current situation answers this question. Some 3,000 persons, members of the American society for Engineering Education and their families held a week-long meeting in Lexington and on the University of Kentucky campus the last week in June of this year. This is believed to be the largest group ever to meet in Lexington at one time. The city's convention schedule calls for some 9,000 bridge players to meet in Lexington in March, 1962.

On the campus of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, is a section of the first railroad operated west of the Allegheny Mountains.

While Jackson's ill-equipped army fired iron spikes, chains and cannon balls at Siegel's men, his horsemen drove at Siegel's flanks, sending the northern force fleeing toward Springfield.

Back east on that Independence Day, sober-faced Gen. Thomas J. Jackson wrote his wife from his camp at Darkesville in what is now West Virginia and told her about his first good fight.

It had occurred July 2 at Falling Waters, when Union Gen. Robert Patterson finally completed the movement of his army of Pennsylvanians to the Potomac. At Williamsport, Md., the men had waded across the river where they ran headlong into Jackson's attack.

Jackson Withdrew

Heavily outnumbered, Gen. Jackson withdrew quickly after the attack, leaving more than 60 Union casualties while suffering less than half that number. A cavalry colonel, "Jeb" Stuart started his climb to fame in the skirmish by single-handedly capturing a company of 40 Union soldiers. And the Rev. W. N. Pendleton, an artillery commander under Jackson, made a little history when he aimed his four guns—named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John the northerners, raised his hand, closed his eyes and ordered "Fire him, men, and may the Lord have mercy on their souls."

When the fight had ended, Patterson's men occupied Martinsburg, W. Va., where they celebrated the Fourth with fireworks. One celebrating Union soldier pushed his way into a private home where he came face to face with a fiery young Southern lady named Belle Boyd —to become immortal as a Confederate spy. Miss Boyd, furious at the intrusion, shot and killed him.

Next week: McClellan wins in West Virginia.

TODAY'S meditation

from The Upper Room

THE WORLD'S MOST WIDELY USED DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Read John 10: 11 -18

Ye are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's. (1st Corinthians 6: 20.)

A woman I never met influenced my life. She was a Russian Jew by the name to Sister Maria. During World War II, she was the head of a convent school in Paris during the Nazi occupation. Utterly unselfish and valiant, she sought to relieve the suffering, not only of her fellow Catholics, but of the persecuted Jews, some of them in her school.

One day the Nazis came and demanded that she turn over all her Jewish students. Sister Maria knew that it would mean for them concentration camps and death. One high school girl in particular was very dear to her. Maria quickly took off her nun's habit and put it on the girl. Then she herself put over her head the yellow star of the Jew and said, "I'll go for you. I'll take your place." and Sister Maria died as a Jew.

How few of us have such courage, to put ourselves in other people's places when it involves suffering, pain, and loss. Yet that is what Jesus said was the way His disciples must take in following Him.

PRAYER: Grant, O God, as Christ laid down His earthly life that we might find eternal life in Thy love so infuse our spirits with sacrificial dedication. Through us may Thy love be a conquering power over prejudice and hate. For His sake. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Only the splendor that shone in Jesus enables us to lay down life or live in the spirit of the Master.—S. Ralph Harlow, Mass.

Teenage Divorcee Has Problems

THE WEEK'S LETTER: "I never had, after one and a half years. So I think I am pretty dependable. I also do volunteer work in the neighborhood. I don't drink or stay out late and I very seldom date because of disappointments and heartbreaks I usually have. I was married for ten months. Our decision for a divorce was mutual and there is no hard feelings. But our town is gossip-conscious, and they supposedly know everything there is to know. I wish people knew how much damage they are doing to me personally. I'm determined to sit and take it until it all wears off and a new topic comes along. I have met a boy that I am fond of, six months older than I am, but—a mama's boy. His mother says "no" to his dating a divorcee—when she is one herself. I love this guy very much, but his mother is no match for me. What is one to do?"

OUR ANSWER: If he's a "mama's boy," he is no match for you, either. If you are smart enough to recognize the problem beforehand, you should be wise enough to realize that you could never find happiness with a husband who is not ready for marriage. Further, all towns, or some of the folks in every town, are gossip-conscious". We can't stop people from talking about us—but we can lead the kind of a life that gives them very little to gossip about. As you say, a new topic will come along, sooner or later.

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Washington Reports

BY YOUR CONGRESSMAN JOHN WATTS

Keeping sales tax whole is important Kentucky task

Some newsletters ago, I talked at length about the facilities and services of the Library of Congress. Today, libraries are in the foreground again, as it was my privilege recently to introduce a measure (H.R. 7659) that would extend tax exemption provisions to donations to libraries open to and operated for the benefit of the general public. Presently only museums of history, art and science are eligible for these exemptions. It was my feeling—and I know from correspondence I have received that many of you share this opinion —that such libraries are equally entitled to the exemption, making their continued growth and influence in the community more secure by opening the way to increased endowment.

During my ten years in Congress, I have become quite familiar with the workings of some of our libraries at home. Many hundreds of the reference books in the Medical Center Library at the University of Kentucky, for example, have been secured through my office and the various government agencies which are the only sources for this detailed and technical material. The same is true for the various other libraries in our district which have sought from the e t Congressman reference materials ranging from Year Books of Agriculture to a collection of prayers by the House chaplain to the annual Congressional Directory. Each Member is entitled to a certain number of these volumes yearly, and I try to see that they are made available to me for distribution go first to the libraries, for in this way they are used and benefited by more people than they would reach if I passed them along to jibe with all the single requests I receive. The requests, I might add, far outnumber the available volumes, so I sometimes end up scrounging around for extras in the offices of colleagues who don't have as many requests.

I have always felt that the core of any academic institution and the center of any community was its library—for no one building offers as much enlightenment, entertainment, and enjoyment as does a library to such a diverse group of individuals. There is in this country, and there has been from the beginning, a respect for the written word that is the cornerstone of every society which is based on a code of written laws, be they religious or secular, the Ten Commandments or the Constitution. Too many young people never take the time or trouble to the library—they never find between the pages of a book the excitement, the stimulation, and the friendships, the constructive use of leisure time and the ability to be at home anywhere in the world that a youth who has learned the power contained page has discovered. Too many young people, and consequently too many adults, never learn the secret of sitting in a comfortable chair and traveling around the world by opening a book.

In a day and age when the darkened living room with the glare of the television set casts the only light is the scene on nearly every American street, and when the sharing of a book with one's family and the reading aloud at the end of the day has almost entirely disappeared from that scene, the public library must be the clearly marked road to another world for our children and for ourselves. The libraries of this country clearly need a push and some pull to take their rightful places in our homes and communities. I am hopeful that H.R. 7659 will be that push, and that prospective donors and contributors will supply the pull.

Visitors From The District

Artist Monticue Frankfort; Sarah M. Prather, New Castle; Beverly Shubert, Mt. Sterling; Ginger Wheeler, Paris. Richard Detmer, Junction City; Jesse Greer, Lexington.

Thought From The Past

"Money invested in a library gives much better returns than mining stock." Sir William Osler.

Old Mulkey Meeting House, near Tompkinsville, is one of the oldest log buildings in Kentucky. The house, built of half-hewn logs and chinked, has 12 corners believed to represent the Twelve Apostles.

Exemptions of food, clothing and medicine from the much-discussed Kentucky sales and use tax would cost the State about $32 million in revenue receipts during the 1962 calendar year.

That eye-opening figure, based on expected sales tax receipts estimated at $100 million, was recently compiled by the research staff of the Department of Revenue. According to the study by revenue researchers, the $32 million in sales tax that would be lost to the general fund because of exemptions would be broken down this way: food, $25 million; clothing, $6 million; and medicine, $1 million.

Gov. Bert Combs, speaking to newspaper representatives from all over the state at a Press-Government Seminar recently, said keeping the sales tax whole, without reductions or exemptions, is the most important single task Kentuckians now face.

Lt. Gov. Wilson W. Wyatt joined in to say he hopes that the people of Kentucky will not stand by and "allow holes to be punched in the sales tax program."

For the current fiscal year, education was appropriated 64 per cent of each Kentucky general fund tax dollar; health and welfare were appropriated 21.2 per cent. Together these programs, which are supported by the general fund, account for 85.2 per cent of the State's general fund appropriation.

Included in education are Minimum Foundation allotments to school districts for salaries, textbooks, transportation, instruction and classroom equipment, and substantial aid to State colleges and the University of Kentucky, where attendance figures have soared and financial problems have increased proportionately.

Within the health and welfare program are aid to dependent children, aid to the permanently and totally disabled, old age assistance, aid to the needy blind, requirements for public health and rehabilitation and the support and maintenance of State tuberculosis and mental hospitals.

These programs, which are supported by the general fund, would be likely to bear a heavy share of a reduction in funds resulting from sales tax exemptions. If other taxes were not increased, the problems would inevitably arise: Which programs must be reduced or eliminated?

William E. Scent, commissioner of the Department of Revenue, has pointed out that taxes are "only a means to an end, the end being necessary governmental service." He said decreases in total State revenues would necessarily mean a reduction in service.

"Governmental services are no different from individual or business services. You get no more than you pay for," Scent said.

In some cases a reduction would be exceptionally costly. In the area of public assistance, $1 of State money is matched by at least $2 in Federal money—and in some cases even more. Therefore, any reduction in the State appropriation would actually amount to at least three times that much loss in the over-all program.

Old-age assistance payments in Kentucky during the calendar year 1960 totaled just over $32 million in State and Federal money. For a slower look, the average old-age recipients pays about $1.40 per month sales tax but draws about $5.45 more per month in old-age assistance payments than he did before the sales tax became effective.

General fund appropriations for the coming fiscal year, 1961-62, are: education, $142,071,265; health and welfare, $46,156,860; general government—which includes 17 departments, legislative, judiciary and executive appropriations, elections and county costs—19,189,769; agriculture and conservation, $3,383,990; and other—made up mainly of Capital construction —$6,858,300. These appropriations total $216,660,184.

A reduction of $32 million in general fund receipts without additional taxes would put a gap somewhere in the appropriations. The amount of the reduction, for instance, far exceeds the entire appropriation for health, agriculture and conservation, revenue, finance, economic

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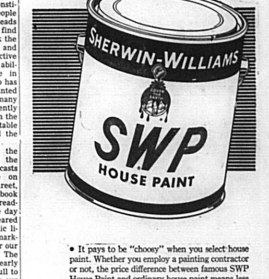

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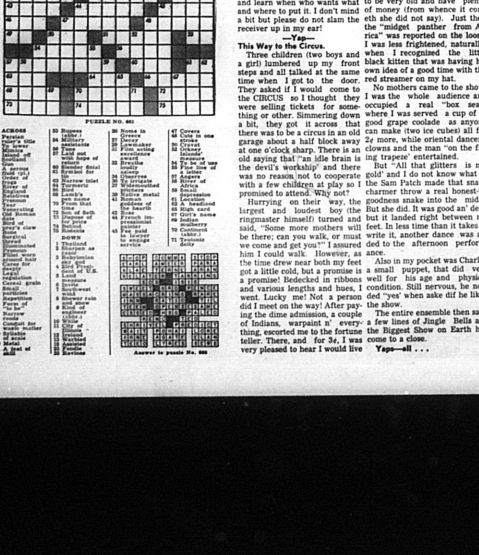

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