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MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Anyone who hasn't spent a week-end at one of Kentucky's many state parks, is missing good food, excellent accommodations and the scenic beauty of the area. Though they have not been to all the state parks, Cumberland Falls, is one of our favorites.

Another newspaper in this area relegated its letterbox equipment that is the press upon which it weekly issued a fine newspaper to the junk heap as our "old Rachel" went several years ago. Just this week, we can remember when this particular press was the newest of its kind in the area.

(Some old-time printer will take me to the press upon which it weekly issued a fine newspaper. . . .) For the past two weeks we've had little bits of information concerning Lake Carnio, which were thought to be ununiversally known - tonight (June 9), at 7:30 in the evening, the members of the Nicholas County Development Corporation will meet and discuss more bits of information which are to their mutual benefit.

It is regrettable that some persons in their exuberance of having "graduated" have no respect for the property of others.

Raise Hospital Rates? Why?

(This is the second of a series of articles on the Nicholas County Hospital)

In this article, I wish to share with you some of the impressions and experiences one gathers if he works in a hospital, and I want to mention some of the highlights of the hospital functions and from this article, try to give you the reason why our hospital must raise our rates if we are to meet our cost of operation. The dictionary defines a hospital as an institution where patients and injured persons are given medical or surgical care. This definition may be technically correct, but somehow leaves me cold. There is more to a hospital, more to healing, than just "medical or surgical care". I believe the terms "nursery, dedicated service and considerate attention" should enter into the definition. If you are around a hospital very much you will soon discover that it can be many things, depending on who is defining it. To most it is a place where the sick and injured come seeking restoration of health and physical strength. To others it is a place where children are born, or a place where the elderly will receive the kindest and most considerate attention.

To most particularly to those who look behind the scenes, a hospital is a place where dedicated physicians, nurses, and other medical and technical specialists work around the clock in their merciful task of giving aid and saving life. They are busy people, so busy in fact are the people who work in hospitals, frequently they neglect to let the community know what is going on. This is not intentional, but simply about by the necessity of putting first things first. In our hospital, adequate patient care is 15 first.

One of the most difficult problems facing the Directors and management personnel is the problem of rising costs. This problem is compounded by the fact that it is often difficult to explain charges to the full satisfaction of a patient's family. Patients do not understand for example, why the narrowest of tubes, which they are confined in so much more costly than the big comfortable bed in their own home. Equipment in hospitals really cost. It just does not seem possible that a hospital depending on table costs \$4,000 or that it costs \$350 for an incubator which could be the means of saving the lives of premature newborns. However, something other than equipment accounts for the lion's share of increasing hospital cost. At least two-thirds of your hospital bill is for human services.

This is a "do-it-yourself" age. Today more people send their laundry out, get themselves (and even their pets) hairdressed, send their car in for repair, and a lot of other things which people used to do for themselves. Demands for service multiplies. There are more people than ever which keep our citizens alive - hospital and physicians care (that's his legal counsel); there are services which help repair, launder, and fumigate his belongings; they staff, publicize, mimeograph and scrub down his business, making our life easier and more expensive, by reducing us of innumerable chores, and there are services which eventually bury us. We call these "service industries". They have nothing in common except that they have no goods to sell; they sell only labor, wisdom, compassion, and the use of goods.

EMBLEM OF DIGNITY AND JUSTICE



FLAG DAY

Speaking at the Flag Day celebration, Washington, D.C., on June 14, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson said:

"This flag for the future is meant to stand for the just use of undelapated national power. No nation is ever going to doubt our power to assert its rights, and we should lay it to heart that no nation shall henceforth doubt our purpose to put it to the highest uses to which a great emblem of justice and government can be put."

"It is henceforth to stand for self possession, for dignity, for the assertion of the right one nation to serve the other nations of the world—an emblem that will not descend to be used for purposes of aggression and self aggrandizement; that it is too great to be debased by selfishness; that has vindicated its right to be honored by all nations of the world and feared by none who do righteousness."

Twenty & Forty-Five Years Ago

Thursday, June 13, 1946
Avelyn L. Scott, who served as a Marine during World War II, was the first woman ever to become a member of Nicholas Post No. 17, American Legion, following her admission into membership here Monday.

related a fracture of the left arm while taking a swarm of bees out of a tree at a home near Oakland last week. Married—Miss Mamie Frederick and Lindsey Walker at the home of the pastor of the M. E. Church in Owensville last week.

—Mrs. Lucy Mae Johnson and William Sandfield at the home of Rev. Bela Mercable in this city on Thursday.—Miss Laura Paris and Millard Lawrence at the home of Rev. C. H. Orrin in Paris on Wednesday.—Miss Beale Elizabeth Smith and Perry Ray Gamme at Mayeville on Wednesday.—Miss Mary F. Hutchcraft and Colliger Dawes, both of Paris at the home of the bride in Paris.—Miss Bettie Shaw and Robert Harper at the Methodist church by Rev. T. Chandler on Tuesday.

—Died—James William Dwellley, aged 5 years, at the home of his parents in Doraville on Tuesday.—Mrs. Nettie Robertson Cord at a Covington hospital on Tuesday.—Mrs. Joseph D. Garrett at her home in Frankfort, Ind., on Monday.

Farm Home

By Earl L. Hoffinger, County Agent Thomas Stevens, Jr., Associate County Agent, Marjorie Wilson, Home Agent

Tobacco setting is well underway in the county, several days later than normal. Most farmers seem to have sufficient plants to set their crop, although some growers will need extra plants. Those growers who have plants and those who need plants will call the Extension Office, we are glad to get one two in contact and help get 100 percent of our crop set.

Readers Comments

Springfield, Mo. June 8, 1966
Dear Mercury Friends: Enclosed find check for \$5.00. Am so glad to find I will receive the Mercury for my 20 years of reading very much and am glad to keep up with the "Old Home" news.
Thanks
Nancy M. Lucas, Charlene Carter on Sale

PULLING POWER
At the weather gets hot it is important that plants be set only in the afternoon. Spray or dust the beds with DDT or Sevin before the plants are set. Control flea beetles. This treatment will give some control in the field for a few days.
A poor stand results some seasons due to a fungus disease, pythium soil rot. There is no spray or dust that will control the disease but several steps can be taken by farmers to help prevent the disease:
1. Don't sow too many seeds on beds; grow strong, sturdy plants.
2. Do not over fertilize plan beds.
3. Plow cover crop four to six weeks before setting time so it will have plenty of time to decay.
4. Toughen plants by removing cotton a few days before setting, if possible.
5. Water beds the day before pulling.

GOODYEAR SHELL
If you are planning to seed some emergency summertime pastures in a few days, here are some tips that should help.
1. Use good land. Land that is subject to erosion or alkalis is ideal for corn crop. When using the "best land" better plan on 1 acre for each three to four cows depending on fertility level you use.
On land that seldom is classified as "best" better plan on 1 acre for each two to three cows.
2. Fertilize to produce top yields. In absence of anything, this is not only in good and proper, but which will make our lives easier, more comfortable and more productive. This is progress and progress is the ultimate goal of our society.

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Participating in the Nicholas County style revue held May 24 in which Kay Theobald was named Miss Nicholas County area.

Myers
By Mrs. H. C. Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Meral Shorcut and Mr. and Mrs. Froyay Williams of Covington visited Mrs. Mable Shorcut the weekend.

Rosker Kinder of Marion, Ind. visited with children over the weekend.
Mrs. Rosemary Kinder and Brenda Nibblert spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Milton Flora and family Sunday night.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flora Sunday and Mrs. Lacy George of T. L. Leborbo, Mr. and Mrs. Jason Craycraft, Mrs. Fannie Hull of Trinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Flack of Middletown, Ohio, and Mrs. Donald Wayne Flack and daughter of Middletown, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Flora and family, Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wayne Flora and son, Mr. and Mrs. Sharon Kinder of Marion, Ind. visited with children over the weekend.