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MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Sighted about 6 a.m. Monday gliding over Lake Carnico in a stiff cold breeze at the dam were two gulls. We mean two genuine sea gulls. When "Scotty" Sears, an old salt, with 20 years Navy Service behind him came to work, we described their markings and both readily agreed they were sea gulls. It was not unusual we learned from Scotty for gulls to be blown off course, landing on lakes, air fields and such, many miles inland. We're sorry they had to come to Lake Carnico in such objectional weather.

--MV--

Just one violation out of some 600 persons checked, from Sunday, May 1, to Sunday, May 8, is a record that speaks favorably for sportsmen at Lake Carnico. The figures were given us Monday by Conservation Officer Harry Duncan.

--MV--

Economy in the operation of government! Isn't that asking too much of our elected officials?

--MV--

It was reliably reported to this column that one of the principals in the "Spotlight" feature, fell victim of the Asian flu right after having his mug shot--we hope The Mercury camera is not a "bug" carrier. We wish him a speedy recovery.

--MV--

If it hadn't been we drew Kaual King in a Derby pot Saturday, we'd be several sheckles poorer today.

--MV--

We were given this quip the other day; "It's not the hours you put in--It's what you put in the hours." The first part of that remark also takes a lot of you, too!

--MV--

We were complimented Tuesday morning at breakfast, a kind lady, said, "How much does this boy, owe?" The early hour at which we had arisen didn't seem so early after all.

--MV--

For the 10th day of May, Tuesday morning was extremely cold and frosty. We don't know whether to believe our thermometer or not, but it registered a frosty 24 degrees.

'Random Thoughts...'

by the late Warren R. Fisher Sr.

Outside the window near which I write, the maple "birds," cunningly winged seed pods, whirl down like tiny gyroscopes until the earth is covered with thousands of these delicately staunch little craft of the vagrant breeze, each bearing its germ of life, its hope of fruition sure to be thwarted. For at the first grass mowing, the clicking blades will snip out the lives of the little green sprouts which have thrust up from a fertile spot of soil. Out of the thousands, one may survive to be casually transplanted, to strike downward into the moist and nourishing soil, to throw upward, to tonic sunlight and refreshing rain, leaf and branch; to grow burly-barked, man-bodied--in God's own good time, a tree.

Out of the millions, one! Nature plants prodigally. The Universal Mother takes no chances with her posterity. Cunningly she wings, bursts, pours sweet odors into blossoms, honey into flower chalices, that the golden pollen may make fruitful, that winged feeders may bear away from the parent stem the germ of life that man himself may flick a vagrant bur from his hunting coat and carry on her immutable purpose.

"The Eternal Saki from her Bowl has pour'd
Millions of bubbles like us, and will pour."

Out of the millions, one! To eat bread and sit in the sun; to live and love and suffer and perchance to envy the bubbles that burst into nothingness, the winged maple pods that never see sunlight, or drink dew or fling up leafy arms to the sun--nor endure winter's blasts, nor feel the slow oncreeping of decay.

"One moment in Annihilation's waste,
One moment of the Well of Life to taste."

But today is lovely; today is today and the slim catbird, graceful aristocrat of shrub and hedgerow, modest cousin of the mocker, sings from the leafy coverts as the maple pods whirl down. So I am tempted away into the sunshine and the beauty of the countryside, where the green fields will soon be empurpled with the seeding of the blue grass. Tiny seedpods by the million, by the multiplied billion, to be sucked up, sliced off by the sighing swish of the stripper's comb. And yet enough will remain to seed the rifled fields, with such inexhaustible prodigality does Nature sow for her posterity. "Millions of bubbles like us, and will pour."

Staggering to the imagination this prodigality and somehow saddening, flipping into memory the synical philosophy of boyhood's devotion to the Rubiayat:

Into this Universe and Why not knowing,
Nor Whence, like Water willy-nilly flowing;

And out of it, as wind along the waste,
I know not Whither, willy-nilly blowing.

But today is lovely; today is today; field and woodland green beautifully in the earth's awakening and forsooth it is better to be the winged seed of the maple that takes hold on earth and lifts leafy branches to the sun, better to be one of the million bubbles, one of Nature's children; to have carried on, to have sown.

For if it all be purposeless and haphazard, yet is it all very wonderful, most cunningly beautiful and infinitely wise.

Twenty & Forty-Five Years Ago

Thursday, May 16, 1946

Paul R. Neal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Neal of Carlisle, will graduate at the Cincinnati Bible Seminary, May 16.

Miss Alma Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkinson, suffered a fracture of the ankle Sunday night.

Bourbon district scoutmasters who are now engaged in the scoutmaster training course will be the guests of the Carlisle Rotary club at their regular dinner meeting tonight.

Married: Miss Hazel Selby of Carlisle and Pvt. John Dotson of the county, were united in marriage on Sunday at the home of Rev. Rhodes Thompson in Paris, by Dr. Henry Noble Sherwood of Lexington.

Born To: Mr. and Mrs. James T. Tapp of Bountiful, Utah a son on April 23. He has been named Jay Douglas; Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jenkins of Morehead, a daughter, Ann Wilson on May 12; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowen, Cincinnati, a daughter, Donna Lee on Monday.

Died; Miss Elizabeth Overton Wilcoxson, 80, Sunday at the Central State Hospital, Anchorage; Edward Everett Potts, 59, at his home in Lexington, Tuesday after an illness of about a year.

Thursday, May 19, 1921

"At the End of the Rainbow" will be presented by the senior class of the Carlisle school tonight.

The Kentucky Division of Confederate Veterans will meet at Pewee Valley June 8. It is hoped that some action will be taken for the completion of the Jefferson Davis monument.

A stable and several outbuildings at the home of Joe Scott in Dorneyville were destroyed by fire Tuesday.

27 acres of the McClanahan farm on the Mayaville and Lexington road was sold last Friday to Andrew Fanning for $110 per acre.

Mrs. Carrie Young, who has been operating a Millinery business here will leave next week to make her home in Brooksville, Ohio.

Married; Miss Allie Irene Paris and Carl Lawrence in Paris on Tuesday; Mrs. Ada Munger Lee and Dr. Charles W. Mathers at the home of her sister, Mrs. A. B. Tilton on Wednesday.

Born To; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Finch on the 6th a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hardin, a daughter.

Died; David William Hopkins, 66, at his home near Oakland Mills on the 10th; Henry Clay Mann, 77, at the home of his son, Frank Mann, near town, on Sunday; Mrs. Elizabeth Day, 80, at the home of her son-in-law, Charles Doyle, near Paris, on Tuesday; Miss Sallie Jane Rogers, 78, at her home in Lexington, on Monday.

CRISIS in the COUNTRYSIDE

SOIL STEWARDSHIP WEEK May 1 - May 7, 1966

Consider the countryside --

Infinitely varied, infinitely rich, infinitely demanding, the countryside is a master piece of God's creation.

It is the unmatched panorama of the Plains, the Piedmont, and the Fairies, cradling a thousand irreplaceable rivers and valleys.

It is the home of our farms and ranches, our forests and parks--a storehouse of wealth for which there is no substitute.

The countryside is the source of our food, the vast inland reservoir of our water.

It holds our remaining wilderness, spawns streams of darting fish, and spreads welcome haven for nature's wildlife.

It joins ten thousand small watersheds where rains can be managed for the good of man.

The countryside is a treasure in jeopardy. Undervalued and unguarded, it nowinvites misuse and neglect.

It is a landscape we greator original beauty, already scarred, risks further abuse.

It is losing its children who, over the years, fed its strength.

The countryside is the shrinking space between our cities--the target of headlong, unguided expansion.

Though it is a prize to be cherished, no champion rises to speak for it.

In a land of many programs, there is none in its name.

The countryside is the battleground of stewards and wastrels, where men of responsibility must oppose the forces of haste and greed.

In our time it is in our care--to spoil or protect, to waste or develop.

Consider the countryside. Consider it well.

Farm Home

BY

Estil J. Noffsinger, County Agent
Thomas Stevens Jr., Associate County Agent
Margie H. Wilson, Home Agent

"Our tobacco plants are late but don't push them too hard." These were the words of advise given by Ira Massie to our tobacco growers at the county plant bed meetings last week. Most beds have plenty of fertilizer and the plants will grow when the weather gets warm. Moisture is the most important thing. Don't let them dry out. Flea beetles and other insects are doing a lot of damage. DDT should be used to control them now.

The various methods of treatment used last fall were successful in controlling all weeds but clover. This has been an unusually good year for white clover and most fall treated beds have some clover in them. The Enide and Mylone used this spring show some promise. More work will be needed to determine how soon the seeding can be made after treatment. These beds on the Clay Seed Farm and S. R. Barlow farm will be watched with interest to see what develops.

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The best rules for using pesticides are?

1. Always read the label before using sprays or dusts. Note precautionary information each time before opening the container.
2. Keep sprays and dusts out of the reach of children, pets, and irresponsible people.
3. Always store sprays and dusts in original containers and keep them tightly closed.
4. Never smoke while spraying or dusting.
5. Avoid inhaling sprays or dusts.
6. Do not spill sprays or dusts on the skin or clothing.
7. Wash hands and face and change to clean clothing after spraying or dusting.
8. Cover food and water containers when treating around livestock or pet area.
9. Use separate equipment for applying hormone-type herbicides (such as 2,4-D and 2,4,-5T) in order to avoid accidental injury to susceptible plants.
10. Always dispose of empty containers.
11. Observe label directions and cautions.
12. If symptoms of illness occur during or shortly after spraying or dusting, call a physician or get the patient to a hospital immediately.

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ELECTRIC PROJECT GROUP TO MEET

That's tonight (Thursday, May 12) for the 4-Hers in the 4-H electric project. The group will assemble at the County Extension office to discuss their electric project programs. The boys are now preparing to construct a window display and prepare their county fair exhibits.

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CAMP CLEAN-UP DAY SET

A Nicholas County work day is set for this coming Saturday morning, May 14, to clean up the driveway into the 4-H Camp. Fallen trees, bushes, and stumps will be removed so that seeding can be done to improve the appearance of the entrance into the 4-H Camp.

Older 4-H boys, 4-H leaders, and 4-H parents are requested to come out and help with this project. However, any willing hand will be appreciated. Work will begin at about 8:30 a.m.

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SEWING GARMENTS DUE IN

Girls participating in the 4-H sewing project are asked to get their garments and their record books completed and turned in to the County Extension Office by Monday, May 16. The county 4-H Style Show is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, at the Carlisle Elementary School.

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MEASURING UTENSILS

Measuring utensils are probably about the most used items in your kitchen. When you buy new measuring cups or spoons make sure you get the most useful kind. The American Standards Association has set up specifications for measuring and these standards are used in most recipes. Since you can't expect the best results from tested recipes unless you use standard measurers, (when you buy measuring utensils) look for the words "United States Standard Measurement" or for the capacity in ounces.

For measuring liquids accurately, the cup should be transparent and should extend beyond the full-cup measure. A good pouring spout is important, too.

For measuring dry ingredients, metal cups are good, for they aren't likely to break and they can be used over a low heat for melting small amounts of chocolate or shortening. On these cups, the full-cup measure should be at the top so foods such as flour and sugar can be leveled with a spatula.

Other points to look for when you buy measuring cups include "easy-to-grasp" handles and broad bases to help them from tipping over.

Readers Comments

May 2, 1966

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank every person in the county for the encouragement and moral support they have given me over the past several weeks. With God's help I believe we have arrived at a solution to our school problem we can all live with. I would also like to thank the ones which have critized me. It has made me give these matters very careful consideration, before making any decision.

We still have many problems facing us in the future, I have every reason to believe that with our present Supt., Board Members, and attorney the school system is in good hands. I believe every effort will be made to see our county has the best schools possible.

I realize that if we are to accomplish our goals, we must have the co-operation of the majority of the citizens in the county. I believe most of our disagreements have come from the lack of information concerning the facts. Any time anyone has a question about any action the School Board has taken, I would be glad to tell you what I know about it. I have nothing financially to gain out of being on the School Board, and as long as I am a member of it, I will do my best to be fair and honest in all matters.

Howard Livingood
Chairman of Nicholas Board of Education

Local Business

By S. S. TALBERT
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University of Mississippi

Competitive Selling Will Bring Lower Prices

President Johnson has asked consumers to stop buying high-priced goods as a means of preventing inflation.

The implication is that people are somehow being induced to buy products which are not really needed or wanted. The President's plea may be a gesture similar to the turning off of lights in the White House. Let's hope so.

Of all people, who often recalls with gloom the depression days of the early 1930's, Mr. Johnson should know that prosperity cannot be rooted in decline of trade.

Low prices are not the result of slow buying. As long as productive capacity of the nation exceeds the demand for products, a fast turnover of goods and services is the best assurance of low prices.

Mass production and mass distribution, factors which lead to lower consumer prices, cannot be sustained without massive buying of new products. In spite of the war, consumer goods are not in short supply.

The economy of the nation will not be helped by the piling-up of goods which have been, or could be, produced. The resulting stagnation is the cause of bankrupt companies, unemployment, and an over-all decrease in a nation's wealth.

Mr. Johnson himself could return to the use of propeller driven aircraft and eliminate his trips to Texas. That would save money, but few people would contend that the saving would be wise.

A deliberate reduction in our standard of living will not bring about lower prices. On the contrary, competitive selling through vigorous advertising, as in the past, remains the surest road to fair consumer prices.

Limestone Pays Good Dividends

Why put agricultural limestone on farm land?

It makes nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium more available to growing crops, says George D. Corder, UK Cooperative Extension Service specialist. It also speeds decay of organic matter, and supplies calcium and magnesium needed by all growing plants.

"Liming acid soils should be the first step in a soil fertility program. It gives farmers larger benefits from plant nutrients already in the soil, as well as larger returns for fertilizers applied," he says.

He notes that (1) a more finely ground limestone should be available to Kentucky farmers this spring for quicker and bigger results, and (2) liming land that doesn't need it is expensive and will make nutrients unavailable to crops just as a lack of limestone will do.

He recommends strongly: Soil tests to determine plant needs; buyin higher analysts grades or custom mixes; and applying right amounts of limestone to their lands.

Protection Unit Now Serves Kentuckians

Kentucky has become the 19th state to establish a Consumer Protection Division in the Department of Law under the Attorney General. The purpose is to help guard the public from unscrupulous and fraudulent schemes of those who prey upon the unwary.

Consumer protection involves watchfulness in many areas--against misleading advertising, fraudulent sales techniques, unconscionable collection methods, illegal interest charges, to name but a few.

The need for this Division is demonstrated by the volume of complaints received from all sections of the Commonwealth.

Merchants, business associations, industry and professional groups have joined the general public in outspoken support of the Division, and accomplishments to date have been gratifying.

The aim of this column is to keep you informed of the work of the Division in your behalf, and to keep you posted on ways to "beat the cheat."

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Out Our Way

by Lottie O'Bannon

Hurry and get your ticket for the cake that will be given away Saturday, May 14 for the benefit of Woman's Day.

Friends came from Lexington, Sharpsburg and Cynthiana to hear Rev. McBride, Sunday afternoon at Wesley Chapel.

Rev. McBride preached at Woods Chapel CME Church, Millersburg, Sunday night.

Russell Daniel's house was destroyed by fire and his brother was burned to death in the house last week. Mr. Daniels lives in Bourbon County.

Rev. J. V. Noel was in town Thursday.

Mrs. Nettie Wallace of Dayton, Ohio, was in town for the weekend.

Persons in town for Mothers Day were; Mr. and Mrs. Ruben Clark of Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. George Ivan Johnson and daughters, Mrs. Betty Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Mc-Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Blunt, Marion Shepher, Holsey Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Howard and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Arcelluis Williams and daughter.

John Baptise is in the Nicholas County Hospital.

Mrs. Hattie Stevenson is in the Nicholas County hospital.

Harry Richard Williams is in the Nicholas County Hospital.

COMPLETES BASIC TRAINING

Marine Pvt. Joe Daily Hardin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hardin of Route 1, Moorefield, was graduated from basic training at San Diego, Calif., on Tuesday, May 3. He was a member of the honor platoon.

Pvt. Hardin will complete four weeks of infantry training there before going to South Carolina for training in communications.

Banking Hours

The First National Bank at its present location will close at 3 P.M. Saturday, May 14 to move to their new location. Hours at the bank starting Monday, May 16 will be----

Drive-In 7:30 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Main Bank 8:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.

Main bank and Drive-In close at NOON on Wednesday.

Moorefield banking hours will remain the same as at present.

WATCH FOR THE FORMAL OPENING OF THE NEW HOME OF First National Bank of Carlisle

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