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War Is Hell?

(The Bath Co. News-Outlook)

It is a shame that the Congressional Record is such an unattractive and boring journal. It is difficult to research, let alone to read, that those who pore through it frequently are rewarded with some gems. One such appears in the July 17, 1968 issue. It has been brought to our attention and we want to pass it on to you. Senator Stephen M. Young, Democrat of Ohio, was holding forth on the Agency For International Development operation in South Vietnam. We'll have space for only a portion of his remarks, but the story is clear in only a few short paragraphs. Said Senator Young:

"... Last January while in Vietnam, I encountered many hundreds of civilian officials. They were all over the place enjoying high salaries and allowances and doing little, if anything, to earn them. Never have so many been sent so far at such great expense who have done so little.

"The fact is that of AID officials in South Vietnam the Director receives in excess of $44,000 per year; 28 receive in excess of $41,700 per year; 82 receive $35,900; 262 receive in excess of $30,000; 409 receive in excess of $25,600 and 776 receive more than $19,000 per year.

"This is outrageous. What justification is there for the AID head in Vietnam to receive almost $5,000 a year more than the Chief Justice of the United States? What possible reason can be given for paying 110 other AID officials a greater salary than that received by members of the Cabinet, Senators and Congressmen? What excuse for paying 262 additional AID officials salaries the same amount received by Members of Congress? It is scandal-ous that 782 AID officials in Vietnam are now being paid $25,000 a year or more. In addition to their base salaries these officials are given a 25 percent hardship allowance, a $3,000 seperate maintenance allowances and fringe benefits including air-conditioned housing at our taxpayers' expense and medical care and all PX and commissesary privileges. There is evidence that many sell cigarettes whisky, radios and other PX and commissary merchandise to South Vietnamese. . . .

"Many of these overpaid and underworked AID officials are expected to work in refugee camps, so-called, some have refused to remain in refugee camps because of 'lack of security'. A typical example of AID maladministration concerns five luxeary experts, so-called, each with an annual salary including fringe benefits exceeding $38,000. They live in air-conditioned, high-rent apartments paid for by our tax payers; and they never set foot supposedly walk-in an area where there has been no timber what ever for many years. . . ."

Who said war is hell?

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

This item from the Casey County News is well worth passing on:

"Four or five years ago we read somewhere that there were two methods of storing a lawnmower during the winter months. One was to fill the tank with gas, while the second is to pour out all the gas, start the motor and run it dry. The second method is better, because gas ages badly in five or six months.

"If a small amount of gas is left in the tank, it will evaporate during the winter months, and the residue is apt to cause the needle valve to stick next spring. Use newly purchased gas for starting.

"Since we had that piece, at least 20 persons have told us they started their mower in the spring with three or four pulls on the cord. It really works. This reminds us that we haven't emptied the gas out of our mower yet."

--MV--

A man called a dozen of his creditors together to tell them that he was about to go into bankruptcy. "I owe you over $100,000," he said, "and my assets aren't enough to pay you five cents on the dollar. So I guess it will be impossible for you to get anything--unless you want to get me up and divide me among you." "Mr. Chairman," spoke up one creditor, "I move that we do just that--I'd like to have his gall."

--MV--

The preacher came along and wrote upon the signboard; "I pray for all."

The lawyer wrote underneath; "I plead for all."

The doctor added; "I prescribe for all."

The plain citizen wrote; "I PAY FOR ALL!!!"

--MV--

"The fashion world has created some new names for the colors of its autumn styles, such as maple sugar brown, roulette green, regency red, Venetian blue and Renaissance purple. The husbands who pay for these fashions, have some new colors too--creditor red, over-drawn gray, tight money purple and bankrupt blue."

--MV--

J. Earle Bell, editor of The Union County Advocate, related the following in his column "About Most Anything":

A Warning?

There Just wasn't anyother topic except the earthquake after 3 o'clock Saturday when folks in 24 states thought of doomsday, a squadron of jets, mine disasters furnace explosions and an atomic blast. We were pretty close to the heart of the quake, since Golden Gate, Ill., isn't to far from Morganfield.

This column was on the golf course with our brother, Col. Waller David Bell, and as we were approaching the ninth hole, I thought my legs were giving out. All of a sudden the clubhouse started shaking and there was not even a slight breeze. Golf Pro Frank Esposito ran out and yelled "That place is going to fall down-what's happening?" Naturally, I didn't know, but suggested maybe we were having an earth tremor. And when it kept it up for three minutes, I began to wonder if the end of the world was at hand.

As one lady later told us, "The Good Lord has a way of getting our attention, doesn't He?"

Can you imagine what really took place down there in the bowels of the earth that was so tremendous that it states, or half the United States felt the results? And we think the atomic bomb is something. Do you think half the United States could have dropped almost off the face of the earth? I do.

If you ask me, we're all real lucky, and things like this should make us all read the Good Book more often.

Twenty & Forty Years Ago

Thursday, Nov. 25, 1948

City Council announced Monday night that the installation of parking meters in Carlisle's business section is expected to be completed at an early date.

To date 551 permits to hunt have been issued to hunters by County Clerk, John F. Sugg.

As a result of harboring a common peat-the-rat-Carlisle and Nicholas County lose annually $103,404 in food property.

The Carlisle High School Musketeers, who lost their first two games of the basketball season, defeated back Tuesday night at the expense of the Nicholas County High quintet.

The goal set for the first Nicholas County Community Chest drive has been set at $4,000 as a result of a meeting of officers and members of the organization.

Present progress indicates that the Nicholas County Soil Testing laboratory will be completed by December 15 and possibly sooner.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harper of Carlisle a daughter, Thursday morning at the Johnson Memorial hospital.

MARRIED--Miss Marilyn Hassler of Bowling Green, and Paul Gaunce on Nov. 15.--Miss Imogene Earlywine and Lester Evans Green, all of Nicholas County on Thursday in Maysville.

DIED--James Miller Dundon, 46, at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at a Louisville hospital.--Mrs. Elizabeth Wood, after home in Dallas, Texas.

Thursday, November 22, 1928

Col. W. S. Dudley, who owns the Sunny Hill Farm Stud of thoroughbreds, yesterday afternoon announced that he had sold the yearling chestnut colt by My Play, out of Lady Ward, by McGee to John E. Madden of Hamburg Place for $25,000.

J. L. Barnett, local concrete contractor, lost $11 in money, his pocketbook and belt and a valuable gold watch and chain when his trousers caught fire, probably from a lighted cigaret.

Coach Hobart Walker's Musketeers defeated a strong upstate Covington football team 12-0 here last Friday. Seven awards were won by Nicholas county exhibitors at the Fat Cattle Show and Sale in Louisville. Included in the winners were: Julius Atkinson, Frances Atkinson, and M. D. Judge.

While cranking an automobile Tuesday, Herndon Nixon sustained a fracture of the right arm when the motor backfired.

C. U. Bramblett, real estate agent, sold this week for Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Brayfield their farm of 91 acres in the Sugar Creek vicinity to Frank Sears at a private price.

The Blue Grass Produce Company purchased and shipped a carload of live turkeys here Tuesday and Wednesday. The price paid was 35 cents a pound for quality poults. Although turkeys are said to be fairly plentiful throughout the county, most farmers are keeping them for the Christmas market.

Ed Ashford, sports writer for the Lexington Herald has mentioned Emery Clark and Spencer Payne for probable selection on the All-CKC eleven.

MARRIED--Miss Ida Florence Hawkins, 18, and William Carpenter, 22, both of Bath county.--Miss Mary Elizabeth Hagar and Willie T. Lest both of Nicholas County.--Miss Edith Myers and R. Lee Norton both of Carlisle.--Miss Virginia Huddleson and Edward S. Waddell both of Millersburg.

DIED--Eugene Reynolds Hollar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hollar formerly of this county.--Alex Herndon, 84, at his home in Dorseyville.--Mrs. Sarah Sanford, 95, at her home near Hookton.

'LET'S GET TOGETHER AGAIN SOON !'

Farm & Home

AREA EXTENSION AGENTS:
Estil J. Noffsinger, Margie H. Wilson
Camlyn Offut, Gerald Dryden

Like many other great movements, 4-H has grown to become prominent among the youth organizations of the United States. There are now more than 3 1/2 million 4-H'ers enrolled in club work in this country alone. 4-H is well established in 72 other countries around the world, making it the world's largest youth organization.

The idea behind 4-H is that young people learn by doing. Emphasis is on the overall development of the young person. A few facts about project enrollment and what the projects involve gives a good idea about what 4-H youth are doing. Heading the list of the top 10 projects undertaken by these young people are animal science, clothing, foods, and plant science. Figures indicate that there has been a growing interest in health and physical fitness recently. In addition to the animal and plant sciences, the application of scientific principles is a part of nearly all 4-H projects.

Recreation, engineering and safety are three more areas in which large numbers of members excel. Projects involving management and furnishings for the home show high enrollment, as does conservation. Community service and personal development apparently are a prime concern of today's youngsters, judging from the more than 300,000 participating in these projects.

Most 4-H boys and girls spend their time on more than one project as the figures indicate. Boys may be involved in plant and animal sciences and engineering projects. A girl may study plant science to make her horticultural project more meaningful, or food science to get the most out of her foods and nutrition projects. Overlapping areas are safety and conservation. Both affect the individual, the home, community and nation.

Locally, girls are more interested in clothing projects, while there is considerable interest in foods and home improvement. Boys appear to be more interested in the engineering projects, such as tractor and automotive projects, than in the animal and plant sciences. Both groups show some interest in projects developing crafts and skills such as photography, electricity and woodworking. There is a growing interest in the horse and pony project in youngsters living in town and in the country. This particular project appears to be growing into one of the largest project groups. An interest needs to be stimulated in local youth in community service and improvement projects as our records indicate a definite lack of interest in this area. Volunteer adult and junior 4-H leaders are needed in all areas of organizational and project leadership to strengthen our local 4-H program. With the proper leadership and motivation, Nicholas County youth will continue to maintain the high degree of excellence in their 4-H work that they have in the past.

LETTERS *from our readers*

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

As the Christmas season is getting so near I wonder if employees of all companies experience the joy, happiness and excitement as we at Blue Grass Industries know. This is twelve Christmas seasons that I have been a member of "The Blue Grass Family." and now with hundreds of employees it seems a family celebration just as it did several years ago when we were so few in number.

Even this early we feel a thrilling vibration as we see the frame work of our Christmas float taking shape. Employees volunteer to meet night after night to be sure that by parade time it is as near perfection as a float can be. Children's faces light up and they clap their hands in glee as our beautiful float slowly glides down the street.

Every unit of our plant is decorated, our dining room has a large Christmas tree in addition to the other holiday wreathes, etc.

Our employers are sure that every employee receives a No.1, traditional Christmas turkey around which to prepare the holiday meal.

In the afternoon of our final work day before the holidays we assemble for our Christmas program. The true meaning of Christmas is brought to mind as The Christmas Story is read from The Bible. Our company chorus sings some special numbers and then the entire group joins in singing Christmas carols.

We hear cheery words of greetings from Mr. Harry Wolfe, Jr., Mr. Wayne Shumate, president of our company and many others that have been asked to take part in the program. Santa comes with his Ho-Ho-Ho before the program is over and reads letters that have been written to him, this is the fun part as the letters are jokes on various employees or maybe an employer.

After the program we return to our units for our exchange of gifts by our own Christmas tree in each unit, before saying good-by to each other for several happy days with our families.

As Thanksgiving Day is near, we at Blue Grass Industries should be thankful that our company keeps Christ in our Christmas celebration. As we arrive for work we see in life size figures the sacred manger scene. The gifts beneath the outside Christmas trees remind us of the greatest gift of all, the gift of God's son.

With best wishes to the entire Mercury staff. a Blue Grass Industries employee.

Georgia Brady

Agree Or Not,

I Say What I Think

By S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT, Ky.--The Finance Department is strongly considering filing a suit to clarify a legal question raised by Atty. Gen. John Breckinridge on the life insurance policy covering about 24,000 state employes, Finance Commissioner Albert Christian says.

Late in August the Finance Department negotiated a contract with Western Pioneer Life Insurance Company of Harrodsburg for $5,000 life and double indemnity on state employes. The state pays all the bill. No physical examination is required for the group policy.

Breckinridge called the action illegal in a letter to Christen and State Treasurer Thelma Stovall. Mrs. Stovall wrote a check for $80,000 for the September premium on a warrant from the Finance Department. Breckinridge didn't give his opinion until after the first payment was made.

When the October payment became due in September, Mrs. Stovall withheld payment of $70,000 in light of Breckinridge's opinion for she and her bonding company are legally responsible. When the November payment came due, Mrs. Stovall waited until the last day before the grace period expired. She wrote a check for $140,000, for two months, after Western Pioneer officials agreed to put the money in escrow awaiting legal clarification.

Gov. Louie Nunn claims the insurance is an important fringe benefit for state employes, and that it is lower than that now contracted for by the state universities.

Mrs. Stovall would like to have a clarification before the December payment is due. She has told the insurance company it must secure an indemnity bond for her protection, but she realizes this is expensive.

Breckinridge claims the action is illegal because the state did not seek bids. However, he has not filed suit against the Finance Department or State Treasurer although Christen has asked him to do so. Christen said he got a six page letter from Breckinridge. Christen's interpretation of the letter is Breckinridge indicates the attorney general's office will not sue.

Of the insurance policy, Christen said the state is pioneering in a sense in new insurance coverage. For a large number of employes and it was necessary to find a company that would service claims promptly and properly. He said Western Pioneer has paid out $52,000 in claims and another $30,000 is in process.

Breckinridge's office claims legislation was passed during Gov. Breathitt's administration that requires bids on all state contracts with certain designated exceptions. Insurance was not among the specific exceptions.

An informed source has indicated the attorney general will file suit despite what Christen says or how he interpreted Breckinridge's letter. That is, if the governor doesn't accept Breckinridge's recommendation that the policy be cancelled and advertise for bids for insurance coverage. He claims this would save time since it could be done in a matter of three or four weeks while it may take months to get a suit through court.

Breckinridge also protests that the policy is an open end premium and has no mandatory refund clause. If the experience rating proves too high, Meanwhile, Mrs. Stovall is anxious to get a test case through court, for she does not relish her position of being in jeopardy of an illegal act because Breckinridge hasn't filed a suit. She feels the insurance company cannot continue to provide the insurance coverage and keep its premium payments tied up in escrow. The indemnity bond also is expensive and probably would be a burden to insurance company to show a loss on the coverage.

Worst of all, she doesn't want to be forced into a position of getting the insurance cancelled, to protect herself, thereby denying state employes insurance coverage.

This is the one propelling reason Christen wants to get the test case filed although he claims it is really the duty of the attorney general's office.

Local Business

By S. S. Talbert, Chairman
Dept. of Journalism
University of Mississippi

Proving The Value Of Advertising

In order to prove the value of advertising, a newspaper in a small city agreed to run advertising of a variety store on a commission basis. The store paid for the advertising from a small percentage of the profits derived directly from specific items advertised.

The experiment was not very satisfactory. It worked too well from the standpoint of the store. Straight advertising costs would have been less expensive. In addition, the merchant began to realize that the worth of advertising cannot be measured in terms of returns from a specific advertisement.

More experienced retailers have learned that it is impossible to guage the long range effects of consistent advertising, or the side effects of an individual advertisement.

What brings a young man to a store to buy his first expensive suit of clothes? It might have been advertising he unconsciously absorbed ten years earlier. On the other hand it might have been a single advertisement he saw yesterday in his hometown newspaper.

What causes a high school senior to buy her winter coat at a particular dress shop? Perhaps it is the direct description of the coat. On the other hand, she could have gone to the store to buy because she liked it as a result and added the expensive coat because she saw it in her visit.

Profit from advertising is not measured in terms of pounds of bacon sold during a given week, or the number of shirts moved by sale advertising. Real profits are related to the traffic moving past counters week after week and year after year.

My Neighbors

"You name it...we'll protest it..."

Top 10 in 4-H

	ENROLLMENT
ANIMAL SCIENCE	734,000
CLOTHING	685,000
FOODS-NUTRITION	657,000
PLANT SCIENCE	598,000
HEALTH FITNESS	457,000
RECREATION-CRAFTS	426,000
ENGINEERING PROJECTS	363,000
SAFETY	355,000
COMMUNITY SERVICE	350,000
PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT	336,000

KING AND QUEEN--Four of these students will be crowned royalty for their school, Nicholas Co., Elementary, November 22, at 8:00 p.m. Left to right standing, Bobbie Taylor (4) Danny Grimes (6), Dianne Fryman (6), Judy Hunter (6), Phillip Gilkison (6). Front row: Kim Boone (5), Betty Jahmall (5), Penny Howard (5), Tina Smoot (4), Paula Snapp(4), Ronald Doyle (5), Michael Hillock was absent when this photo was taken.

PRINCE AND PRINCESS--Standing Left to right; Charolette Wagoner (3), Karen Wagoner (3), Jeffery Sexton (3), Donnita Smart (2), Billy Minton (2), Angela White (2). Front Row: Jackie Jones (3), Dean Hinton (1), Robin Ritchie (1), Kathy Wade (1). Brian Dunlap (1), Mark Ritchie (2).

Thanksgiving Feast Planned For 7 State Parks

FRANKFORT--The Pilgrims never had such a treat.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner will be served buffet style, Thursday, November 28, from 12 noon until 7:30 p.m. at seven Kentucky State Park dining rooms: Kentucky Dam Village, General Butler, Carter Caves, Cumberland Falls, Natural Bridge, Lake Cumberland and Jenny Wiley.

Price of the dinner is $3.50 for adults and $1.50 for children 12 and under.

Names of many foods listed on the parks' Thanksgiving menu are the same as enjoyed by the Pilgrims themselves in 1621. Indians joined the settlers then and introduced them to pumpkin, corn turkey, sweet potatoes, cranberries and venison.

The latter, which is deer meat, is absent from the parks' menu, but all the rest, plus much more, will be in plentiful supply Thanksgiving Day.

The complete menu includes:

Plymouth Rock Relish Tray
stuffed celery hearts, carrot slivers, corn relish, pickles, pecans, olives, rose radishes, almonds and mints

Salads
congealed or tossed with choice of dressing

Entrees
Roast Bluegrass Tom Turkey with Kentucky Cornbread-Celery Dressing
Thanksgiving Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce

Vegetables
Old Fashioned Candied Sweet Potatoes
Mayflower Potatoes and Giblet Gravy
Kentucky Wonder Green Beans with Country Ham Hocks

Desserts
Autumn Harvest Pie
Kentucky Riffle Rum Cake
Choice of Beverage and Homemade Rolls like Grandma used to make.

The Thanksgiving buffet dinner is included in the special $44 weekend package plan in effect through March 31, 1969 at seven Kentucky State resort parks.

The $44 per person-per-night vacation includes lodging, entertainment and all meals from Sunday evening dinner through Thursday lunch.

'Scapin, the Scoundrel' Opens Transylvania's Theatre Season

Transylvania College's student theater association opens its 1968-69 season with Moliere's play, "Scapin, the Scoundrel," on the evenings of November 21-24 in the Carrick Theater in the Mitchell Fine Arts Center, Curtain-time is 8:15 p.m. each evening.

The play is under the direction of Gillette Elvgren, a new drama instructor at the college. Elvgren plans to incorporate several innovations in the production, including putting the actors in colorful mod dress and contemporary fashions.

Of the play itself, Elvgren says it is a "rollicking farce of mistaken identity and malicious humor." The French playwright created the character of Scapin, the "catalyst" for the action in the play with the intention of playing the role himself.

Several new faces will appear on the Transylvania drama scene in this production. The role of Scapin will be portrayed by Geoffrey Pope, a freshman student from New York City. Linda Cartmell, a senior from Bethany, Conn., will appear as Zerbinette, Steve Abel, a Port Chester, N. Y., sophomore, has the role of Octave.

Tickets, at $1.25 each, may be reserved by contacting the Mitchell Fine Arts Center box office, 252-9773, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

State's Cash Farm Receipts Up 13 Percent From 1967's

LEXINGTON, KY.--Kentucky farmers got $820,861,000 in cash receipts from farm product sales in 1967, the Kentucky Crop and Livestock Reporting Service said this week in a report.

James Koepper, statistician, said the figure is 13 percent above year-earlier figures and establishes a new record high. The previous record year was 1964, 11 percent below the 1967 figures.

Koepper's report, the U. K. Cooperative Extension Service noted, the following:

(1) Livestock and livestock products, $380,812,000, down 5 percent from 1966; (2) dairy products, $110,298,000, one percent above 1966; and (3) receipts from sale of crops, $440,049,000; tobacco receipts were up 43 percent because of heavier preholiday marketings in 1967 and a heavy carryover of 1966 crop tobacco into 1967; soybeans and wheat registered gains of more than 20 percent.

"Realized" gross receipts for 1967 were $968,400,000, the report said, for 1967. This is 11 percent above the 1966 figure.

The breakdown for 1967; Tobacco, 41.8 percent of the receipts; corn, 4.2 percent; soybeans, 3.2 percent; other crops, 4.6 percent; cattle and calves, 19.4 percent; dairy products, 13.4 percent, hogs, 8.6 percent; eggs and other livestock products, 4.9 percent.

Governments payments in 1967 accounted for $41.5 million, the report says.

Of interest in Covington is the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, This church contains one of the world's largest stained-glass windows.

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