Innocent Until Found Guilty

The "instant experts" are already at work painting verbal pictures in psychodelic colors of the alleged My Lai massacre. The extreme left has been quick to use the incident for the lowest of political motives, in order to attack the administration, the United States, the military and nearly everyone in sight. This, despite the scant concrete bit of news, that the incident took place on March 16 of 1968, and that an Army Lieutenant has been charged, under th. new administration, with the murder of South Vietnamese villagers. This is indeed a serious charge, and therefore a legitimate news-worthy story.

But what disturbes us is that certain elements of the Press have in print and on the air, tried, convicted and condemned the accused without the slightest regard for the fundamental American rule that a man, any man, and no matter how strong the evidence may appear to be against him, is to be considered innocent until he is proven guilty by law. "Witnesses" have been interviewed but not under oath, and therefore not subject to the penalties of perjury should their stories be false. So far as we can tell no effort has been made to determine whether the alleged witnesses was not in fact be members of the Communist apparatus, and hence eager to condemn by falsehood, if necessary.

One writer, in the WASHINGTON POST, having reached the "verdict", declared "The government shouldn't get away with sentencing a handful of men, and letting the others escape . . . The others . . . include Lyndon Johnson, Hubert Humphrey, Walt Rostow, the Bundys, and all the rest, Democrats and Republicans, from three different Administrations, and seven Congresses. Throw in the people who make napalm, M-16, and the other instruments of liberation, and we might have a trial that is logical and goes after the real villains. I know just the place to hold it. It's a town called Nuremburg."

This is irresponsible journalism at its worst. As (we hope and pray) responsible journalists, we condemn such lynch-mob hysteria. This is just the sort of abuse of freedom of the press to which Vice President Agnew has publicly complained.

As yet, the accused have not been given the benefit of trial. They have not been found guilty, and therefore are to be considered innocent. Let us have no hangings by the news media, us in our own hearts and minds.

Looking at the Inside

By JOHN W. KIRK

Letters

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

My Aunt, Mrs. Pansy Beatty, is sending me several months subscription to the Mercury. I am enjoying each copy very much. It brings "home" a little closer. We have moved and our new address is 9620 San Antonio, Apt. 1, Long Beach, State, California, 90280.

I must tell you that much news from Carlisle is heard on radio station KFOX, in Long Beach, Calif. Mr. Ted Sullivan, their 9-to-noon man, broadcasts every western radio station's news and obituaries. He includes all their home town papers and reads articles from the paper's over the air. I think half the population of southern California is transplanted from other states and it means a lot to hear anything relating to one's hometown. We appreciate the way from Carlisle, Ky. It hope I remember the name if the town correctly!

Would you send me a card when my subscription runs out so that I may renew it? Thank you so much, and bless you and each of your staff. Also, please remember me, as this season of Christmas nears. May it be a warm, close one to all you hold dear.

Sincerely,
Anna Ruth Hawkings
Schuyler

The Editor, The Mercury:

Please find enclosed a check for $4.20 to pay for my renewal subscription to the Carlisle Mercury one year. I have been a reader of the Carlisle Mercury for many years. It is always good to read the news from my home-town and town.

Sincerely,
James S. Wright
3-4 Mills Ave.
Jeannettsburg, Pa.

Agree or Not,

I Say What I Think

By S. C. Van Curon

MERCURY VAPOURS

By Aaron P. Fisher

This week I had to do the "can woman in the show" that we mark up prices but don't know what to do, they're all timely, so we thought we'd put all he publishers this week. We hope they are legible enough that you may enjoy them then.

This is another Kodak company fiasco that should not worry their stockholders, but does worry publishers. Some of them may be of interest to our readers.

The "average" publisher has three newspapers.

There are about 9,081 weekly and semiweekly publishing firms in the U.S. that publish 9,243 papers. They print 8,000,000 photos annually.

Ninety nine percent of these are publishing news photos.

Almost all of the photos are local.

The "average" issue has 11 photos.

Seventy-two percent of the publishing firms have their own photographers.

Twenty percent also use portrait, commercial and free-lance photographers.

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Twenty & Forty Years Ago

Thursday, December 15, 1949

Next Sunday, December 18, marks the 150th anniversary of the establishment of Nicholas County, which was established Dec. 18, 1799. The county was formed out of Bourbon and Mason Counties. The County was named in honor of Col. George Nicholas, who was a captain in the War of the Revolution. Col. Nicholas was the first professor of the Law Department of Transylvania University. He died five months before our county was named for him, at the age of 50 years.

Clifford K. Berryman, Woodford County native and noted editorial cartoonist for the Washington Star died Sunday. Among surviving nieces is Mrs. Frank D. Hardesty of Carlisle.

Thirty 4-H Club members from Nicholas County sold 29,342 lbs. of tobacco in the annual 4-H Club Tobacco sale here Saturday, Dec. 10, at the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse, Paris, W. T. Straw, County Agent, announced. Jackie Tincher placed first, Jackie Randolph, second, William Earl Hubbard, third, Osborne Ray Anderson, fourth, and Patsy Crawford , fifth.

J. W. Miller was elected president of the Nicholas County Sheepmen's Association at an organization meeting held Saturday night, Dec. 10.

Livestock checks totalling $812 , issued by Clay-Gentry-Stockyards, to farmers, have been stolen from rural mail boxes during the last two months, Federal authorities have been notified of the thefts.

Mrs. Nellie Trumbo of Spring Street was the first aid treatment Thursday afternoon at the local hospital for a fracture of the left wrist, received in a fall at her home.

Frank C. Henry and Charles Scheffler left Sunday for Chicago to attend a three day session of the National Farm Bureau. They were delegates from the Nicholas County organization.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Cray Marshall of Doyleyville, a daughter, born Wednesday morning at the Johnson Memorial Hospital.

DIED--Hany Fay, 80, retired contractor, Tuesday at his home in Millersburg. Ida Steward Otte, 61, at 4:14 a.m. Thursday at the Massie Memorial Hospital, Paris.--Mrs. Malinda Galbraith Thomas Asbury Shepherd, 61, Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Shepherd.--Mrs. Ella Blake O'Geary, 74, widow of John Milton O'Geary, Lexington, died Thursday at her home.--John H. Lawrence, 78, a retired Carlisle blacksmith, Sunday in a Lexington nursing home.

Thursday, December 12, 1929

Thieves broke into the general merchandise store of A. A. Hale at Myers Station some time Saturday night and carried off loot valued at $200 according to Mr. Dale. Entrance to the store was gained by smashing the glass in a door, and prizing off another door with a bar.

An average of $22.02 per hundred pounds was paid for 68,100 pounds sold on opening day of the Carlisle tobacco market.

Howard A. Dorsey of Carlisle, is one of the officers to be installed tonight by Lexington voiture No. 785, Forty and Eight, at Lexington, J. Howard Wills will be installed as chef de gare.

George Davis, who resides on the farm of Sheriff L. B. Barton on the Myers Station road, caught a large chicken hawk in a steel trap Monday morning. The hawk measured 57 inches from tip to tip.

Howard Irvin and Joe Wilson, of Moorefield, sustained painful injuries Tuesday afternoon when a truck load of tobacco being taken to the Lexington overturned between Paris and Lexington.

Others want to remove the ceiling altogether and leave the rate up to local taxing authorities. They argue that this is where the responsibility lies since the local voters are the closest to those who set the rates.

Other measures sure to come up in the session will be to permit an adjustment of interest rates upward from the present statutory 7 per cent since the rates and 8 per cent and above at the federal level.

Air pollution and tightening strip mine regulations are sure to be argued in legislative halls.

Gov. Nunn's budget is likely to be in the range, of $2.75 billion for the biennium, up from the present $2.5 billion. Natural growth for the first year is estimated between $35 and $40 million and about $40 to $45 million for the second year. Federal grants will have some weight on the budget, depending on the amount contributed to trust and agency funds by the federal government.

Kentuckians are always against increases in taxes, but in comparison to other states taxpayers here fare well. The per capita tax in Kentucky is $280 as compared to $365 for the national average.

Looking at it another way, Kentuckians pay about 9.5 per cent of their gross income for state and local taxes of all kinds while the national average is about 14 per cent. We rank first in the nation in this category.

What is likely to complicate the job for legislators in tackling the rollback tax bill is that all school districts, cities and counties did not take advantage of the increase provisions included in the bill for 1966 and 1967.

The measure said taxing districts could increase the rate 10 per cent for each of the two years. The measure also gave school districts the option of choosing one of three additional taxes--three per cent on utility bills, an occupational tax, or a surtax on state income taxes.

Only 15 counties took advantage of the tax on utility bills for their schools: Ballard, Butler, Calloway, Carroll, Christian, Clark, Franklin, Fessamine, Marion, Ohio, Oldham, Pike, Simpson, Trimble and Wolfe. If there is more than one school district in the county, the money is distributed according to average daily attendance in the school systems.

Only Marshall county levied a half per cent occupation tax.

If the taxing district failed to take advantage of the 10 per cent increases in 1966 and 1967, they no longer have this opportunity under provisions of the bill.

Farm & Home

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS
Estil J. Noffsinger, Sara Swango
Mrs. Margie Wilson

4-H OFFICERS TRAINING SCHOOL

Honesty is unquestionably the word to describe the Nicholas County 4-H club officers. Our officers training school, conducted Dec. 1 at the County Extension Office, was a success. Officers from nine 4-H clubs were represented.

Training was given to each organized group of officers, and booklets and other materials were given to use in carrying out their club meetings successfully. It was an honor to be selected as an officer by members of a group and this honor brings responsibility.

The training school was conducted by experienced community leaders. The following 4-H Council officers trained the presidents, vice president, and secretaries: Mr. G.L. Carsinger, Mr. Billy Gudgell and Mrs. Dickie Grimes. Newspaper writing tips were explained to the club reporters by Mrs. Shirley Duncan, "Carlisle Mercury" representative. Mrs. Huey Connelius, Carlisle Elementary teacher, instructed the club song and prayer leaders.

The Nicholas County 4-H program will have excellent leadership during the 1969-70 club year. Congratulations officers!

4-H TOBACCO SALE

December is the time for 4-H members to complete their tobacco project by marketing their barrows at the 4-H FFA Tobacco Show and Sales will be held in several surrounding counties. The Mt. Sterling Warehouse Association is sponsoring a tobacco show and sale on Friday, Dec. 12, at the Growers Warehouse.

Your tobacco should be delivered to the Warehouse on Dec, 11 or until 12:00 noon on Dec. 12. The preferred date is Dec. 11. The Show and Sale will begin approximately at 1:00 p.m.

Nicholas County 4-H'ers are eligible to participate with my certification that the crop offered was your project for 1969. 4-H members are not to sell more than one acre of tobacco as a project with a limit of 3,000 pounds per acre or 300 pounds to the 1/10 acre. Members may also participate in the Youth Tobacco Grading Contest.

A 4-H Tobacco Show and Sale will also be held in Cynthiana on Dec. 12. If you want details on this show, call Sara Swango, 4-H Agent, at the County Extension Office, (289-2312).

Please contact your 4-H agent if you plan to participate in one of these shows so that your certification form can be completed.

4-H BEEF PROJECT MEETING

Selection of a good project animal is the first step to a successful 4-H beef project. Twenty-three project members and parents learned the factors involved in project animal selection during a training session held recently at the First National Bank.

Mr. Bob Herbst, Extension Beef Specialist and County Agriculture Agent from Madison County conducted the meeting. He also showed and explained the slides on carcass evaluation which were prepared at the Blue Grass District 4-H - FFA Steer and Carcass Contest.

The beginning beef project members who attended the meeting with their parents were Judy Doyle, Ronnie Doyle, Cliff Shumate, Jimmy Caswell, Jackie Alexander, and David Dagrell.

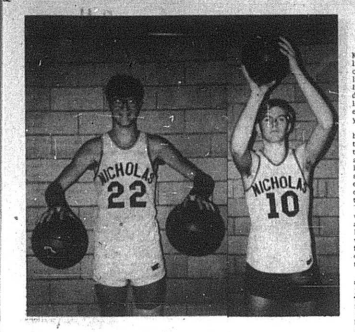
Future training sessions will be conducted on meat animal feeding, fitting and showing. 4-H'ers, parents and any interested persons are encouraged to attend.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn McCollum, at their home on the Myers ville pike on the 3rd, a son, Roy Nillam McCollum.--To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Feeback, at their home near Headquarters on the 9th, a son, Carlton Malcolm Feeback.--To Mr. and Mrs. Amos Hunt, at their home on the Upper Jacksontown pike on the 8th, twin sons.--To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gudgell, a son, on the 6th at the Johnson Memorial hospital.

MARRIED--Miss Mary Florence, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Florence of Harrison county and Mr. Oral Hollar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbridge Hollar, of the county, were married last week.--Miss Zora Ida Hudson Cooke and Mr. Calvin Gillispie Justr were married on November 29th.--Miss Eugenia Toy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Toy, of Sharpsburg, was married Thursday to Mr. Harry D. Thomas of Elmira, Mo.

DIED--Miss Mary Vaughn, for many years a resident of Carlisle where she was a dressmaker, died at Stoner's hospital, Lexington, on the 1st.--Mrs. Addie Flora, 65, at her home near Sharpsburg Tuesday following a long illness.--Davis Mc. Reveal, 85, died Saturday night at the home of his daughter, Mrs. B. A. Young, in Lexington following a long illness.--Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cronin, 67, died at her home at Little Rock Saturday morning.--Mr. Harvey Ashley, 57, died at his home in Covington Tuesday following a long illness. He was a native of Nicholas County.

Ky. Bibb Lettuce Is Orchid Of The Salad World



RODNEY HATTON, a 6'2" junior forward leads the Nicholas County Bluejackets scoring column in the second leading rebounder. In the Jackets first 3 games, Hatton has scored 68 points and collected 41 rebounds.

STEVE KIMBERLING, a 6'3" junior center leads Nicholas County in rebounding and is second in scoring. In 3 games Kimberling has pulled off 53 rebounds and scored 58 points.

People who have never encountered Kentucky Bibb lettuce have a joy to live' for. It's a beautiful plant with crisp, deep-green leaves that cluster like rose petals only not as dense. Its texture and its flavor are utterly delightful. Gourmets say it's the finest lettuce in the world. There's never been enough of it, yet you can grow it in your own backyard.

You don't have to have cultivated taste buds to enjoy Bibb, but the more sensitive a person's taste perceptions are, the more enthusiastic he is apt to be about Bibb. When people encounter the lettuce for the first time they usually savor they first bite. Then they eat every bit of it without touching anything else. Their appreciation is usually uttered in tones of hushed reverence. They say things like, "Out of this world!" or "Where's this stuff been all my life?" Jacques Willy Walsh, a French gourmet who now lives in Louisville, summed it up in one word. Upon first eating Bibb lettuce he rolled his eyes ecstatically, kissed his fingertips to heaven and said, "Magnifique!"

Dr. Walsh eats Bibb lettuce every day of the year. And, although he enjoys it in many