A Soldier And His God

The poem below first appeared in the Becker County Record, Detroit Lakes, Minn. It was found on the body of a 19-year-old soldier in Vietnam.

Look God, I have never spoken to you, but now--

I want to say: "How do you do?" You see God, they told me You didn't exist

And like a fool--I believed all of this.

Last night from a shell-hole I saw your sky--

I figured right then they had told me a lie.

Had I taken the time to see the things you made I'd know they weren't calling a spade a spade.

I wonder, God if you'd shake my hand.

Somehow I feel that you will understand.

Funny, I had to come to this hellish place

Before I had time to see your face--

Well, I guess there isn't much more to say

But I'm sure glad, God, I met you today.

I guess the zero-hour will soon be here

But I'm not afraid since I know you are here.

The signal--well, God--I'll have to go, I like you lots--this I want you to know.

Looks like this will be a horrible fight.

Who knows--I may come to your house tonight.

Though I wasn't friendly with you before.

I wonder God if you'd wait at your door.

Look--I am crying, me shedding tears, I wish I'd known you these many years.

Well, I'll have to go now, God good-bye.

Strange--since I met you I'm not afraid to die.

27,000 To ?

Madalyn Murray, "Hair ia-proud of her unselfish attitude as the proud prominent atheist in the U.S. Mrs. "Hair is the woman who brought the suit before the U.S. Supreme Court that formally eliminated prayer in the public schools, although there is currently a revolt spreading among our nation's schools. This revolt is one of defiance of the court ruling. A growing number of schools are returning prayers to the classrooms in spite of the Warren court.

The Texas-based atheist is now gathering letters to be sent to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The letters are critical of the reading from Genesis by the three moon-orbiting astronauts last Christmas eve. The message sent from space by Frank Borman, James Lovell, and Major William Anders, both of the Air Force and Navy, right before A. Lovell was warmly received by a great number of Americans and will be noted in a comment-native passage stating by the words "In the beginning

Mrs. "Hair is hopeful to have requested because of the three astronauts for their step at their atheism. Her claim is that the reading was on government time as taxpayers expense. There are any number of things that occur on government time that we disagree with, but we aren't out collecting protest letters.

One report says Mrs. "Hair has amassed 27,000 letters. We wonder if the size of the mail bag is exaggerated. Surely it must come to more than 27,000 if, as we see it, the bulk of mail strongly approving the biblical reading was an important factor in the decision to print the biblical words on the postage stamp.

We wonder if Mrs. "Hair is truly representing the side she claims to represent. As an atheist, it is she who is trying to move the nation away from that which is what she considers religious. Intentionally or not, she more she attacks religion the more people become aware of the value religion need to return to it.

Mrs. "Hair is essentially be on a religious bent obsession.

Noted And Passed

Mr. Warren R. Fisher

Here, in its entirety, is the text of a post card received by the parents of an eight-year-old boy camper:

"Dear Folks, I know an along that something awful was going to happen. So far I haven't had it. Love, John".

Who says anticipation is half the fun of that to mess in good news.

--MV--

IT DEPENDS ON YOU

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this sequence:

From Bondage to Spiritual Faith
From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage
From Courage to Liberty
From Liberty to Abundance
From Abundance to Selfishness
From Selfishness to Complacency
From Complacency to Apathy
From Apathy to Dependence
From Dependence Back Again to Bondage

In seven years the U. S. will be 200 years old. This cycle is not inevitable--IT DEPENDS ON YOU.

--MV--

A Wichita, Kan., man was mailed a bill made out by computer from a large department store. The amount owed was listed as $66.00. He ignored it.

Next month the bill got a bill from the store with the notation the account was past due and again listing his indebtedness as $66.00. He circled the zeroes and sent the bill back to the computerized credit department. Later, he received a stern notice again saying he owed $660.00. He sat down and wrote the firm a check for $660.00--he heard no more from the store!

YOUR TAX DOLLAR--The Federal Government gets 47.2¢, the State and 14.8¢ Local, according to an estimate by the Tax Foundation, and that is not all taxes collected in 1968 amounted to $1,103 for each man, woman and child in the United States. It would be better to remember when you say, "Let the government do it," it means you, you and you.

Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Please accept my check for a renewal of The Mercury, the paper al-

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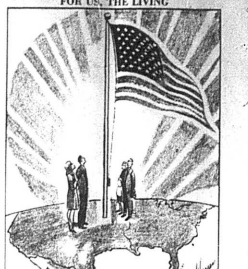

Twenty & Forty Years Ago

Thursday, June 2, 1949

Carlisle High School valedictorian is Miss Ruth Willard, daughter of Frank Ballard and salutatorian is Miss Dorthea Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dixon.

A. V. (Doc) Allsberry announces his candidacy for the office of Nicholas County Clerk subject to the action of the Democratic primary in August.

Atty Judge Walter Shepherd announces his candidacy for the office of Nicholas County Judge subject to the Democratic primary in August.

DIED--George R. Fryman, 83, at a Lexington hospital. --Mrs. Elizabeth Powell, 74, at her home in Cynthiana. Infant Cleatus Ritchie, at birth, in Johnson Memorial Hospital.--Henry B. Arnold, 72, in Punta Gorda, Fla.--Fletcher Ward, in Winchester, Ohio.--U.S. Charles W. Stanfield, killed in action Oct. 1945, in France in WWII, arrived in Carlisle Thursday morning and will be taken to Mathers Shearer Chapel.--William Earl Curtis, 57, at Maude Memorial.

BORN: To--Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Hier a son at St. Joseph in Lexington.

Thursday, May 30, 1929

Dr. Stanley Hutchings was re-elected treasurer of Blue Grass Dental Society at a meeting held in the Phoenix hotel, Lexington, Saturday night.

In Nicholas Circuit Court last Thursday, a jury awarded James R. Soaby damage of $1,000 in his suit against Louisville and Nashville Railroad, in which Soaby sought damages of $10,000 for injuries suffered on Sept. 17, 1927. In an accident at East Union railroad crossing in eastern suburbs.

New traffic lanes have been painted on Main Street and the plans of heading or backing the automobile to the curb in the public square will be given a trial to provide more room.

The pupils of Miss Ida Howard's music classs will give their annual recital at the Orpheum Monday and Tuesday evenings, June 3-4.

Seasonable weather during the past week has enable farmers throughout this section to plant tobacco with the result that a much larger acreage has been set out than usual for this time of year.

Because of condition of the Judy school, which was badly damaged in a tornado which struck this section in January the building will be sold Saturday torn away and a new building constructed.

The express truck of W. T. Roberts and a Chevrolet touring car operated by Jim Booth of the county collided at the corner of Main and Locust Streets Wednesday morning. Although both cars were damaged, neither of the occupants were injured.

The cornerstone for the new church at Mt. Pleasant was laid with appropriate ceremonies Sunday, several hundred person being present.

BORN To--Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Sale of Morganfield, a daughter, Alice Gene, MARRIED--Mrs. Jesse Metcalfe Jarlan and Chester A. Carpenter on May 18 at Clearwater, Fla.--Miss Mary Horrigan to Edward Everett Potts in Georgetown.--Miss Lucille Gay Naff to William Clarion Clay in Frankfort.

DIED--Bessie Elizabeth Watkins, 6 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watkins at her home in Bourbon County.--Mrs. Elizabeth Payne, 59, a native of Nicholas County at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Payne in Paris.

The Carlisle Mercury welcomes all signed letters to the editor. The name of the writer will be published.

Letters for publication must not exceed 300 words. The right to edit all matter before it is published is reserved by the editors.

Letters must be in our office by noon on Friday preceeding the publication date.

Helen Fisher

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

At this time of the year I thought some one should let the people of Nicholas County, who have pre-school children know about Headstart and what it does for small children.

I have a little girl who attended last year and believe me, when they start school in the fall they are ready. Do you realize when a small child starts in the first grade, he is gone all day and if he isn't ready to be away from home and doesn't know how to make friends, what happens? When my little girl went she was very shy and wouldn't talk or hardly eat away from home. Then she went to Headstart and when she went to school she was ready. Now that school is ready to close, she is ready for the second grade.

I visited Headstart last year. I was amazed at what I saw. They invited me to have lunch with them, which I did, and they serve a very fine lunch. If you parents would visit maybe even some of you mothers who do not hold outside jobs could help. I'm sure any assistance you could give them would be greatly appreciated.

So we people of Nicholas County should thank each and everyone who in any way is connected with Headstart for being so patient with our children.

Helen Fisher

Farm & Home

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

Tractor operators do not deliberately kill themselves by upsetting their machines. Why then are these accidents so common?

We can sum it up in two words--ignorance and carelessness.

Ignorance results in failure to recognize a dangerous situation. It also results in failure to recognize a safe way out after the danger becomes apparent.

Carelessness is an attitude--a refusal to admit personal danger--although the operator is fully aware of accident possibilities. But carelessness can be tempered by knowledge of consequences.

We must enlighten those who do not know and, perhaps, frighten those who do not care.

The farm tractor is designed to do an important job. The high center of gravity gives it the necessary clearance for row crops. The short wheel base and individual wheel brakes make it possible to turn sharply at the ends of rows. The big and powerful engine enables it to do jobs quickly. The transmission, coupling the engine to the big rear wheels, affords a wide range of forward speeds. At the lower gears, a farm tractor can pull 60 percent or more of its own weight. If the load is too heavy the tractor may bog down. Leave the tractor in gear when going downhill.

Speed is not the only factor involved in side-away upsets. Also to be considered are hills, ditches and uneven ground. Be careful on slopes.

A tractor will upset backwards if the center of gravity falls back of the supporting base. This can happen when a tractor is going up a very steep slope if the slope is steep enough that a "trust" is required to get over the top. Much of the weight is concentrated near the rear of your tractor. About one-third of the weight is on the front wheels--two-thirds on the rear wheels. When you add wheel weights and put fluid in the rear tires, you shift the center of gravity further back. And you may add some weight by the use of rear-mounted or semi-mounted equipment. This not only shifts the center of gravity back but also gives the tractor more traction and, hence, increases the maximum pull that can be exerted by the rear wheels. Add a steep slope, or mud, and you have the elements of an upset.

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Can you afford to dump your total daily milk production for several weeks? This has happened in Kentucky as a result of pesticide residues found in dairy products in another state and traced back through the milk plant and truck load to individual farms. One dairyman has had to to dump nearly two tons of milk daily since late March because of pesticide residues.

If you either know or are suspicious that pesticides have been used carelessly or illegally on your dairy feed or forage or around your farm, do NOT feed these materials until you have analyzed feed samples for residues. Extremely small amounts on feed or forage fed to dairy cows will give residues in milk. Do NOT feed such contaminated materials to heifers because research shows that pesticides are stored in the body of heifers for many months and are released at calving into the milk.

The best guarantee that you have of using a pesticide properly and legally is that you conform to all the directions and precautions given on the label. READ THE LABEL! If the label does not list the crop you want to spray, do not use that particular pesticide on the crop.

Agree or Not,

I Say What I Think

By S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT, Ky.--The heavy load of research work and in-depth study required of the Legislative Research Commission in today's fast-changing government picture has caused LRC Director James Fleming to include two newspapermen on his staff.

Hugh Morris Jr., long-time Courier Journal bureau chief in Frankfort, will join the staff as Fleming's assistant June 1.

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His salary will be $17,700 a year with LRC, about the same as he was making with the newspaper. He gave no reason for his switch in jobs, but his fellow newsmen here know his interest in government has steadily increased.

Johnson's salary will be $8,620 a year.

"We are very fortunate to get him," Fleming said in talking about Morris. "He can contribute a great deal to government.

WORTH TALKING ABOUT

Over the years we seem to have become afflicted with a college degree syndrome. And this, to me, is unfortunate. For I have always defined a successful man as one who uses his talents to the fullest, regardless of how great--or how limited--those talents happen to be. The problem is how do we get the right person into the right slot--not how do we get everyone into graduate school. We need good people in all elements of our society--not just at the top.

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SALTWELL - - - - *By Mrs. Fred Hollar*

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lee Gaunce and son of Indianapolis, Ind., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaunce and family, Mrs. Nellie Cardwell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pollard and children of Frankfort and Mrs. Dorothy Spiegal and children of Millersburg and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Gray of Carlisle also visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaunce and family on Sunday.

Mr. Frank Preston of Lewisburg spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain and family.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney visited Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Leet at Fleming County hospital on Thursday where Mr. Leet remains very ill.

Mrs. Alice Marie Gaunce of Carlisle spent the past week with her mother, Mrs. Hounschell and other relatives of Franklin, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Ritchie entertained with a family dinner on Sunday including Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Smart of Nicholasville and Mr. Ritchie's brothers and their families and attended Memorial services at the Barterville cemetery in the afternoon.

Sgt. J. C. Mattox with the U. S. Army in Cherry Point, N. C., received a furlough of his foot the past week and is in a Marine hospital in Camp LeJune, N. C.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney and Mrs. Fred Hollar visited Mr. Strauder Feebeck and Mr. Ottie Martin at Bourbon County hospital on Sunday evening and Mrs. Dee McDonald at her home here.

Mrs. Fred Hollar received word this week from her brother Mr. W. C. Mattox of Alhambra, Calif. that his condition is improving and he thanks his home folks here for their cards and prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar, Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galbraith, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Hamilton and babysat-joyed a cookout on Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone and daughter of Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woosley and children spent Sunday with friends in Nicholasville.

Several from here attended Memorial services at Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Allison of Carlisle spent a day or two the past week with Mrs. Reynolds Gaunce of Headquarters.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ritchie and daughter of Niles, Michigan are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ritchie and other relatives.

Memorial services will be conducted at the Saltwell Cemetery this Sunday.

East Union - - -

By Mrs. Hearth Scott

Jim Scott visited Mr. and Mrs. Worth Scott, Saturday.

Mrs. Larry Hatton and baby daughter visited Mrs. A. H. Brandon on afternoon this past week.

Mrs. Allie Mae Scott and Mrs. Worth Scott Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Scott.

Dr. White To Address Heart Association Meet

IN SERVICE

WAYNE LEVERMAN, electricity instructor in advance with Carl Sandburg Junior High, and president of the local unit organization, Betty Gilbert High and Parliamentarian of the local organization at the state Camp Fire Girls of America in Frankfort May 6th. The trophy as the second most active club was based on a set point record of the Safe Mechanics Instructor.

Attorney General Breckinridge Comments On Student Summer Jobs

During the summer many industrious students begin looking for summer employment. Quite naturally they think in terms of making as much money as they can during their summer vacation. During this period we also are advertisements for salesmanship which frequently provides high earnings.

To avoid adverse students and their parents to obtain as much information as possible about a company before the student takes a sales job. Often false claims are made about the amount of money that will be made through commissions or selling a particular product and the student only finds this out after he has invested his time and, frequently his money.

Another pitfall to be aware of, according to Breckinridge is sometimes training is conducted through the use of deceptive or fraud. The deception or fraud is often not readily apparent and therefore the student may spend a great deal of time and perhaps money in training materials without intending to deceive anyone.

Sensing The News

By Thurman Sensing

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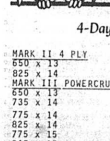

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