PRINT SHOWS THROUGH

Truth or Consequences

Add to the disgraceful crime picture in our Nation's Capital one more black eye. It has just been revealed that Washington now has the highest syphillis incidence rate in the nation, and is in fourth highest position for other venereal diseases. The statistics were compiled by the American Social Health Association in cooperation with six leading public health and medical organizations, including the American Medical Association.

Of the various diseases loosely termed "VD," syphilis is the deadliest and most horrifying killer of them all. Because syphilis is almost entirely contacted by immoral or sexual contact, it is seldom mentioned. People die from heart attack, cancer, or TB--but when did you ever see a death notice "Died from VD"?

Within a matter of hours after sexual contact, the deadly spirochete enters the bloodstream and spreads throughout the body. It may take from ten days to ten weeks for any visible sign of the death-dealing germ to appear. Because it is painless, it is easy to miss, but unless destroyed by medical treatment, it will remain alive longer than the victim.

The second stage symptoms begin to appear in about six weeks--headaches, pains in bones and joints, sore throat, and/or a barely detectable skin rash.

Now, the spirochete is ready to strike--to incapacitate or kill. The microbe may attack the spinal cord, the nerves, the heart, the brain, the eyes, the bones, or a combination of them. Doctors bluntly state: "The prognosis of cardiovascular syphillis is poor, and sudden death is not uncommon." In plain language, if syphilis hits your heart, chances are you are dead brother. But maybe those who die quickly are the lucky ones. Syphillis literally destroys the brain, bringing about insanity, loss of memory, delusions, deafness, blindness, convulsions, extreme and/or continual pain.

THERE IS NO CURE. Even if quick action is taken and the microbe is killed by medical treatment, there is no cure to any damage already done to the body and mind--that is permanent.

The only sensible solution is to teach our young people and others through *legitimate* sex education that pre-marital and extra-marital sex is wrong--and if they are not strong enough to resist it, they may have to pay the consequences; a living horror for the rest of their lives.

Twenty and Forty Years Ago

Thursday, April 27, 1950

Miss Dotty Dotson and Charles Harper will reign as Queen and King of Spring during the celebration of May Day exercises tomorrow (Friday) at the City School gymnasium.

The Hughes-Crawford Ice Cream Parlor and Restaurant on West Main Street was purchased Monday by Mrs. Eunice Stephenson.

W.G.P. Ledford recently sold a purebred Aberdeen Angus bull each to Clay Dayton, Henry Hunt, Ewing; James Burden, James Marsh, Paris; and Hiram Toadvine of Cynthiana.

Thomas H. McGinley, 59, suffered burns of the hands, face and shoulder in a dynamite explosion last Thursday while digging a posthole at the City playground.

The home of the late Mrs. Priscilla G. McCann on Elm Street was sold at public auction Saturday to Robert W. Neal.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Crouch and daughter, Sidney Davis, will leave Saturday for New Haven, Md., where Mr. Crouch has been a buyer on the tobacco markets for several years.

Mrs. Strauder McDonald of near Headquarters, entered the Nannie Memorial Hospital, Paris and underwent an operation today.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Watkins, a son, Wednesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.--To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Faye, a son, Robert Lloyd, Thursday, at Johnson Memorial Hospital.--To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rawlings, a daughter, Brenda Kay, Friday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

DIED--Robert Cook, 62, Wednesday at the home of his son, Albert Cook.--Mrs. Harvey C. Norton, Wednesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.--Mrs. Ruth Williams Ratliff Daugherty, 68, Friday, April 14, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Wood Owens, Maysville.

Thursday, April 24, 1930

Sparks from a chimney set fire to the roof of the residence of Mrs. Ella Norvell on West Main Street Saturday afternoon. The fire department was called and extinguished the blaze with slight damage.

The county road department has started installing piers and approaches for a new steel bridge near the residence of Dr. A.H. Durrum. The bridge will contain two sixty-foot spans.

Prof. E.E. Phanstiel, superintendent of the Carlisle city schools who underwent a major operation at a Lexington hospital a month ago is able to be out.

County Agent C.B. Elston and family are moving this week from the residence of Mrs. Josephine Cox on Chestnut Street to the residence of Dr. B.F. Reynolds on Eastern Avenue.

Perry McClanahan has finished the census of children of school age in the Carlisle graded school district, his report showing a total of 314 children between the ages of six and 20 years. This is a decrease of 23 from the number of children when the census was taken two years ago.

The will of the late Green Feeback was probated in county court Saturday. R.M. Smith qualified as administrator of the estate with Mrs. Pearl Feeback as surety in the sum of $1,000.

The wool market opened here this week with local dealers offering 25 cents per pound for first quality wool. This is the lowest price in several years.

MARRIED--Miss Gladys Sellers of Cincinnati, and Mr. Charles Hay, of Latonia, on Saturday, April 19. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira O. Sellers, of Nicholas County.

DIED--Mrs. Nancy Crump, 78, Tuesday at her home near Ishmael Chapel.--Mr. John Henry Sageser, 79, at his home on Greenwood near Louisville, last Friday night following an illness of several weeks.

From the State Capitol

Agree Or Not

I Say What I Think
by E. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT--The Court of Appeals 1965 landmark ruling of 100 percent fair cash value assessment of property and the hundred-up "rollback tax law" in the summer of that year have not solved Kentucky's problem.

Figures in the Revenue Department show that 51 counties are now below the 85 percent level. Assessment ratios are determined by comparing actual sale prices with assessments. Inflation and rising prices for land since 1966 are factors in declining assessment valuations. If assessments haven't been adjusted since then, they are likely to be low.

The latest statewide averages available are for 1968 and show that the average farm is assessed at 80.4 percent of sale value, rural non-farm property also at 80.4 percent, residential at 92.6 per cent and business and commercial at 94.8 percent.

Up until this year there was little for local governmental units to gain by increasing the total property evaluation in a county since 100 per cent assessments could not receive any more tax dollars than the year before because of the "rollback" tax law.

But the 1970 legislature passed a bill allowing counties to tax the growth in evaluations. Before, the rate was changed to compensate for the increase in property evaluations. This, in some counties, caused a shift of the tax burden from town property to farm property.

In 1968 notices were sent by the Revenue Department to 21 counties for blanket assessment increases, but only 16 were put into effect. In five of the counties the increases were rescinded after public hearings.

Last year there were 19 counties with ratios less than 85 percent but the state did not send out notices because local officials committed themselves to making the adjustment or to inconclusive sales data or a confused real estate picture.

Revenue Commissioner James E. Luckett said there were no state ordered increases last year because the department did not want to get embroiled in last year's election of county officials, including the tax commissioner (now property valuation administrator) under a phrase coined by the Revenue Department and enacted into law by the 1970 legislature.

This raises the question of whether the state will order blanket increases in the 51 counties this year which would raise questions in the 1971 gubernatorial election.

The department did send the 19 counties letters last year asking the property valuation administrator to adjust the assessments upwards.

The 1969 assessment figures will not be available until later this year, but it is unlikely that the state could or would take action in all of the 51 counties this year. The department must give notice and hold a hearing before taking any final action, so time and personnel are limiting factors. The department hopes that property valuation administrators will take it upon themselves to correct the low assessment in their counties.

Luckett may use the same procedure as he did last year...sending letters of warning to those below the 85 percent average. He didn't say the minimum that would be acceptable, however he implied that it would be above the 85 percent average which could bring more counties into the warning area.

Because of the 1970 legislation permitting local taxing districts to benefit from increasing assessments some school districts must have an acceptable level near the 100% fair cash value standard.

While the 1970 legislature refused to amend the "rollback" tax law, it did give the growth relief. The legislature was afraid to change the law because of the 1971 state-wide election.

The question now is, how far will the Revenue Department go in enforcing fair cash value assessments this year? It can't be done in one year, but a start must be made or assessments will get back in the same state as before the court's opinion.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

J. Earle Bell writing in the Union County Advocate says:

On a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Rep. Joe McBride and Senator William Sullivan ate breakfast at a swanky place, and not being too hungry ordered only four sweet rolls, two cups of coffee, and only two glasses of orange juice. Rep. McBride says he almost fell out of his chair when they got the bill for--ONLY $8.00!

--MV--

Communism: He who does not agree does not eat.

Fascism: He who does not obey does not eat.

Capitalism; He who does not work does not eat--unless he has rich relatives or government aid!

--MV--

This one everybody can face with amusement now. Cheer up. April 15 used to come in March and now it comes with the first touch of spring.

--MV--

Last week I undertook a little job of laying 49 tiles or if you will 49 square feet of rug and rubber for our type setting machines vibrate on. When it came time to get up, I almost didn't make it. The winter past (or is it past) has really been harder on me than I thought.

--MV--

My thoughts of late have been turning to Lake Carnico and this excerpt from Thoreau's Walden Pond sums it up--"A LAKE is the landscape's most beautiful and expressive feature. It is earth's eye; looking into which the beholder measures the depth of his own nature."

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HOW ABOUT US?

An Editorial Repeated by Request

It was thirty years ago this year that Uncle Sam very confidently set a price tag on our kids. Uncle said $600, and since 1939 that has been the figure established by the Internal Revenue Code. That is what the government allows us for each dependent child, as a deduction on our income tax.

There are across this land several million man and wife taxpayers who were not yet born in 1939. Yet they are feeding, clothing and educating children under that ridiculous and antiquated $600 deduction per dependent.

When Uncle Sam installed programs more modern than the income tax he chose to be infinitely more generous. Aid to Dependent Children subscribes upwards of $800 per year for the upkeep of an illegitimate child. Refugees from Cuba are allowed a minimum of $1,200 a year, and generous Uncle budgets an additional $1,000 a year for each Cuban refugee child enrolled in school. Job Corps personnel cost the government upwards of $7,000 a year. And Congressmen gratefully accepted an 88% percent increase in salary over the last six years.

We poor taxpayers haven't had an increase in the standard deduction in 30 years. How about us?

Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Some wag suggested that the government should come up with a short, simple Tax form which would have only three lines to fill out: 1) How much money did you earn? 2) How much money did you spend? 3) How much money was left after subtracting #2 from #1? Whatever it was, send it to the Government. The idea may have its faults, but at least it would pervent IRS from taking your shirt after taking your money too!

Cordially,
Herb Philbrick
Washington- Exclusive

Farm & Home

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS

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Mrs. Margie Wilson

Spring Fertilization and Weed Control for Home Lawns

Spring is the time to prepare lawns for the long summer season. Start early to encourage growth and development of a dense sod of perennial grasses before the onset of hot weather.

A soil test every three to four years should be the basis of all lime and fertilizer recommendations. Ground limestone can be applied at any convenient time; however, the most favorable season for liming lawns is fall, winter and early spring when freezing and thawing aid in the presentation of lime into the soil. Recommended grasses for Kentucky grow best when the soil pH is about 6.5 to 7.0. Without a test, an application of 50 to 75 pounds of ground limestone per 1,000 square feet every three to four years should keep the soil reaction about right.

Most bluegrass, fescue, Bermuda and Zoysia lawns should be adequately fertilized if 3-4 pounds nitrogen, one pound phosphorus (P2 05) and two pounds potassium (K20) per 1,000 square feet were applied per year.

For bluegrass and fescue, one pound of nitrogen in Sept., one pound in Nov., or Dec. and one in the spring should be about right. All the phosphorus and potassium may be applied in the fall, but should be split into a fall and spring application.

Most grades of fertilizer (10-10-10; 10-6-4, etc.) can be used on turf if they are used with caution to burning and overstimulation of the grass. The preferable lawn fertilizers are those specifically marketed for turf. They are usually high in nitrogen with ratios of 2-1-1, 3-1-2, 4-1-2, etc. They usually are a mixture of fast release and slow release fertilizers. The slow released nitrogen may be from activated sewage, tankage, soybean meal and other by-products. Many also contain ureaform, a synthetic nitrogen fertilizer that is medium to slow in the rate of nitrogen release. All do an excellent job when used according to direction.

Many broadleaf weeds in lawns can be controlled with 2,4-D. Wild onions can be controlled with 2,4-D but should be treated when young. Use low volatile formulation of 2,4-D for lawns. Dicamba (banvel-D), which controls many broadleaf weeds, is especially effective on Sheep Sorrel. These materials often come mixed for Broad Spectrum weed control. Be sure to follow direction on container.

CUCUMBER MEETING

Thirty-eight cucumber producers gathered at the courthouse Tuesday night to hear Hubert Davis, Horticulture Specialist from the University of Kentucky, discuss the important points of production. He urged them to select deep, well drained land, use limited amount of fertilizer and prepare the seed bed well.

The specialist also stressed the importance of planting only 1 to 1 1/2 inches deep, spacing the rows at least 4 feet apart and keeping the crop free of weeds.

A cucumber receiving station will be located in Carlisle. Growers will be receiving their seed in the near future. Planting dates agreed on were May 11 to May 25 so the crop would come into production about the same time. If any other farmers would like to try this new crop, they should contact the Extension Office at once.

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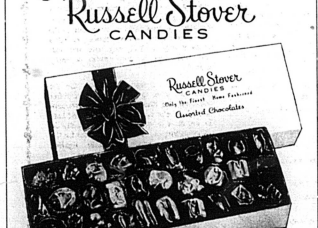

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THE PIED TYPER
By Bliss Matty

A One-Day Women's Strike? I'll Drink To That

Sadly enough, women control the purse strings. They decide how more than 75% of your paycheck money is going to be spent. At my house the percentage comes closer to 100%.

So when they talk about women's suffrage rights, you can figure things are pretty dull at the bridge tables. The latest propaganda along this vein has been put out by one Mrs. Betty Friedan, the author of a book, The Faminine Mystique. She wants all American women to stage a one-day strike on Aug. 26, the date marking the anniversary of women's so-called suffrage.

It is her idea that on strike day the women folks of our country should do nothing but sit. This is a switch!

She wants mothers to deliver toddlers to their fathers' offices and deposit them on their fathers' laps. That's where secretaries usually sit. She wants female office workers to sit at their desks and do nothing. Obviously, Mrs. Friedan is pretty naive about what office girls do at their desks.

And she also wants housewives to leave the day's housework for their husbands to do. No sweat here, if the Reds are playing at home.

Such a demonstration of feminine solidarity probably will not constitute a national emergency requiring the National Guard. In fact, it could backfire right into their pretty faces. Particularly if we men retaliate with a one-day strike Aug. 28.

After the women pull off their sit-down, it will take about 24 hours of gloating before negotiations break down completely. That is when the menfolks walk out. Aug. 28 is on Friday, the last Friday of the month. Payday for most breadwinners. Masculine mystique, Betty, baby.

Instead of rushing home to lay our cool little paychecks into hot little hands, we head straight for the nearest bar or poolhall and blow one day's pay on fun and games. Those badly abused at the previous day's negotiations could stretch this into a protracted strike covering the whole weekend and two or three days' pay. Even the greenest National Guardsman wouldn't bayonet a buying demonstrator.

"You are both a couple of nuts," my wife said when I told her of the master plan. "You deserve each other."

"You saw her picture, or you wouldn't be so generous," let her know. Wives who get 100% of all paychecks develop a first-sergeant complex. Defendants' lawyers usually scratch them from the jury lists at capital crimes' trials.

Anyway, I think men have suffered this women suffrage jazz long enough. Even if this sitdown was concocted by a battleaxe trying to peddle her book of fiction, some women are silly enough to swallow the bait and get caught with their paychecks down.

It's no skin off my nose. Dog days give me a severe and monumental thirst and if the women say "Let's strike," I'll drink to that.

-tpt-

If sign language is what the younger generation understands, then talk to them that way. Companies are offering parent protest posters for sale now. Just the thing for decorating his room, or carrying on a stick around the house. Some of them go like this:

Mom wants you to hang up your clothes.

Don't squeeze the toothpaste from the center of the tube.

Ring around the bathtub, ring around the bathtub!

Hold it down!

Who were you late?

Fibbing to Daddy may be injurious to your health.

Wipe shoes before entering.

This house may be safely entered before 11 p.m.

I've always wanted a son who looked like an old English sheepdog.

Down with diapers.

The mess hall closes at 7 p.m.

No, father is not rich.

Jellybread is rate "X" in this room.

Parents should be treated like people.

Why don't you leave home?

Help keep America beautiful -- clean your room.

-tpt-

One magazine stand operator has made it tough on green flies. To discourage drones, who slouch around the place eyeballing all the juicy photography without buying, he takes his most risque-looking magazines and seals them with tape so they cannot be easily opened.

It drives the hanger-oners crazy. On the covers are those lovelies with come-hither looks, but the door is barred for extensive looking. They're afraid to pass it up and hate like the devil to pay for it. They usually do end up putting the cash on the counter for the sealed-up magazines, probably figuring anything that protected has to be good.

The mag dealers say it's a 50-50 proposition: about half of the customers must peek before they buy; the other 50% know what they want and never look past the front cover before buying.

To give freeloaders the bum's rush, this one dealer struck upon the idea of locking up his goodies. First he tried it on one particular magazine that had never been a big seller. Almost instantly, sales on this magazine skyrocketed. Then he put seals on several of the more daring publications. Same results.

I don't know if this fellow is still doing this. Shortly after he began sealing up his eye-poppers, I chanced on newsstands.

Semper fidelis.

Industries Presented Awards At Industrial Appreciation Banquet, April 9

In each of the pictures above plaques are displayed by their recipients for a "Decade of Service to the community of Carlisle-Nicholas County." The awards were presented at the Industrial Appreciation Banquet held on April 9 in the Blue Grass Industries Cafeteria. From left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Shumate, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Shumate, and Shumate pictured presenting the award to Harry Wolf, Jr. Lt. Gov. Wendell Ford was the guest speaker at the annual banquet sponsored by the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Glenn Clay of Clay Seed is shown with her plaque presented for a decade of service. Also pictured are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Butson, Nicholas General Manager of Clay Seed. At right is shown his sister Kay "In Appreciation of Community Service."

The newest Nicholas County industry, the Carlisle Manufacturing Company, was recognized for "Community Service." Pictured are W. R. Buntin, Jr., who presented the awards to Russell Bell and Donald Faul, partners in the new industry. Bob Faul, another partner, was unable to be present.

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