Letter To A Congressman

Here are some excerpts from a letter about the welfare reform bill, recently written by a businessman to his Representative in Congress. Comment is unnecessary -- except to note that this businessman's Congressman did vote against this legislation. Did your's?

Your most recent news item covering the Family Assistance Act with the guaranteed income provision, is cause for concern, great concern, among those of us who have grown accustomed to working for our bread.

I am 47 years of age and have been practically on my own since the age of 8, when Dad began to go broke during the depression. I remember, all too well, picking cotton and being paid at the rate of 15 cents to 25 cents per hundred pounds picked. A hundred pounds was a full days work for most of us. I also remember well, of maybe, having an orange to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. Looking back upon this, maybe I was underprivileged.

There was little time for schooling. During the summer months, I mowed lawns, gathered up scrap iron, (to be sold to Japan), picked up cigarette butts, and even stole a little. In the Fall, I picked cotton corn, gathered Pecans, Walnuts, and Hickory nuts. Also there were odd jobs around the cotton gin, sawmill and the hamburger joints where we got a handout. I drove a log truck at the age of 12-13, for $4.00-$5.00 a week. I was free to go to school for a little while in the Spring. I suppose I would be called a dropout, today. In my spare time, I had a newspaper route. All this means that I have been working for about 39 years, paying "Social Security" and most other taxes since their conception.

After World War II, I got a little schooling under the GI Bill and with a lot of sacrifice and effort have become president of my own corporation. Now, because of inflation and depression, high wages and high taxes, plus high interest rates -- all of this is about to go down the drain.

The day that this "guaranteed income" bill goes into effect, is the day that I plan to "retire" and live off the efforts and sacrifices of captive idiots who continue to work! My wife and I are tired of 24 hours a day effort and responsibilities. We are tired of our employees making more for a 40 hour week than we make for a 168 hour week.

We are tired of all the other responsibilities and obligations that go along with this farce of "owning your own business." We are tired of having nothing left over, and of robbing Peter to pay Paul, just to keep the business in operation. . .

P.S. Can you arrange for our government to take my business and pay *me* taxes? Try this arrangement for a while and I guarantee you, changes would be made!

Twenty and Forty Years Ago

Thursday, July 2, 1950

This year, 1950, marks the 83rd year of publication for The Mercury. In 1867, Dr. Preston Lindsay and W.R. Anno started publication. Not until 1870, after changing hands twice, did The Mercury become a successful enterprise, when it was purchased by John B. Scudder and Calvin W. Darnall. Jan. 7, 1873 fire completely destroyed office and equipment. Several publishers later in 1912, Warren R. Fisher bought the enterprise, being succeeded by his son, Warren R. Fisher Jr.

Published this week is the reproduction, photographically, of the oldest copy of The Carlisle Mercury in possession (Jan. 7, 1873). Headlines: "A Terrible Fire In Carlisle, Ten Buildings In Ruins".

Roy Vaughn, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Vaughn, received a broken arm Wednesday when he fell from a tree at his home.

The local jail put out a "No Vacancy" sign here Friday night after another arrest was made, the second in 24 hours, in connection with a series of breakins and robberies.

J.W. Burnaw, while mowing on his farm Wednesday, badly mangled his left foot and was taken to St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

Members of the local post office and rural carriers enjoyed a hot dog and weiner roast, Wednesday night at the City reservior.

Dr. and Mrs. James Zealy, Goldsboro, N. C., entertained on Wednesday evening with the Reynolds-Verdery rehersal dinner at the home of Mrs. Zealy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Piper.

MARRIED--Miss Dolly McCarty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McCarty, to Surencle Lyons Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Surencle Lyons, Saturday at the Methodist Church.--Miss Elanor Orear Reynolds, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Reynolds, to Rev. Eugene Augustus Verdery, Atlanta, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. Holcombe M. Verdery of Harlem, Ga., on Thursday at the Christian Church.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. James A. Ockerman, a son, on June 23 at Haywood Hospital, Maysville.

DIED--W. Benton Shaw, Wednesday, at his home in Paris.--John Thomas Harney, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harney, Friday.--William David Kearns, 67, of Barterville, Friday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R.J. Banta of Maysville.--Mrs. Mollie Jones, 80, of Headquarters, Thursday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.--Russell Lee Sugg, 58, Thursday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Thursday, July 3, 1930

Jimmie Curtis, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Curtis, narrowly escaped death last Friday afternoon when he fell into an open cistern in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Finch on Dorsey Avenue.

Carrying out its plan of beautifying the courthouse yard, the Nicholas Fiscal Court has instructed the courthouse committee, Magistrates John G. Allison and D.W. Booth and County Attorney Foster V. Cox, to plan a planting program to be carried out this fall.

The traffic posts at the intersection of Main and Locust Streets and Main and Maple Streets were removed Tuesday by Street Superintendent Joe Clay.

The drouth in some sections of the county was relieved by good rains Tuesday afternoon and night.

When unreshing has been started throughout the county, and the yield is turning out fairly well, Dealers throughout this section are offering 85 cents per bushel for the crop.

At a meeting of Carlisle business men with County Agent C.B. Elston Tuesday afternoon plans were formulated for the annual agricultural fair.

BORN--Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Grannis, a son on Tuesday, July 1, at the Johnson Memorial Hospital.

DIED--Mrs. Maxine Walton Hillock, 35, wife of Warren Hillock, died at St. Joseph's Hospital, on Sunday.--John J. Jacobs, 85, at his home in the Milltown section last Thursday following a long illness.

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We are taking this opportunity to bring our readers, some of whom we hope are young, and others who may or may not know or understand the laws and regulations governing safe boating.

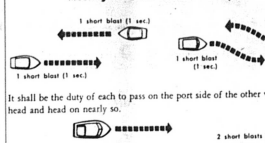
"Rules of the Road" was taken from a copyrighted publication and is being reproduced here in hope that it may save a life or injury on Lake Carnico.

Three words in our glossary of boat terms are as follows: BOW, The forward end of a boat. PORT, The left side of a boat, looking toward the bow. STARBOARD, The right side of a boat, looking toward the bow.

The rest we think is adequately explained by the drawings, so here's to a safe boating week and summer.

Although horns and whistles may not be required on Lake Carnico, common sense and courtesy, will go a long way toward preventing an accident.

Meeting Head and Head or Nearly so



It shall be the duty of each to pass on the port side of the other when meeting head and head on nearly so.

Although it is the duty of vessels meeting head and head or nearly so to pass on the port side of each other, when the courses of such vessels are so far on the starboard of each other as not to be considered a meeting head and head, either vessel shall immediately give two short and distinct blasts of her whistle, which the other shall answer promptly by two similar blasts of her whistle, and they shall pass on the starboard side of each other.

Crossing Situation

When two vessels are approaching each other at right angles or obliquely so as to involve risk of collision (bearings remain constant or nearly so), other than when one vessel is overtaking another, the vessel which has the other on her own port side shall hold her course and speed. The vessel which has the other on her own starboard side shall keep out of the way of the other by directing her course to starboard so as to cross the stern of the other vessel, or, if necessary to do so, slacken her speed or stop or reverse. The privileged vessel may give one short blast of the whistle to signify her intention to hold course and speed.

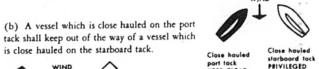
Overtaking Situations

RULES FOR SAILING VESSELS
(International and Inland Rules)

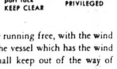
Under the Inland Rules, when two sailing vessels are approaching one another so as to involve risk of collision, one of them shall keep out of the way of the other as follows, namely:

(a) A vessel which is running free shall keep out of the way of a vessel which is close hauled.

(b) A vessel which is close hauled on the port tack shall keep out of the way of a vessel which is close hauled on the starboard tack.

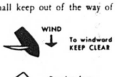


(c) When both are running free, with the wind on different sides, the vessel which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way of the other.



(d) When both are running free, with the wind on the same side, the vessel which is to the windward shall keep out of the way of the vessel which is to the leeward.

(e) A vessel which has the wind aft shall keep out of the way of the other vessel.



In the five situations for sailing vessels, the vessel required to KEEP CLEAR is the burdened vessel; and the other vessel is required to hold course and speed--- the Privileged Vessel.

Power-driven vessels must keep out of the way of sailing vessels, except when the sailing vessel is the overtaking vessel. Common sense dictates that small sailing vessels should not insist on this right-of-way when approaching large commercial vessels.

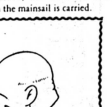
Under the International Rules, when two sailing vessels are approaching one another, one of them shall keep out of the way of the other in order to avoid the risk of collision. When each of the sailing vessels has the wind on a different side, the vessel which has the wind on the port side shall keep out of the way of the other. When both have the wind on the same side, the vessel which is to windward shall keep out of the way of the vessel which is to leeward. In this connection, the windward side is deemed to be the side opposite the side on which the mainsail is carried.

National and State Award-Winning Hometown Column

THE PIED TYPER

By Boots Hall

Man or Mule, The Only Cure Is To Keep Moving



If some of you have noticed these writings to be uncommonly clear and logical lately, it is because of something beyond my control. I have a cold.

At least it used to be called a cold, before doctors upgraded their vocabulary and changed it to a virus, which sounds more sophisticated and harder to cure.

Colds, like relatives, I tolerate with a minimum of fuss. Sympathy and sure-fire cures I can do without. If I had the time, I'd take the coward's way out -- a dozen cowboy books and three days in bed.

But there is only one remedy for the common cold: Keep on the move, preferably outside. Colds are caught indoors and the best place to uncatch them is in fresh air, if you can find any. As a student of human nature you learn that people act exactly like mules. You don't let a sick mule get down because he may never get up again. As long as he is moving, you can be fairly sure he isn't dead.

Actually, the common cold is just pure old animal distemper. Domestication brings it onto mules and men.

In our house, the medicine cabinet is a thing to behold. Our great stock of patent medicines will not cure a cold, nor much of anything else. We keep it well-stocked for the day someone invents a disease this stuff will cure.

When I get a cold, it is cause for rejoicing at our house. Anyone may eat raw onions and limburger cheese at will. If they can put up with my sinfetida bag and mustard poultices, I can tolerate their raw onions and fragrant cheese.

Medical researchers are going back to nature in a big way in search of new drugs. After all, penicillin is derived from mold and tranquilizing drugs got their start in a plant, rauwolfia, found in India, and the original wonder drug, aspirin, was discovered in the bark of a willow tree.

No doubt sulphur and molasses cured a multitude of ills in little boys, because whatever little boys got, it was never as bad as taking sulphur and molasses. That is why when the little boys grow up, they want their sons to take sulphur and molasses so they will have the same advantages as their fathers.

As soon as doctors get caught up on inventing new diseases to match all the medicines we have, we can start all over again. That was when a fellow got sick, you could count on it being the consumption, croup or a bad batch of nerve tonic, all of which could be cured by one wise grandma.

Only trouble is grandmas today are not interested in maintaining their traditional roles as healers of the clan. They are too busy playing bridge and going to cocktail parties to get in any real medical practice.

So the business of home remedies is falling into scheming hands. You can bet the medical profession will give them the badge of respectability. They will also give them sugar-coating, fancy packaging and a healthy price tag.

That is why I don't complain too much about a cold. It is something you can handle, if you don't go to a doctor and let it turn into a virus. It is a lot cheaper for you to cure a cold than to let a doctor not cure a virus.

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In recent years, the British have been going in for specially-designed neckties. Many organizations are wearing their own and sports associations sport their own designed cravats with appropriate emblems and names.

Sheffield, the city of steel, is issuing its first citizens' tie. And the fad has moved out into the sticks where the farmers proudly wear ties bearing their county emblems.

This works well in England where all the farmers are gentleman-types. Besides, a farmer who goes to tea at 10 and 2 ought to wear a tie. That way, no one will notice he smells like a barnyard.

We should not talk about folks who gave us the Windsor knot, which is the only decent way to tie a necktie, if you have to wear one of the silly things. Of course, that is the least they could have done, seeing as how they stuck us with that custom. Norsemen never went to formal affairs and the Spanish were too hot-blooded to stand the strain, so it had to be British protocol.

"You can't wear that striped tie with your plaid shirt," my wife snapped at me the other morning while I was dressing.

"Who says I can't?" I immediately challenged.

"I'm only telling you this for your own good," she said. "They clash. By wearing such an outlandish combination, you automatically prejudice other people toward you."

"You mean," I said, "I may get thumbed to the back of the bus, or shoved off the sidewalk by roving gangs of young toughs in Chesterfield coats and neutral neckties?"

"Wouldn't surprise me none," she went on. "With liberal propaganda preaching tolerance everywhere, you know old-fashioned hatred is going out of style. About the only thing left to hate anyone for now is the way he looks. And stripes and plaids don't look good together."

For a wife, she made unusually good sense. There is nothing which can be so relied upon for arousing sheer scorn, mockery and hatred as clothing. And, with nothing left to hate in America, we can expect men who wear suspenders and women with rolled stockings to be refused service at lunch counters and separate water fountains for gents in Argyle socks and clip-on neckties.

Sartorial prejudice is a fresh, new prejudice for modern America. It is better than pulling the wings off flies, running over terrapins on the highways or kicking dogs. And, like most decent hatreds, it is something Congress will not understand. Washington is filled with tasteless dressers. You never see Ted Kennedy or Dick Nixon or Jake Javits in string ties and checkered vests.

With its usual cool head-in-sand logic, it will be a long time before Congress accepts the fact there is a new form of bigotry in our country. At first the government will have hidden television cameras installed in the washrooms of the Pentagon. All men caught wearing French cuffs and bandanas will be suspect and will be required to undergo a security check by a blue serge board of investigators.

Only after offensive haberdasheries are boycotted and a few hard liners in white socks and purple shirts are lynched will Congress pass a law to guarantee equality among dressers. And I'll hate to see this happen. Sartorial prejudice is a good prejudice. It has no limits in race, color or creed. It is a hatred all America can unite on. If Congress figured out a way to tax it, even those shamelessly drab dressers might adopt it as our official national hatred.

"Yes, dear," I said to Momma and got out my funeral-going necktie that never rocks the boat.

I used to think the worst thing about a necktie was it covers up the hair on your chest.

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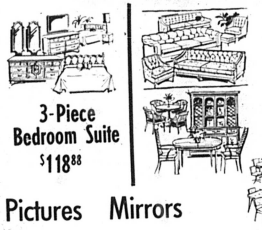

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COUNTIES AT KY YOUTH SEMINAR

NICHOLAS COUNTAINS attending the Kentucky Youth Seminar at the University of Kentucky, June 22-24, were (left to right): Sara Swango, county Extension 4-H youth agent, who accompanied the "youth scholars" from this county; Carolyn Tolson, Carlisle; Brenda Guy, Carlisle; Ruth McNabb, Carlisle; and Larry Trussell, Carlisle. The "youth scholars" earned the trip to the Seminar by outstanding work in local study of the American Private Enterprise System, a program sponsored by the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture and the Kentucky Cooperative Council. At the Seminar, they heard speakers on the U.S. business system and served on the "board of directors" of a hypothetical company, learning how management decisions are made. Miss Tolson was selected among the top 14 "youth scholars attending the Seminar and will receive an expense-paid trip to the American Institute of Cooperation annual meeting at Ohio State University, Aug. 2-5, courtesy of the Kentucky Cooperative Council. Each of the 14 also was awarded a share in a fried chicken corporation. The 14 were selected on the basis of quiz scores and performance in "board meetings" and in giving a 5-minute talk on the Seminar.

Saltwell

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Miss Frances Barlow and Mrs. Gladys Kenney spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kerns of Jackstown.

Mrs. Richard Cain and daughter, Vickie spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Preston and family of Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. June Buckler and daughter, Marty and Mary Walden and Becky Coughlin from Paris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox and family.

Mrs. C.C. Allison visited Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Alexander of Lexington on Tuesday.

Mrs. Gary Hollar and babies spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone and daughter of Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Kenney and son of Covington spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar were Thursday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar.

Master Dean Martin Weddle of near Carlisle, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady.

Mrs. James Snapp and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Delaney.

Mrs. Alice Willoughby and children of Moorefield and Elmer Hall visited Mrs. Ida Hall and family on Saturday.

Vickie Cain is spending the week with Charlotte Preston at Ewing.

Mrs. Phyllis Lewis and son Martin of Michigan, Mrs. Flossie Gaunce and Mrs. Fenton Shaw and grandson Larry of Paris and Pvt. Billy Faulconer were Sunday guests of Mrs. Floyd McDonald and sons.

Myers

By Mrs. Rena Crawford

Miss Pam Flora and Doug McVey celebrated their birthdays, recently with a party. Those who enjoyed cake and ice cream were: Mrs. Jack McVey, Doug, Ernie and Donna; Mrs. Earl Finch, Mindy, and Dgna; Mrs. Rosemary Kinder, Terry, Carol and Tony Ludenburg; Missy Bromagen, Mabel Shrout and Rena Crawford.

Buddy Kinder of Indiana is spending his vacation with his family here.

Mrs. Mabel Shrout attended the Shrout-Berger reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shrout of Florence.

We wish Mrs. Pansy Barnett and Arnold Bowen, who have recently returned home from Nicholas County Hospital, a speedy recovery.

Rosie Hughes, Mable Shrout and Pan and Vergie Flora were in Paris on Saturday.

Mrs. Paul Minton, Mr. and Mrs. Tives Minton of Lexington visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hughes and daughter of Nockomis, Fla. are spending their vacation with his mother, Mrs. Myrtle Hughes, and relatives in Dayton, Ohio.

Jane Leudenburg and Clarence Jones spent the weekend with relatives in Carrollton, Ky.

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