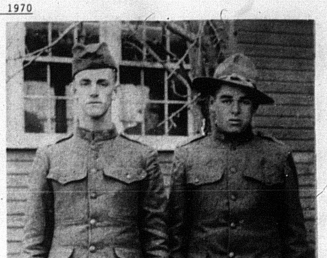
Understanding The Silent Majority Who Are They . . . ?



"Our parents are the Silent Majority. The man who pumps your gas, delivers your mail, checks your groceries and tends your bar, the man who makes and services your car, builds your home and mows your lawn--all these people are the Silent Majority.....

"THEIR sons and daughters are a source of both pride and wonderment--pride that a son may graduate from college and move up the line of success, wonder that he or his classmates seem to be seen only in the light of campus riots, disturbances and violence.

"The Silent Majority is puzzled by current events--young people leaving the country rather than be drafted, campus unrest and turmoil, a seeming decline in morality, patriotism, and the virtues that the Silent Majority regarded as scared during their youth--hard work, steadfast honesty, solid respect and honor for their country.

"To understand their puzzlement, look at their lifetime. First, an economic depression .that racked this country inside out for more than ten years. Ten long years when millions of men were out of work, unable to feed and clothe their families, reduced to accepting welfare, forced to live with a desperate situation that they had no control over whatsoever. Some people who lived during that era maintained that the country actually bordered on revolution in the deepest depths of the depression.

"Soon after the depression, in 1939, war broke out in Europe, also caught in economic catastrophe, World War II lasted nearly six years, killing millions of people and leaving both physical and psychological scars on and in all people that were affected by it. Our generation has never known a conflict so totally severe.

"WE HAVE never stood in line for food, or rationed meat, milk, gasoline or clothing. Most of us have never had to spend years in a foreign country away from families, wives and children, not knowing if we would wake up alive the next morning.

"These are the reasons why the Silent Majority believes in the things they do. They have lived through these powerful events, and the imprint they made on their minds determines in large part their political and social views.

"Understanding the Silent Majority and how they view contemporary society may never be fully possible, but with a realization of their history, the events they have lived through, it may be easier to comprehend and sympathize with what they do and say.

"We should remember that in 25 years we may be the Silent Majority."--From "Lumberyard," Humboldt State College.

Twenty and Forty Years Ago

Tuesday, June 15, 1950

The second annual Nicholas County Homecoming, which marks the 150th anniversary of Nicholas County, will get under way Saturday at 2:00 p.m. when Commander W. R. Buntin Jr. of the Lloyd George Post No. 5666, V.F.W., will welcome the homecomers.

Nominated June 7 by the Kentucky Association Future Farmers of America for the American Farmer degree, Emmett Darrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Darrell, will go to Kansas City, Mo., in October for the National FFA Convention.

Special Judge Rufus Lisle of Lexington Monday granted Kenneth Stephenson, representing a group of Nicholas County taxpayers, an appeal from his decision in Nicholas Circuit Court upholding the validity of a $250,000 bond issue for construction of a new Nicholas County High School.

Joe Allen Simons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simons of Flemingsburg, was honored last week by having been selected as recipient for the Flemingsburg Lions Club award as the outstanding member of the 1950 graduating class of Fleming County High.

James Bellamy Jr. of Barterville was given treatment Tuesday at the local hospital for a dislocated shoulder which he received from a fall while climbing a fence.

Kenneth Goodman, senior at the University of Louisville, arrived here Monday to assume the duty of playground supervisor.

Mrs. Allen Hopkins entertained with a lovely linen shower, Tuesday at her home, honoring a bride-elect, Miss Eleanor Reynolds.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Bell, Franklin Bell, Miss Beulah Lewis, Mrs. Glennon Stone and Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Burden attended the wedding of Miss Doris Shewmaker and Robert Hamilton in Lexington on Saturday.

Raymond R. McCullough received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Commerce from the University of Cincinnati on Friday night.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. James Livingood, Route 1, a daughter, Tuesday, at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

DIED--Mrs. Nancy West Robertson, 65, wife of John R. Robertson, Monday at her home in Mayslick.

Thursday, June 12, 1930

Blaze Wednesday morning in beds near Blue Licks burns over two acres of undergrowth, blaze believed to have started from cigarette tossed from a passing automobile

Thirty fortunate children of Louisville given fresh air vacation at Camp Black Hawk near Myers.

Two firms here fleeced of $37 in worthless checks on Millersburg Bank by well dressed man around 55 years of age.

Although a large crowd was in town Monday for county court day, very little business was reported by merchants. Farmers, generally are in a pessimistic mood with the crops being ruined by the drough and the low prices prevailing for farm products.

Marjorie Riggs, Janis Kennedy, Marjorie Ishmael and Carl Ishmael attending Junior Week at Lexington this week.

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SOD WEBWORMS

Although the webworm larve may be present in your yard "Wait" until the moth emerge, about the middle of June to spray your lawn. Spray at least two sprays timed at 10-14 days after the moths become most abundant. Usually, the last week in June and in Mid-August are the best times for these sprays.

In areas where the moth population are heavy, some home owners spray every three weeks starting in the latter part of June and continuing through the hot, dry part of the summer and fall.

Recommended insecticides for sod webworm control are, Carbaryl (sevin), Diazion (sprectracide) and Dylox. Follow directions printed on the containers, and dilute the preparations according to instructions.

JUNE IS DAIRY MONTH

Cottage cheese contains about 20% milk solids, and has many of the same nutrients found in fresh milk. It is nutritious, easily digested and can be made at home from skim milk or reconstituted nonfat dry milk.

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USDA nutritionists recommend the following amounts of milk every day: Children under 9--over 16 ounces; Children 9 to 12--24 ounces or more; Teenagers--32 ounces or more; Adults--16 ounces or more; Pregnant women over 19--24 ounces; Nursing mothers over 19--32 ounces or more.

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What is pasteurized process cheese? It's a blend of fresh and aged natural cheeses which have been shredded, mixed and heated (pasteurized) after which no further ripening occurs. It melts easily when reheated.

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If you're planning to make homemade ice cream you can substitute chilled evaporated milk (not diluted) in place of light cream. You might call it a weight watchers ice cream because it is only about 140 calories per serving. For homemade ice milk you can trim the calories down to 100 per serving.

Letters to the Editor

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

The enclosed copy of a recent letter I wrote to my twelve year old granddaughter Leslie Patrice Scott may possibly be accepted as a "Nicholas County Memory" since now in Carlisle much of what was described is entirely foreign to most of Leslie's age. It is difficult to realize how many changes have occured in such a short period of time, most for the better, but for some, not so good.

Take a look at the enclosed picture made from a tin-type made probably by Mr. Poe in about the year 1894. The group was composed of the guests of a Parks Cousins House-Party, at our "House-On-The-Hill." I can recall the excitement that prevailed at the time in the preparations for the affair, Cousin Lee was expecting her "Intended as a guest, It would be interesting to find how many can identify those in the picture. I can, except for the three on the right margin of the picture. There should be no question as to who the central figure is. She is possibly the only living member of the group. They were all well dressed from top to toe which is more than can be said of many today, but I don't know what they were any more comfortable.

It is too much trouble for me to undertake to copy double space the enclosed letter, so if you can't use it please return it for my own Memory files. I am awfully busy right now preparing to go to Houston, Texas to attend the Congress of the Sons of the American Revolution, June 5-12. Perhaps if there is a Black Berry Festival this July, I'll be there.

Sincerely,
Lewis P. Scott

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Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Enclosed find check for $5.00 for my subscription to the Carlisle Mercury for the year 1970-71.

Have enjoyed the Mercury these many years, Brings news of Carlisle and Nicholas County, where I was reared and enjoyed living in my earlier years. It's a great paper and much success is wished you.

Sincerely,
Nannie Reed Lucas
Springfield, MO.

GRASS ROOTS

by Roy Stevens

Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation

Steve Bright, president of the University of Kentucky Student Body, is unhappy with the board of directors of the Kentucky Farm Bureau Federation.

Bright, in a letter to Farm Bureau Executive Secretary John W. Koon, said the organization's board of directors was "completely uninhibited by the facts" when it adopted, by unanimous vote, a resolution commending authorities for their response to disorders on the UK campus. What he meant, I believe, is that he thinks the board acted unwisely.

In his letter, Bright also contended that (a) there was no riot on the UK campus the week of May 4 and that the only "disruptive force" on campus that week was the National Guard and State Policemen; (b) the students who demonstrated that week feel that for education to be of any real value, it must be applied to the major issues and problems with which society is confronted; and (c) the demonstrating students were searching for a "meaningful and significant way" to express their concern and "effect change."

Executive Secretary Koon, in replying to Bright's letter, suggested Bright was inconsistent when, on one hand, he vigorously defended the violence-prone demonstrations at UK and, on the other hand, criticized the Farm Bureau board for engaging in the completely peaceful act of adopting a resolution relating to the demonstrations.

Koon observed in his reply that the question of whether the use of the National Guard and State Police was justified has been decided in court. He also addressed himself to the student protest movement with these remarks to Bright:

"I am in agreement when you say students should be concerned about major issues and participate in activities related to these issues. But I would go a step further and emphasize that their participation should be in keeping with the democratic processes, through which the will of the majority is defined and respected.

"No one familiar with the workings of our republic," Koon said, "objects to students or anyone else being heard on vital issues. Many, many people object when individuals assume a posture in which they not only ask to be heard, but also threaten--or actually participate in--violence aimed at gaining their objectives. Mob force, intimidation, and threats are unacceptable means of achieving any end in a society dedicated to preserving the rights of every individual. If we are to operate under a system of mob

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Flyers Win Over Blue Jays; Red Legs Defeat Athletics

By Mrs. Ronnie Letcher

The Little League Season is off to a real good start this year with a lot of good games being played every Monday and Thursday nights.

Monday night the Flyers beat the Blue Jays, 5-1, and the Red Legs squeezed by the Athletics, 2-1.

The Athletics won their second game of the season by defeating the Dodgers, Thursday, June 4. The game was tied 6-6 after 6 regular innings of play. In the extra inning of play, the Athletics scored three runs to win the game 9-6. Tony Bussell and Allen Dale were the pitchers for the Athletics with Darrell Linville and Jeff Mattox pitching for the Dodgers. Darrell Linville knocked a homerun for the Dodgers.

In the second game of the night the Cubs defeated the Blue Jays by a score of 3-1. Gary Gray and Gerald Thompson pitched for the winning team and Joe McCarty pitched a good game for the Blue Jays.

The Little League standings for this season so far are:

Cubs won 5, lost 0; Red Legs won 4, lost 2; Blue Jays won 2, lost 3; Athletics won 2, lost 3; Flyers won 2, lost 3; Dodgers won 0, lost 4.

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KYLE JOHNSON
"The Learning Tree"
Coming Sat. June 20
GLENN CAMPBELL
"Norwood"

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rule, then no man can be assured of his rights or his freedom.

"I'm sure I need not remind you," Koon continued, "that our society does offer channels for protest and mechantisms for satisfying legitimate grievances, such as elections, contacts with government officials, and the courts. By the same token, I'm sure you are aware that persons using these channels and mechanisms have no guarantee they will get exactly what they set out to get. Protest, in and of itself, does not bring about instant gratification. The important thing is that the avenues for protest remain open, not that every protest or demand be met without question."

Koon concluded his letter to Bright by saying: "While we concede you the right to express your views on the Farm Bureau board's resolution, I would hope you could concede our board the right to suggest that the actions of those who demonstrated on the UK campus reflected an uniformed concept of the purpose of a University and a definite lack of understanding as to the proper means for expressing opinions in a free society--especially if we hope to keep it free."

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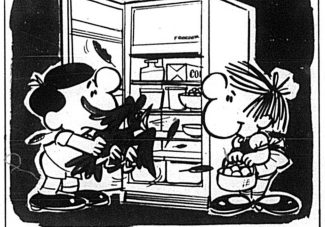

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By Bess Maty

Not All Accidents Happen On Purpose

Pee Wee Reese was making a play-by-play telecast between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators when he came up with the following:

"Mike McCormick decides he needs another ball and the umpire throws it up . . I mean the umpire throws up . . the umpire throws the ball up!".

Another sportscaster came out with ". . it's a clear, beautiful night here at the Orange Bowl, where a crowd of more than 70,000 fans have come to see the University of Miami play the fighting Irish of Notre Dame. The players on the field are lit with the aid of moonshine."

Still another contributed this blooper: "Here we are in the ninth inning of this crucial championship ladies' softball game between the Atlantic Powder Puffs and the Richmond Curlers. The Curlers are three runs behind, with all the bags loaded."

People take the boners of television and radio announcers in stride -- when they are quick enough to catch them. It comes and goes so fast over the air, unless you are glued to the set, the boo-boo is gone before you realize it. Then you have nothing to show for it except a good memory.

A mistake in a newspaper stays there to haunt the wretched editor and it may come as a great shock to people that he hasn't put it there on purpose. Only a select few are.

When we printed a paid tribute to the memory of an old fellow who passed on, it should have been "He's gone but his memory lingers on." Instead, it came out "He's gone, but his money lingers on" and we were afraid to linger around the office for several days after that.

Sometimes the temptation is so great, none of us can resist. At one newspaper where I worked, there was an egotistic character, who came into our office so often he made a nuisance of himself. He believed he was some kind of a literary genius and haunted our premises for publicity alms so the world would learn about him.

Because he plunked on a piano and composed poetry which we doubted even he understood, he proclaimed himself "The Poet-Pianist Laureate of Indiana." And each week he would come trotting into our office to tell us the good news about another of his scintillating performances at some minor function. And each time he would remind us all that his precise title was "Poet-Pianist Laureate of Indiana."

Despite his continuous cautioning, it invariably came out in our paper "The Pianist-Poet Laureate of Indiana."

When a miscue turns up in a wedding story, few people outside of the families involved notice it because most of the meaning is lost in the translation anyway. And, since every wedding story is written to outdo all the others before it, there are bound to be some new twists and turns of the bride's gown.

This one came out in my newspaper -- before I bought it, thank goodness -- and was a lot more interesting than the lavender-and-lace flascos you read these days. It went like this:

"The bride was given in marriage by her father, wearing her mother's wedding gown; the couple went to high school together and their marriage will stop a romance begun there. The bride wore a strand of tiny matched pearls; the bridegroom's mother was attired in a lace dress which fell to the floor.

"The maid of honor wore yellow tulle. The bridesmaids carried tiny nose-bags; the flower girl wore a maize gown with puffed sleeves touching her ankles. The bride's mother wore a dawn blue chiffon and a black stray hat.

"The couple exchanged their cows before a setting illuminated by lighted Roman candles; then the bridal couple passed out and greeted the guests. The ceremony was attended by only a few loose friends and relatives."

An editor who lets much of this get into print is also going to end up with only a few loose friends and relatives.

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THE SOARING SMITHY

Beneath the spreading chestnut tree
The village blacksmith stood
Ashoeing Higgins' old brown mule
The best way that he could.
Beneath the spreading chestnut tree
The mule, with smile divine,
Still stood while the blacksmith
Soared beyond the county line.

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A Texas physician ought to have earned himself a niche in the history of mankind for his study on the intelligence of women. At least he should be a bosom buddy of every young bachelor contemplating taking on a wifemate.

The good doc studied 717 women and has concluded there is some sort of barrier between intelligence and the reproductive system. In other words, he claims the greater the woman's bustline, the smaller the IQ, and visa versa.

Not having an excuse to conduct my own study on this subject, I'll have to take his word for it. Not for one minute do I think this discovery is going to change the business of courtship. It is too easy to choose between those who can fill out a thesis and those who can fill out a dress.

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An old patriarch in a community where I used to live, died recently. Before he cashed in, he had convinced everyone he was up on his P's and Q's of children. He was the father of eight children and named them:

Arthur Benjamin	*Ivy Jane*
Clara Dell	*Kelly Lester*
Emory Franklin	*McKinley Noble*
George Hamer	*Ollie Pink*

While they were preaching his funeral, a violent storm broke out. There was rain in torrents, loud claps of thunder and flashes of lightning. The little country church trembled and plastering began to fall on the mourners.

Some believed that it was the deceased shaking up things. They said he was angry because he had gotten only half way through the alphabet.

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A prominent shoe manufacturer tells us that the average person walks a distance equivalent to about three times around the earth in the course of a lifetime. Surely that estimate would have been a way short a few years ago.

Along about that time I was following a pair of donkeys and I could swear I put the three trips around the globe behind me plowing and tending those rocky 40 acres.

But, maybe that wouldn't count anyway. That was before I found out about shoes.

Semper fidelis.