PRINT SHOWS THROUGH

Don't Say I'm Sorry When It Is Too Late!

Not one of us, we are sure, would disagree but that the future of our County depends upon the safety and development of our children.

Yet, some of us do not realize that this safety and development is at stake in the school election on Mar. 26.

Our children go to fire traps--literally. If you don't believe this statement, take a tour. In many instances there is only one exit from a classroom or cafeteria--and in certain instances, possibly not even this one. Where there are basement classrooms, other students will be clamoring for the exit at the same time the little ones are trying to exit from basements.

We could go on and on, but, you may read the fire safety report from the State, at the Superintendent's office. This reportenumerates 52 serious defficiencies at the three schools.

Aside from the fire hazards, one would be nauseous attending a basement classroom at Carlisle Elementary or eating in the cafeteria. Because of ventilation problems, rest room odors permitate these classes.

Speaking of rest rooms, Headquarters School is unable to flush its toilets until the end of the day, whenever water is scarce, because it hauls water by truckers. And it is not feasible to run the County water line to this school. The cost would be too great.

All three schools experience water leaks frequently. The cafeterias at Moorefield and Carlisle Elementary have flooded when it has rained. Classrooms also, many times, suffer from leaks. Can you imagine how much money it would require to repair these leaks? And how would you like to eat in water?

All three schools are overcrowded; Carlisle Elementary already has one temporary classroom addition--costing $10,000. It must purchase another one for next year whether the school tax is passed or not, since a new school could not be complete before Sept. 1971. There are third floor classes which have only one exit, and which the fire marshall demands be discontinued. Where would these children go?

Additionally, whether you believe it or not, our curriculum is not what it could be. With a new school consolidated school, we could hire one art teacher, one music teacher, etc., where it now requires three. Further, we could hire additional competent teachers where we need them if we had a decent facility in which they could teach. What teacher, there have been a few only, other than natives, would agree to come to Nicholas County to teach in our present elementary school buildings.

There is no end to the "For" reasons for the school tax. And, we are sure, if you check us out, there will no longer be any "Against" reasons. It is your duty to investigate the situation before casting your conscientious vote.

Of course, it'll cost a little more money from the property owners. But isn't it really worth it, investing in the future of our County through our children?

As several parents have said, "When we have a school, fire, don't come to us and say, "I'm sorry." It'll be too late then!

GUEST EDITORIAL

You May Not Agree, But Please DoVOTE

I would like to speak as a private citizen who was invited to live in the Nicholas County community. Therefore, maybe I am an outsider. However, as a person who has learned to love his adopted home, I feel that I would like to speak for something that is very important to me. As a parent of two children in our local schools, I have a very real interest in the present issue before us. I reiterate that I am speaking as a private citizen, and I have no intention of trying to speak for another person or group of persons.

I am interested in a better school system for Nicholas County. My main interest, and, therefore, foremost in my mind, is the education of the youth of our community. Their preparation to compete in the "educational market" should be of utmost concern to everyone of us. If they only had to compete educationally the rest of their lives in Nicholas County, then the type of education they receive may not be of such monumental importance. However, my children, and every other child being educated in our county, will have to compete with those whose educational background may be quite superior to ours. Each of us should exert every effort to better our system if at all possible for this very reason.

One of the ways of bettering our system is by having a better school building. This, of course, costs money, and that is where the rub seems to come. It is entirely possible to have our eyes set on the wrong sites where the cost of public buildings is concerned. Few people hesitate when private property needs attention, but public property fits within the category of "everybody's business is nobody's business." Thus little if anything gets done when needed. Our community is judged by visitors and would be residents by its public buildings.

What is the cost of education as it now stands in Nicholas County? Statistics show that we spend $345.97 per year per pupil for all educational costs in Nicholas County. This is money from every source available for educational--local, state and federal. Locally we presently contribute 27% of this per pupil cost or $93.41. From state funds we receive $176.44 annually for each pupil which is 51% of our total per pupil cost. Federal funds make up the balance of $76.12 per year per pupil which is 22% of the total. Therefore County's per pupil outlay is $406.27 per year while Harrison County spends $351.20 and Montgomery County spends $345.61. Our per pupil expenditure is 2.5% less than the state average. We receive 4.3% more state and federal aid to education than the average school district in the State of Kentucky receives.

But what will it cost Mr. Average Taxpayer in Nicholas County if the school referendum is passed? Approximately, Nicholas County has $43 million in property assessments on the tax records. There are approximately 3000 assessed property owners in Nicholas County. The average assessment fits in a category of $15,000. The annual cost for a taxpayer whose property is assessed at $15,000 is $30.00 per year or $.58 per week--the price of a pound of ground beef on special sale. Of course, there are as many assessments above this as there are below this, for this is the average. For example a person with property assessed at a value of $100,000 will be paying $200.00 a year more or approximately $4.00 per week--the price of a steak at a good steak house. The man with a $5,000 assessment will pay $10.00 a year more or approximately $.20 per week--the price of a hot dog.

If the proposed school tax referendum is passed, and if it requires twenty-five years to pay the total cost, the cost per pupil for twenty-five years will be $54,000. However, when you consider per pupil cost of the building, you should consider how long the building will be used. Insurance companies suggest a 2% per year reduction for depreciation of school buildings. This would mean that a building should last a period of fifty years. Should we use the building for fifty years at the present rate of use of our buildings, 1000 students per year, the total cost of the building would be $27,000 per pupil. In fifty years, the investment of $1350.00 would have gone into 50,000 lives. No stock market has ever quoted a rise or fall in human investment.

Many reasons could be given to sell the idea of a new school building. One very important one is the influence that it would have in drawing more people to Carlisle and Nicholas County. Any thinking person looks at the school system--which to many means school building--before they decide to locate in a new community. I certainly did before I moved here. I am sorry to say that the school building situation was one of the deterring factors. However, other public buildings recently constructed caused me to believe that there were some progressive people in Nicholas County.

A new building would attract and hold qualified and capable teachers. Some may argue that salary is what attracts. However, in our immediate locale the average teacher's salary is not that much more lucrative. Bourbon County, on the average, pays about $200 per year more than we do.

A very important consideration should be given to the fact that a major portion of the young people from Nicholas County who prepare for the teaching profession do not come back home to teach. This should certainly say something to us about conditions here. Also the number of teachers who come from outside our county come on a very transitory basis. I believe that poor facilities could be a part of this. I, for one, would much rather teach in a well lighted and well ventilated room than in a basement compartment with no outside windows and where the most prevalent odor was that of a damp rest room.

You may not agree with me, and you may consider me out of place. If you do not agree, that is your prerogative. Let me assure you that if you have a difference of opinion my love for you as my fellowman will ever remain the same. You do not have to say "yea" to me to be my friend. Whatever you do and however you feel vote your opinion on March 26. But please, do vote!

Sincerely yours,
H. Dallas Sugg

Twenty & Forty Years Ago

Thursday, March 16, 1950

An increase of $51,090 in property assessment made by Nicholas County's Board of Tax Supervisors; Harold A. Mitchell, chairman; John M. Varner, Clay Dayton, J.W. Miller, and J.D. Patton, has recently completed its work. The total assessment for the County is $10,509,638.

Revenue bonds totaling $250,000 for the proposed Nicholas County School brought in bids from 14 investment companies.

Avery V. Lynam, seaman USN, of Carlisle, visited two continents during Feb. while serving on the destroyer USS Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hughes, Ewing, Route 1, will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary March 19, with a dinner at Blue Licking Museum.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Booth of Paris celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 14, at the home of their son, Raymond Booth of Millersburg.

BIRTHS--To Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Booth, a son Sunday, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.--To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Parker of Walton, a daughter, Rose Marie, Feb. 13, at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Covington.

MARRIED--Miss Gladys Griffin, daughter of Mr. H.T. Griffin and Mr. Clarence E. Bishop of Covington, March 13, in Williamstown.

DIED--Miss Axie Belle Shrout, 76, Tuesday.--Mrs. Fannie Jane Florence, 70, Tuesday, of Harrison County.--Elmer Chester Thornsburg, 39, Friday, at the home of Dr. Millikin in Fleming County.--Orie Gilvin, 77, Sunday in a Lexington hospital.--Leslie Combs Talbert, 86, Friday at his home.

Thursday, March 13, 1930

The general merchandise store of Ray Flora and Maurice Cameron at Myers Station was completely destroyed by fire last Wednesday night, March 5, entailing damage estimated at $14,000 to contents and buildings. The fire was discovered about 9 p.m., a short time after the store had closed. It was thought to have started from a cigarette carelessly tossed on the floor. Loss was partially covered by insurance.

Prof. E.E. Pfanstiel, superintendent of the Carlisle city schools, went to Lexington Tuesday afternoon and will submit to an operation for appendicitis at a Lexington hospital the latter part of the week.

Henry Fanning qualified in county court Saturday as administrator of the estate of Andrew Fanning, deceased, with J.B. Laughlin, and L.B. Barton sureties in the sum of $4,500. L.B. Barton, Henry L. Carter and Henry Palmer were appointed appraisers of the estate.

Four young men said to live in the Bethel vicinity suffered minor cuts by flying glass about 10 o'clock Sunday morning when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a traffic post at the intersection of Main and Locust streets.

A two-year-old ewe belonging to Frank Sparks of the Headquarters section gave birth to four lambs one day last week and is mothering the quadruplets without assistance, according to Mr. Sparks.

Approximately 50 persons from Nicholas County have made application for the position of census enumerator for Nicholas County.

W. R. McCowan has accepted a position with the Shell Oil Company in Carlisle.

The will of the late W. H. McCarty was probated in county court Monday.

MARRIED--A license issued to Miss Emma Eden, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobert Eden, of Nicholas County and Elgin Warner, 28, of Bath County.--Miss Julia Jolly, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Jolly, and Sanford Lee, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.H. Lee, all of the Miller Station section, on the 8th.--Anna Lora Potts, daughter of Mrs. N.F. Potts, former residents of Nicholas County, and Leroy Cole Rankin, on the 8th at Cincinnati.

DIED--Mr. Solomon Sapp, 83, last Thursday at his home in the Mexico section of the county.--Mr. Clarence F. Parker, 55, a native of Fleming County, Sunday morning.--Mr. William F. Tolle, 53, a native of Nicholas County, died last Wednesday at his home at Keystesville, Mo.--Mrs. Mary Harrison Smelser, 51, wife of James M. Smelser, died at her home in Paris Monday.--Mr. Andrew Fanning, 60, well known farmer of the Ellisville section of the county at his home early Thursday morning.

LETTERS from our readers

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

The parents of the Nicholas County High School PTA would like to express their appreciation for the dedication shown by the teachers of Nicholas County. Their cooperation in keeping the schools in session during the recent workstopage deserves the gratitude of the entire county. The continued high caliber of education given under the excellent leadership of Mr. Don Elder and the staff of teachers is to be commended.

Thank you for a fine job.

Sincerely,
Nicholas County High School PTA

Teacher Appreciation Committee-Frances House, Chairman; Virginia H. Kingsolver, Leona Trussell, Virginia C. Coatney

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

The other day I was thinking about the new slogan "Drive Safely Lately?" which is a catchy slogan designed to draw the attention of everyone to the fact that wildlife has a niche in the scheme of things and the passing of the birds and the bees and the flashes and animals is but a prelude to the going of humanity. It is wildlife that has first pointed up the dangers of pesticides and pollution and wildlife is used here as a barometer indicating the swing of the ecological pendulum.

So, when you read the slogan don't get the idea that National Wildlife Week is meant for only the protection of the wild things of the land and waters. It portends, just as surely as anything, our future.

Chairman of the Kentucky phase of Wildlife Week is Ed Thompson, of Louisville, with Chuck Crume, Bowling Green, as his assistant. District chairman are as follows: First, Walter Tingley, Hopkinsville; Second, "Temp" Flowers, Bowling Green; Third, Thompson; Fourth, William Tinsley, Glasgow; Fifth, William Pierce, Bedford; Sixth, Marvin Wachs, Lexington; Seventh, Robert Turner, Jackson; Eighth, Dick Tyler, Plummers Landing, and Ninth, George Joplin III, Somerset.

Mercury VAPORS

by Warren R. Fisher

There is one of those childhood ditties buzzing around in the upstairs department most of the week, and whether I remember it as it really was, is another thing. But here goes:

Dt put the denny in dum dot doo,
Just to see the dum come sliding down.

You get the drapper and I get the dum,
Cause I put the penny in the gum slot see.

Isn't it awful when senility catches up with one.

--MV--

Then there's another little verse that pops up every now and then, and I don't profess to know all the words in English much less how to spell the Latin version, (I do know it in Latin).

Mica, Mica Parva Stella; Oh well, most any Latin student can figure it out or the rest of it anyway. You might for openers start with Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star.

You see my Latin and I ran into difficulty--the year they had a Latin class at CHS, after just a little indoctrination, I ended up flunking. Mr. Latin Teacher, 30 days with a humdinger of a bug, (I think), don't think there's one about virus, etc then. Anyway, when I got back to shcool, I was out of the chariot race.

--MV--

Now French. I tried one year of that conglomeration of words and verbs, on the college level. Small consolation, I wasn't the only one who failed. Then there was English, with "Honey" Smith, yep flunked that too. Yet, it is any wonder that I write with Webster's dictionary within reaching distance and break a sweat when the book gets misplaced.

--MV--

And now I've really misplaced something. Where, oh where; are those four affidavits, that someone showed me last week. It'll be my scalp--they deal with the special school election.

National Wildlife Week

(Happy Hunting Ground)

Observance of National Wildlife Week in Kentucky and throughout the nation will be on March 15 through 21. The observance is but a pause in the year when everyone should concentrate on the preservation of the wildlife and the national resources which are so fast being depleted. The theme this year is: "Seen Any Wildlife

Friday and Saturday only.
IN CASE OF RAIN SALE INSIDE
Sidewalk Specials.
Ladies Girls and Childrens Wear Drastically Reduced
Black Cat Sale
Wyrick's Fashions
and Merle Norman Cosmetics

LUCKY BARGAINS
FOR FRIDAY THE 13th
Weekend Specials
Friday and Saturday only.
Racks of clothes for men, women, boys and girls.
Tables of odds & ends.
Sale will be held inside store in case of rain.
LERMANS
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED

KRAZY DAYS WOW
Friday and Saturday

MENS Shirts 2 for $1.13
BOYS Sox 13c
BOYS Sweaters Value $6.88 $2.13
Ice Trays 13c
Glasses 2 for 13c
Combs (large) 2 for $.13c
Ladies Shells VALUES UP TO $3.99 $1.13 & $2.13
ASSORTMENT OF Ladies Shoes
Wash Cloths 13c
Salt & Pepper Sets 13c
Tooth Brushes 13c
Tool Trays 2 for $1.13
Shave Cream 2 for $1.13
$1.13
GILLETTE SELF HEATING
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FRIDAY the 13th is your lucky day!
So will be the 14th when you visit our Sidewalk Sale. See you there.
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Sweaters ON Jackets
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THIS ATOMIC WORLD

WORLD OF ATOMIC ENERGY--A plastic ball "tagged" with harmless "tracer" atoms is part of the demonstration equipment used in presentations of "This Atomic World," the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission program designed especially for high schools. Terry L. Hoffman (above) is the teacher-demonstrator who will present "This Atomic World" at Nicholas County High School on Thursday, March 12. The 40-minute presentation is sponsored by Morehead State University in cooperation with Oak Ridge Associated Universities, which operates the AEC's nationwide exhibits program.

Parks Homemakers

Mrs. Rubel Williams was hostess to the members of the Parks Homemakers Club on Thursday, March 5, at her home on the Carpenter Road.

Devotional was given by Mrs. Horace Hall. Mrs. Francis Wasson, president, presided at the business session, and led in a discussion of special interest group programs for 1971.

Mrs. Warner Lowe took the book report and gave a list of many interesting books that may be gotten at the Library.

Mrs. Sherman Hollar gave an article on "Issues and Concerns."

The lesson on "Knits In Our Wardrobe" was presented by Mrs. Emery Clark, who told of several different methods to use in caring for your knitted garments.

The next meeting will be April 2, at the home of Mrs. Sherman Hollar.

Thurs. & Fri.
Final Clearance
FRIDAY THE 13TH SALE
1 Rack of Mens Suits, Sports Coats, Jackets $10 or more Off
All Black Cat Specials 1/2
LADIES & CHILDRENS Coats & Dresses 1/2 Off
Table of Ladies & Childrens Shoes Values to $10 $1
Tables of Odds and Ends at Give Away Prices
BAKER'S

National Award-Winning Hometown Column
THE PIED TYPER
By Bess Maly

Do you share your shower?

I don't particularly want to know unless you are dying to tell me. But there is a fellow who may ask you this question and he expects an answer.

The U.S. census taker is going to put this nosey question to one out of four households. Plus: have you been married more than once? What is the value of your property? How many babies have you had, not counting stillbirths?

Of course you can tell him it's none of his business and pay the $100 fine and/or 60 days in jail, if you think it is worth it. That way your shower arrangements, number of television sets and how many bedrooms you have will remain your secret and the statistics will be thrown for a loop.

The story they give us, the intimate information from one out of every four households is needed for statistic users to formulate programs or as a means of helping industry determine where they should go with new sales promotions.

It will also be handy for the bureaucrats to use to hatch up another new welfare program at the taxpayers' expense. A fellow who is sharing his shower with someone else is bound to be poverty-stricken, or is up to some underwater hanky-panky, and the Washington snoopers want to know which.

Every 10 years the census is taken. It's the law. I didn't care much for the last one. It came out that the average U.S. family was 3.7 with divorce charges being so high and the Foreign Legion disbanded, where else can he go?

Back in Indiana, I remember each year the tax assessor came around to count your cooking stoves, chickens, radios and other items of the affluent household. We got wind of his itinerary and tied the dogs out in the woods just before he'd arrive.

If you have any visitors at your house at the time the census taker comes, you are going to have to explain it to him. Personally, I think it would be easier to send them to the woods than to try to convince the enumerator the person is not there to share your shower.

-tpt-

An Idaho newspaper has offered to publish the names of its readers who have quit smoking.

In retaliation, a Kentucky editor has offered to publicize those people who have kicked the habit of eating potatoes.

-tpt-

The creation of the world is told in Genesis in 400 words. The Ten Commandments have 297 words, and the Declaration of Independence has 1,821. But a government pamphlet required 2,500 words to announce a reduction in the price of cabbage seed.

-tpt-

The son of a friend of mine recently got himself drafted. Before he departed, his dad sent him to me for some fatherly GI advice.

My reputation as a goldbrick has followed me since World War II. "Hide out," I advised him. "They can't mistreat you if they can't find you."

The family got a letter from him the other day. Young Hollister was fresh from an eight-mile hike with full pack, several thousand pushups and the whole grueling special physical tortures that topkicks are noted for dreaming up. When a topkick decides a recruit is "unphysically fit," he gets special treatment.

"You may recall I told you in an earlier letter that I was keeping well hidden," he wrote.

"Forget it. They have found me."

He described it this way. "Hollister, what in the hell are you doing there? I said right face. You are a college man. Give me 25 pushups."

"My boots are dirty. My rifle is greasy. My helmet is on backwards. "Hollister, give me 25 pushups.' I am not making a very good soldier. The Army is having a hard time finding a place for me.

"Yesterday, we were finally given a pass to go away from the barracks. I had KP and, as soon as I got off, I headed for the beer hall. I passed 2,500 words to announce a reduction in the price of cabbage seed.

"About six inches, sir," I answered.

"Hollister, I'll tell you what. The next time you see an officer approaching you, turn around and run the other direction. Go up a tree, under a barracks, into a ditch, hide out somewhere. But don't walk by him. It's men like you, Hollister, that gives this company a bad name. It's men like you that need to be swept under the rug. Twenty-five pushups."

"I don't seem to be good at anything, not even hiding out."

This incident is printed in the hope that it will cause all the old World War II retreads to be swept with sentiment and nostalgia. It is good to know that military life is still not all killing and wounding.

Some of it is still pure fun.

Semper fidelis.

For Statistics Sake, Be Ready To Tell All

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