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A Burgoo Scientific Report (Tongue In Cheek Division)

Readers of this column may recall that on rare occasions we are accorded privileged access to the findings of those fearless adventurers who toil in the tangled vineyards of way-out knowledge, the fellows of the H. Okum Institute of Para Science.

Some may recall their masterly solution of today's most urgent problem. It involved having surplus people lock-step from a paltform in space. Freezing instantly, they would form an endless belt that would soon reach around the moon and back to earth, using the moon's axis as a sprocket. The world's garbage would be piled on their backs and simply dumped off in space.--A staggering feat of creative genius!

We can never forget Dr. H. Okum's immortal words on that occasion: "....A small step forward for one man," he said, "but a giant stride backward for mankind."

So, as this century slides into its three score years and ten, Kentucky Burgoo is deeply honored to be able to reveal what may well be the greatest achievement of the 1970s. Certainly it will astonish scientist the world over, many of whom never heard of Kentucky's own little hand of intellectual argonauts or their leader.

This new triumph is so daring that it staggers the mind, not to say blows it altogether. It's an entirely new principle and it's called "Inter-piscatory Preception."

The learned Dr. H. Okum parted his pointed head reflectively as he explained:

"This ain't to be confused with "extra-sensory perception," now, That's Dr. Rhinelander's bag. My thing is listening to fish talk.--Eavesdropping, you might say.--And I wouldn't be giving you all this exclusive gas except that my astrologer wants it should be announced in the age of Pisces, which is just before going out. He won't want Aquarius to get the credit and Aquarius, you know, is just before coming in.

"Personally," he went on, snatching up a guitar from the laboratory table, "I happen to be an Aquarius, but I ain't one-way and I don't like for my astrologer to get hacked."

He plucked a chord or two, threw back his head and sang:

"When the moon is in the seventh house, and Jupter aligns with Mara, then peace will guide the planets and love steer the stars...Hokay?"

"H. Okay, Dr. H. Okum," we answered. "But to get back..."

"Sure, sure." The great savant put aside his guitar and went on to say (and this, we know, will come as a tremendous relief to our fellow taxpayers):

"Be sure you tell everybody that not one thin dime of state or federal bread has gone into this caper. And that's more than any of them other cats can say, like as Woods Hole or at Marineland where they're trying to rap with propoises. Ha!"

The gist of Dr. H. Okum's message, and we put it into layman's language for our non-scientific readers, is that the Institute has perfected a sensitive electronic system that has been listening in on underwater activities and translating what it heard. It has monitored all sorts of waters from farm ponds and branches to impoundments and rivers. It has found small meetings of provincial fish and huge rallies involving many species in the vast lakes of Kentucky.

An ominous development has become unmistakably clear. Total war is shaping up in Kentucky waters and its storm clouds will burst in the early spring. The fish are declaring war on the fishermen.

Violence comes from overcrowding and the never ending, pitiless competition for food. So Kentucky waters, teeming as they are with countless millions of hungry fish, form a natural spawning ground for trouble. Demagogues among these aquatic hordes have been able to fan their universal discontent into a suicidal fervor of misguided patriotism.

Here's how one big mouthed bass (atypical lunker-type trouble maker) harrangued a huge, spellbound audience in Kentucky Lake:

"This must be total war. We must bash their baits wherever and whenever they appear. Death or victory are our only alternatives. We must strike in the shallows and in the deeps. We must strike in the channels and around the stickups and in the ponds and the streams... Everywhere. Whevever a bait appears, strike!

"We can defeat these murders if we have the faith and the courage. They cannot manufacture enough fishhooks to catch us all. You have my word for it. They just don't have enough factories. Many of us will die, of course. But who expects to live forever, anyway? Our strength lies in our numbers.

"So wherever you happen to be, if you see a bait, strike it! Don't stop to think or reason. Hit that bait! Strike! Strike! Strike!"

Thunderous applause sent flocks of startled birds into hurried flight and the cattails jerked and shivered for a shorline mile.

And the picture was repeated in waters all over the commonwealth. The mood of desperate determination has infected every kind of fish, big, surly muskelunge, bellicose walleyes, arrogant bass, hate-filled trout, boastful, strutting bluegills, morose, mafiaser catfish and all the rest. All are flexing their fins and working their jaws, preparing for the first committed operation of fish against man in the world's history.

"Is all this really on the level?" Dr. H. Okum was asked.

"Hoy! It is, you know!" the great man answered emphatically. "The old doc ain't putting you on and ya better believe it, man."

Stripped of its scientific jargon, the great scientist's message was that unbridled savagery lurks beneath the surface of even the most peaceful looking water in Kentucky. He warns that people should not trail sandwiches in the water as they go boating. Frayed and otherwise weak and worn tackle will be in danger of loss and destruction. Nobody, young or old, should immerse a baited hook unless they are prepared to take the consequences. And he warned specifically against letting babies play underwater in Kentucky, with or without supervision.

So that's the story of man's newest technical breakthrough. Thoughtful people are beginning to wonder if we are not progressing too fast. Will our youngsters never again know the delight of a peaceful afternoon spent dozing under a tree at the water's edge?

It might be better if we were not vouchsafed these frightening revelations, if the great Dr. H. Okum and his inatitute were granted a complete cloak of obsecurity from now on.--It's something to think about, surely.

MSU COED IN LAUREL FESTIVAL--Barbara Gallenstein, Maysville junior and current Homecoming Queen at Morehead State University, is representing MSU in the annual Mountain Laurel Festival in Pineville, May 28-31. Miss Gallenstein is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Gallenstein, 313 West 3rd Street, Maysville. The 20-year-old coed is a member of Chi Omega Sorority and hopes to become a model.

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New UK Admissions Procedures Designed For Ease Says Dunn

Keller Dunn, associate dean of admissions at the University of Kentucky, Lexington campus, says new admissions procedures are designed "to make the entrance of our new freshmen into UK life easier and more understandable."

Dean Dunn said "It should be emphasized that these changes do not affect in any way the eligibility of Kentucky high school graduates for admission to a UK freshman class."

The changes involve deadlines for filing applications for admission and other documents; attendance at an advising conference several weeks prior to the opening of a semester (except for summer session), and the documents themselves, which the student must send to UK.

June 15 is now the deadline--effective this year--for new freshmen and other new undergraduates to apply for admission for a fall semester. By that date a freshman applicant must have filed his application for admission along with the official ACT Prospective Student Profile Report from Iowa City.

"This earlier deadline should be no real handicap to prospective freshmen, since in the past 95 per cent of our freshman class have been cleared for admission by the middle of June. Exceptions for students with unusual problems will continue, if necessary," Dean Dunn explained.

"The official certification of graduation from high school will not have to be filed, however, until July 29." He added, "This will allow ample time for high school offices to issue the document and will enable UK to cancel the application of any student who fails to graduate from high school."

Deadline for the 1971 spring semester will be Oct. 27, for receipt of the application for admission and the Profile Report. Students will register in advance for spring classes in Nov., along with other UK students.

No change has been made in the application deadline for the summer session, which always falls 30 days prior to the opening of the session. It will be May 12 this year. April 18 is the deadline for UK's new 4-week summer session, May 18-June 12.

Dean Dunn says that in all cases the applicant must have taken the ACT early enough for the Profile report to be delivered to UK by the application deadline. Attendance by new freshmen at an advisory conference prior to the opening of a semester now is required. The conference for fall entrants will be conducted during July, and for new spring entrants in Nov. This will require attendance on campus for only one day, he said.

President Informed By Newspaper, Too

How does President Richard Nixon keep track of current events?

Surely, this should not be any great problem. After all, the President has at his service our huge Central Intelligence Agency with its world-wide information gathering apparatus; the FBI, which certainly knows a little about what is going on in the United States; the State Department, which has its "information officers" stationed in American embassys all over the world; and each member of Mr. Nixon's cabinet also have their own trained staff members to gather data on just about every conceivable subject under the sun.

In addition there are 100 U.S. Senators and 435 Congressmen in Washington who, it is well known, are just about the biggest gossipers of any group in the world. It has to be that a few of them call the White House occasionally, and say, "Mr. President, let me tell you what I heard up on The Hill today..."

Certainly the President leans heavily on all of these special sources.

But it turns out that Mr. Nixon gets his basic day-to-day information about the events of the nation and the world from the same place you do--the newspaper.

In a radio interview in Washington receently, Mr. Patrick J. Buchanan, Special Assistant to the President, revealed that every morning Mr. Nixon receives a digest of the news, culled from 50 newspapers. The specially typed daily news summaries, he said contained from 4,000 to 10,000 words. Along with the typewriten summary is a folder containing newspaper clipping, columns and editorials from all over the country.

This, President Nixon carries on both a tradition and a habit as old as our country itself, because President George Washington, too, was an avid reader of the newspapers of his day (which were all weeklies or semi-weeklies). Indeed, even before he became our first President, and while he was commanding the Continental Army, Washington not only read the newspapers himself but on occasion had them read to his troops as well.

Much as we all enjoy listening to the "quickie" news on radio and tv, we depend heavily on the printed word carried in the local newspapers for our knowledge of current events.

"Engineers are trying to build a car that will stop smoking--I'd like to find one that will stop drinking."

Governor To Present Conservation Awards

Winners of the sixth annual Governor's Conservation Achievement Awards selected by a board named by the president of the League of Kentucky Sportsmen have been announced.

The awards, in six categories, will be presented by Gov. Louie B. Nunn June 5 at the league's 1970 convention in Owensboro.

Recipients: conservationist of the year, Dr. Fred R. Scroggin, Williamstown; wildlife conservationist, Curtis M. Sanders, Harrison County; conservation educator, William E. Smith, Owensboro; soil conservationist, Fred A. Alcott, Allensville; youth conservationist, James Rogers Hicks, Louisville, and conservation communicator, James T. Morgan, Harlan.

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How One Library Got A 500-Book Collection

WEST LIBERTY, Ky.--The telephone rang and a male voice asked, "How do you spell electroencephalograph?"

"A what?"

He repeated the word...and I hung up. Silly man.

The incident was forgotten until a few days later when the voice on the other end of the line formed another question. This time it was, "How do you spell spitzerinctum?"...and I knew I was being victimized. A crank caller with a lewd mind...the word had to be pornographic. No word can sound like that and not be. I hung up again. But I was curious...

The word was not in the desk dictionary, but there was a 20-pound version of Webster beneath a stack of newspapers, but the phone rang again. The same male voice explained that he was entering a contest and needed the correct spelling of the work. I still was not convinced, and I was busy. There were stories to write and proofs to read.

A week passed before the next word. This time it was something like zwitzerion. The following week he asked how to spell a word that sounded like gingergracious, but turned out to be zingberaceous. The spelling questions continued, one each week and always a word that caused me to reach for the 20-pounder. I was beginning to think the voice was trying to tell me something--that he was reading what I was writing and decided I needed help with my spelling.

Also there was the thought that I was wasting five or 10 minutes a week giving inane answers to irrational questions...that I was being taken. By now I knew someone was going to have to give him answers, so I began referring him to Liberty's Kennedy Memorial Library, a block from my house.

Pass the buck...The Voice knew it, and so did I.

Librarian Edwin Lacy devoted time to the strange questions because despite the Voice's approach and his words, both the man and the words were for real. The librarian and The Voice had grown up in much the same neighborhood which once was a railroad stop on the O&K, the tracks removed long ago...part of the war effort.

The Voice...a bachelor living alone at the foot of an Eastern Kentucky hill, and he was an intellectual. A semi-invalid, he spent his time reading, entering contests and working puzzles. If they were weird contests and puzzles, they nevertheless were challenging and enlightening.

Fortunately, Kennedy Memorial Library in Morgan County, built through voluntary contributions from thousands of people in and out of Kentucky supplied the answers. The library was begun in 1964 with a initial contribution of $20,000 from Friends of Kentucky Libraries.

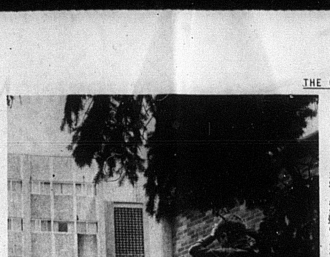
The former public library had operated for years in one room of a corrugated-tin structure built in the 1930's. Realizing the need for improved facilities, Morgan Countains voted a library tax which proved an important factor when Friends of Kentucky Libraries Inc. selected West Liberty as a place to build a library as memorial to President Kennedy. Today the handsome white brick and glass structure stands on Pressonstorr Street--proof not only of a county's interest in library but also the interest of the Kennedy-Hickman Foundation of Libraries and proof that people cared enough to give willingly of time and money to further the campaign to complete the building. The new library was dedicated on a beautiful October day in 1965.

On cold day in March, 1970, the librarian went to the home of The Voice to receive a 500-book collection as a gift.

The Voice had died more than a year ago, but during the few years from 1965 until his death he had called the library three or four times a month...to ask the spelling of a word.

One day he asked the librarian to mail him a rubber stamp. He explained that he was leaving his personal library to the library in West Liberty and wanted to stamp each book with the proper name so there would be no question.

And that is how the library in West Liberty was recipient of more than 500 books from Berkley Nichols of near Inskn. The Voice proved to be a well-read man. His quest for knowledge had been a constant thing. His books are being readied for National Library Week April 12-18. Some reader might even find the proper spelling of the word spitzerinctum. Whatever its meaning, it's a dilly of a word.



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All State Parks Will Be Open For Guests June 1

The 12 vacation resort parks that were in operation last year all in tip-top condition and manned with pleasant, eager people whose only purpose is to make the visitors happy. And that delightful dozen will become a baker's dozen come June 1, Lake Barkley State Resort Park explodes into life then and it's the most lavish state park lodge in all the world. You have to see it to believe it;

All the dining rooms are open for business with more mouth-watering dishes then ever. The golf courses are open except the par-3 courses at Lake Cumberland and Barren River. All the boat docks and ramps are open and busy and so are the skylifts at Natural Bridge and Jenny Wiley. All the camping sites are open and so are the cottages and museums.

The state parks riding stables will open June 1, and since most of the personnel involved are college students, the planned recreation program will not begin until that date. It is greatly expanded this year and includes square dancing, country music shows, boat races, water skiing shows, swimming and diving instruction and contests, arts and crafts programs, bingo parties, golf and tennis tournaments and all manner of nautre activities. The Junior Naturalist program and the supervised games (all for youngsters) is back bigger and better than ever.

All in all the Kentucky state parks are off and running on what promises to be their biggest, most enjoyable season yet.

Folk Cures Finding Place Again In Medical Science

By Nevyle Shackelford
Special Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky.--Use of herbs as medicine for ailments that afflict him has been practiced by man everywhere since the days of Genesis.

Through trial and error and perhaps by accident, he found that barks, roots, leaves, and blossoms of certain plants had a desired effect when employed in the treatment of certain hurts and diseases.

The knowledge--folk medicine--was handed down from generation to generation and passed from land to land until the formal science of medicine became established. The science of botany is a by-product of man's search for medicinal plants.

Over a century ago, a gentle and distinguished physican by the name of Dr. Cunn said it is highly improbable that an all-wise creator would create man and subject him to diseases for which their were no cures in nature--and in the particular region and climate where he lived.

The good and wise old doctor used many herb remedies in his long practice, but as time went on, medical science became somewhat contemptuous of his kind of "doctoring"--successful or not--and looked askance at the use of herb teas, leaf salves, and bark poultices.

In recent years there has been a startling turnabout in the thinking of medical researchers and they are taking to the land, hunting herbs and taking a second look at the folk remedies. It is not so strange that they are discovering a value in the plant and ancient herb remedies actually possessed considerable validity in the art of healing.

Appropos on the subject is the book, "A Guide To Medicinal Plants of Appalachia," just released by the U.S. Forest Service and written by Dr. Arnold Krochmal of the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station at Berea. The 291-page book contains descriptions and illustrations of 126 medicinal plants that exist in the Appalachian region--plants that have been utilized by country folk in treating their diseases since the region was first settled.

The plants are described for easy identification, and also their probable location is told, when they bloom, what part of the plant is harvest and what season of the year, and the medicinal uses to which they have been put.

There is much interesting plant lore in the book, making it valuable to botanists, medical researchers and herbalists. Moreover, the book is free and will be sent without charge to those sending requests to: Information Services, Northeastern Forest Experiment Station, 6816 Market Street, Upper Darby, Penn. 19082.

Hagan And Unseld To Head June Camp

Cliff Hagan, the former Kentucky All-American and a star with the St. Louis Hawks, and Wes Unseld, the Louisville University All-American who is now a star with the Baltimore Bullets, will both be guest coaches at the Kentucky All-American Basketball Camp to be held in Winchester from Monday, June 22 through Friday, July 3.

The announcement was made by Camp Director Tom Geobel, head coach at George Rogers Clark High School, the site of the camp.

Ten three-hour sessions, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon will be held. Boys in the 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th grades are eligible to attend. They will be taught such fundamentals as the jump shot, the lay-up, one-on-one, dribbling, passing and ball handling, rebounding and defense. The emphasis will be placed on improving the individual skills of each camper. Methods of instruction will include group instruction, individual instruction, movies, lectures, games, contests and a variety of motivation activities. Awards will be given in a number of categories.

Hagan and Unseld will each spend one day with the campers and will discuss shooting, individual offense and rebounding.

Tuition for the camp is $35 and applications can be obtained by writing to Tom Geobel, George Rogers Clark High School, Winchester, Ky., or by writing Kentucky All-American Sports Camps, 1455 Reauville Drive, St. Louis, Mo., 63122.

Other guest coaches will be announced at a later date. The permanent coaching staff will be made up of area high school, junior high coaches and former college players.

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