PRINT SHOWS THROUGH

United Action Needed By Colleges and Universities

(The Todd County Standard)

The nation-wide sweep of campus riots and almost wholesale revolt against "The Establishment" has finally reached down below the Mason-Dixon Line. Up until these "young rebels" at UK started their arson and rioting, the south as a whole had been remarkably free of this type activity in fact the only one that has been of any consequence was a rebellion at Tennessee State College, a predominately black college.

Kentucky and Tennessee are essentially "border states" and we are embarassed that our home and neighboring state have begun to "play the game." The Deep South, so far, must have students who are more interested in getting an education, than in getting their faces on tv, or in the newspapers. We hope they will continue with an unmarred record.

Our generation was the "gold-

Taught His ABC's

(Paducah Sun-Democrat)

We have been given numerous opportunities, over the years, to comment ironically on the ormerer, the postures, and the peculiarities of former Gov. Albert Benjamin Chandler. We found ourselves very much on Happy's side this week when a campus demonstrator grabbed him by the necktie and Chandler was leaving a meeting of University of Kentucky trustees.

Happy reacted to his tormentor with a solid punch in the nose.

No peaceable citizen, much less a university trustee and former governor and U.S. senator, has to put up with that sort of indignity. We cheer the manner in which Happy taught this fellow his ABC's.

Law and (Dis) Order

(The Bath County News-Outlook)

As with many other areas in the United States, the Nation's Capital has experienced a shocking rise in crime. Many suburban area residents avoid going into the District at night for fear of their personal safety. Bank robberies and murders are commonplace. Many small businessmen have closed their doors after being "hit" by some, but continual holdups. Rapes and other serious crimes have been committed in broad daylight.

Serious efforts are now being made by law inforcement officials and concerned citizens to crack down on crime. The drive has the active support of all sorts of groups--civic, social, church, and business. One Washington commercial radio station has been strongly backing pending legislation calling for a mandatory prison sentence for anyone using a gun in the commission of a crime. An Episcopal minister has called for sterilization of convicted rapists.

Strangely, however, strong resistance to these and other anti-crime proposals has been coming from so-called "liberals," in Congress and out. "Gun control" advocates who want to restrict or remove firearms from everyone, have failed to support measures to remove guns from criminals.

Recently, an ad-hoc citizen's group to combat crime invited the District police chief and a representative from the U.S. Attorney General's office to address a meeting called to discuss the crime problem. The meeting was disrupted by a screaming band of "ladies" calling themselves the "WITCHES"--the Women's International Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell. Dressed in weird costumes, they proceeded to attack the speakers with catcalls and epithets, sprinkled with a generous portion of foul and unprintable language. "Facists pigs" was one of their milder outcries. It is noteworthy that one of the absurd slogans of the invaders was "Stop prosecuting the Chicago Eight." The "eight," of course, are the extremist "new left" radicals now on trial for allegedly conspiring to riot against the democratic convention in 1968.

The "liberals" have also leaped, with moral and financial support, to the defense of the "Black Pan-

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'ilish" eaters, the next was "panty-raiders" but in neither case was any one killed, any property destroyed or anyone seriously injured. We can see nothing that these motley mobs are gaining by their actions, other than pushing this country closer and closer to outright civil war.

Peaceful protest is acceptable, and these students should be allowed to express their approval or disapproval of governmental policy. But, when they destroy private property or property of the taxpayers, it should be stopped at any cost. These rebelling students should be expelled ordered off the campus and denied re-entry into any college or university. A unified, united "blackballing" of the dissidents by all colleges and universities could be the answer.

there" whose members are currently on trial in Florida across the land, charged with any number of violent crimes.

But, since the "liberals" have in the past supported the criminal acts of Stalin, Ho Chi Minh, Vo Giap and others, and have similarly supported the Communist criminal invasion and persecution of such lands as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and South Vietnam, it logically follows that these self-same "liberals" should come to the defense of criminal elements in the United States today.

LETTERS from our readers

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Enclosed is $4.20 for the Carlisle Mercury for another year. I enjoy reading the Mercury each week. Also the school group pictures of Nicholas County schools. As I have known a lot of the children and teachers when I lived in Nicholas County. Well, in fact enjoy reading each page of the Carlisle Mercury. The print is excellent and also the pictures.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Oscar Hughes

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

I was shocked and spalled to read last week of The Carlisle Mercury's endorsement of assault and battery on a University of Kentucky Student.

This sort of mentality is fine at a Saturday afternoon western, but the "Hoorah" given by this paper to A. B. Chandler's beating a dissenter in the face should not go unopposed.

The exact facts of the case are unclear, The Lexington papers reported Chandler had grabbed a female student. Reportedly he hit the student without thinking when the student tried to assault the girl.

A jury should hear all the facts and decide the case. The Mercury seems satisfied that the young man had long hair.

It is typical of many hypocritical voices of authority to condone violence and obscenity. Yet this newspaper gives a cheer when a wealthy former governor hits a young boy with long hair. It's "acceptable" for the Mercury to maintain pictures of grade schoolers at the Carlisle Elementary urinal; the editor says that is not obscenity.

There are more important issues in the world than Lake Carnico.

Four students were murdered last week by the Ohio National Guard. 45,000 American boys have been given to perpetuate a South Vietnam ex dictatorship only slightly better than the Viet Cong. We are pushing into Cambodia in a move which may set off increasing involvement with Red China with nightmarish human slaughter.

And the Mercury wants to worry... thing's peaceful at Lake Carnico.

Very truly,
Ralph E. Lesley
Box A29 Station 17
Nashville, TN, 37203

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Enclosed is $5.00 for Mercury for 1 year.

We enjoy the paper very much. It gives us news from home and our friends that we seldom see or hear from.

Kentucky will always be home to us.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ring

"It's okay, mother, when I say I'm going to be an activist . . . I mean within the Boy Scout movement."

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

The happenings in Kentucky that some Virginia newspapers use as fillers, should of never happened in Kentucky: When he was filling out a 50-cent application for a deputy job in Louisville, a man replied to the question of what kind of machines he could operate by writing--"Slot and Pinball."

The sign decorating the motel where Lillian Young stayed at Versailles carried this intriguing invitation: "Meet - Greet - Eat - Sleep."

Bidding estimate that a popular tree on the Winland Ingram farm just off U.S. 460 at Exel in Morgan County, Ky., is more than 430 years old. At its base the tree is approximately 25 feet around.

--MV--

AVOID PEOPLE PICKLE--"Pickle Week"--which, in case you hadn't heard, runs from May 21 to 30--all of the pickle packers are promoting the theme, "Keep Your Country Out of a People Pickle," which isn't a bad idea, seeing as how most people get into a pickle every now and then--some more than others. As one pickle week spokesman pointed out; the benign little pickle has not contributed to the world to follow for some 4,003 years. Pickles are neither inclined to the right or the left--they usually go right to the middle.

--MV--

A dollar may not do as much for us as it used to, but then we don't do as much for a dollar, either--Columban Missions.

--MV--

LAKE CARNICO is still a peaceful place no matter how it may seem to upset others. Since finding ourselves burdened with work (which we like) our fishing is falling by the wayside, but who could ask for anything better than four or five sweet tasting pan fish, such as bream, cooked to a golden brown?

--MV--

"The Old Codger," John K. Ryans, Flemingsburg Times-Democrat:

If the county ever manages to provide a land fill garbage dump, folks will probably have enough garbage to fill it for at least the first time! It is amazing that in this complex world, a matter that used to be of so little importance has become so very, very important. There's one thing for sure... when the city and county get their new garbage and waste disposal site or sites, the law against littering and especially the unsightly and unsanitary dumping of waste materials along the banks of streams, rivers and highways should be strickly enforced.

Twenty and Forty Years Ago

Thursday, May 25, 1950

Frank J. Hodgin, for 23 years manager here for for Kentucky Utilities Company, has been promoted to manager of the electric company's Winchester district, Mr. Hardesty will be succeded by Morris Whiteley, a 15-year man with the Lexington organization.

Paul Henry Ockerman will be awarded the degree of bachelor of science at Morehead State College, May 31.

Dotty Dotson and Billy Dale Crawford, Carlisle High School, have received outstanding journalism awards, presented by the U.K. Department of Journalism in the name of the Kentucky High School Press Association.

Mrs. G.N. Maxey, Carlisle, G.N. Maxey Jr., Katherine Henley, and Marvin Simons of Lexington were injured in an automobile accident in Lexington, on Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Leer has been named Girl Scout leader of Carlisle succeeding Mrs. Frank J. Hardesty.

According to interest shown by Nicholas daitymen at a meeting held Monday night, a Grade A milk route is expected to be underway by mid-August.

William Power, chairman of the Nicholas County March of Dimes reported a total of $960.03 raised in Nicholas County.

"Transylvania Day" was observed on the steps of Morrison Chapel, Lexington, Friday night with Rev. Charles Hare of Nicholas County, performing the coronation of "Miss Transylvania" and "Mr. Pioneer."

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Brady entertained about 40 young people Friday night at their home, for their son, Paul, a member of the NCHS graduating class.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sadler of Myers, Route 1, a daughter, Saturday, at Johnson Memorial Hospital.--To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Buckler, a daughter, born Saturday at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

MARRIED--Miss Helen Fields daughter of Mrs. Ruth Kemplin and granddaughter of Mrs. Ida Fields of near Ewing, to Paul Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bailey of Moorefield, May 6, at Tilton.--Miss Betty Jo Pratt, Louisville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Pratt and William Thomas Kearney of Evansville, Ind., son of Mrs. Lena B. Kearney of Lexington, Tuesday at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Lexington.--Miss Ruth Mae Cunningham, daughter of Mrs. Ruth S. Cunningham of Pittsburg, Pa., to Robert John Steele, son of Mrs. Jennie Steele of Pittsburg, May 12 in Pittsburg.

DIED--Harry L. Mathias, 73, at Garfield Hospital, Washington D.C.--Albert R. Sibert, 84, at the Veterans Hospital, Lexington, on Sunday.--Mrs. Betty Ann Snapp, 67, widow of M.M. Snapp, Tuesday at her home.

LOOKING AT THE INSIDE

By John W. Kirk

SINGLETARY'S ACTIONS WERE SHAMEFUL

Perhaps you were sickened when you learned that the once-great University of Kentucky was reduced to lawlessness and mob rule last week, perhaps you were angered to see uncouth and unkept hoodlums controlling the university community, perhaps you were bitter when you learned that these young punks intimidated a very easily-intimidated UK president and Board of Trustees and surely you were outraged when these "Disciples of non-violence" burned the UK ROTC building and Blazer Hall.

I saw these things happen and let me assure you that I was sickened; I was angered; I was bitter and I was outraged.

Ladies and gentlemen, the educational system at your largest university collapsed last week. A university that has traditionally prided itself on scholastic competition and academic excellence gave final exams only to those who wanted to take them; any student who wished, and many of them did, could forego finals and "not pre-

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Thursday, May 22, 1930

Mrs. Nelle Brayfield has been appointed chairman for Nicholas County in the membership campaign to raise funds for the Kentucky Children's Home Society at Lyndon. Nicholas County now has 39 honorable members. Mrs. Walter Hazelrigg has been appointed vice chairman of the drive.

A total of $1,560.00 in claims for sheep killed by dogs this year has been filed with Mrs. Bertha L. Westfall, county clerk.

An Indictment was returned against the City of Carlisle by the grand jury last week, charging the city with "making and maintaining a nuisance." The indictment was returned in connection with the city dump near the overhead bridge on the Moorefield Road.

Fred M. Vinson was here Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Congress.

Through the instrumentality of Mrs. John Buchanan, citizens of the Myers Station community have secured an invalid's chair to the Johnson Memorial Hospotal for the use of "Uncle Fletch". Cheatham and any future patient who may require it.

Farmers throughout the county report damage to corn and tobacco plants from cutworms, and some corn has been replanted.

Miss Nelle Craycraft qualified in county court last week as administratrix of the estate of her father, the late J.D. Craycraft, Sterling Blake, J.W. Parker and Rollie Scott were named appraisers.

Tuesday was the 36th anniversary of the "big snow" which covered central Kentucky with a four-inch blanket on May 20, 1894.

DIED--Mr. and Mrs. James Dinsmore received a message Tuesday afternoon announcing the sudden death of their son, George Dinsmore, at his home in Gary, Ind.

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By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mrs. Thomas Gaunce spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Osborne of Helena. On Thursday they accompanied Mrs. Osborne's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Craig of Pique, to Princeton, W. Va., to move their son, Chester Craig for a visit with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Osborne and Mrs. Gaunce returned home on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gaunce and children of near Paris were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lee Gaunce and family of Indianapolis, Ind. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce and family. Their grandson, Allen Ray Gaunce still has his leg in a cast as a result of a fracture recently at his home in Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mattox of Lexington and Layne Hollar were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woosley and children, Mike and Teresa were Friday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Underwood and sons of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar were in Lexington on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone and daughter of Carlisle visited Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar and babies on Friday night. Tracey Hollar returned home with them for a few days visit.

Mrs. Freddie Gaunce visited Mrs. Carl Scott in Carlisle on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of Independence, Eugene Gumalt of Covington, Miss Linda Courtney of Cynthiana and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and sons spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Jones, honoring the birthday of Paul Jones.

Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Fryman and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Snapp spent Sunday with Mrs. Reynolds Gaunce.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blackeman and daughter, Penny all of Lexington spent Sunday with Miss Frances Barlow.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gaunce attended a Jay Witness Mission Service last weekend at Jamestown where Rev. Michael Rice is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Fryman and family of Headquarters visited Mr. and Mrs. Charley Jones on Sunday night.

Eugene Zumalt of Covington is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mr. Jones and family.

Sgt. and Mrs. Dickie Cain and children of Ft. Campbell spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cain and family and Mr. and Mrs. L.M. Snapp and Ginger.

Mrs. William Jenkins of Cincinnati spent the weekend with her son, Bill Knippenberg, Mrs. Knippenberg and children.

East Union

By Mrs. Worth Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Pearlie Brambleett visited Mrs. Allis Scott a while Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrfan Scott of Lexington and Miss Ruth House spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Worth Scott.

Rev. Phillip Stalim, the East Union preacher, spent Sunday with Frank Terrell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Boyd and son spent this past Sunday with Mrs. Boyd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mullins.

Mrs. Bob Hatton is on the sick list.

Mrs. Pansy Robinson and Mrs. Allie Vice were in Lexington one day this past week to see Mrs. Bob Hatton, who is very sick.

Mrs. Frances Dotson and daughter spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Brambleett.

Jim Scott and Eula Scott visited Mr. and Mrs. Worth Scott last Saturday.

Jim and Eula Scott visited Mrs. Will George one day this past week.

STONEY CREEK SCHOOL--1930. First Row: Herbert Dwelly, Leo Berry, Jack Pumphrey, ? McKee, James Anderson, ?, Adrian Anderson, Mary Snapp, Elizabeth Smoot, Alvin Dampier. Second Row: Marion Anderson, Robert Dampier, Stanley Story, Walter Dampier, Esther Story, Thelma Anderson, Elizabeth Snapp, Elsie Ruth Sugg, Edna Conyers, Myrtle Story, Virgil McKee, Mike Berry. Third Row: Yancey Allison, Glenn Clay, Clara Conyers, Lorraine Dampier, Edward Parsons, Elsie Dampier, Myrtle Alexander, Sue Allison, Maggie Dampier, Alice Pumphrey, Marie Hunter, Edward Pumphrey, James Berry. Teacher was Lucille Wells.--Picture sent in by Mrs. Nelson Fryman

Looking at the Inside

By John W. Kirk

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judice your grade." For the first time in the history of the University of Kentucky, there will be no regular commencement exercises.

Many of you no doubt recall a similar riot last year during final examinations. I stated to you at that time that strong preventive measures should be taken. As you may know, no such steps have been taken. On the contrary, a "Take to the streets and stop out the establishment" action which culminated in burning the ROTC building, Singletary complied with their demand and asked for campus peace in return. Their answer was violence and arson.

President Singletary's actions were shameful. Courageous actions from his office would have prevented the collapse of the University of Kentucky.

Incidently, I took my exams--all five of them.

"Damn the country; damn the flag. Burn this place down."

A weak-knee approach by university administrators provided the foundation upon which campus violence was built and shameful appeasement by UK president Singletary was the direct causation of the riot and ensuing violence.

When the mob, on the afternoon before the fire, confronted Singletary and demanded that he fly the flag at half staff in memory of the Kent riot, instead of telling the students that he agreed with them that U.S. involvement in Cambodia was wrong and that he certainly would fly the flag at half staff, he should have exerted the courage his office warranted and told those thugs that their business was getting an education and that his business was to see that they got it. Then, he should have by force if necessary, preserved order on campus and saw that any student, without satisfactory reason, who failed to take his final examinations, failed that course. After all, this is standard operating procedure.

At the time Singletary was confronted, the mob numbered only a few score. I sincerely believe that his appeasement of this hard core, symbolized by lowering the flag, provided the stimulus for further mob action which culminated in the burning of the ROTC building. Singletary complied with their demand and asked for campus peace in return. Their answer was violence and arson.

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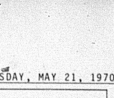
COMMISSIONER MILLER on Kentucky Agriculture



by J. Robert (Bob) Miller

The four Kentucky Agriculture Institutes conducted last month by the Department of Agriculture proved a new and interesting experience.

I say they were a new experience because this was the first time--at least in recent years--that the State Department of Agriculture was taken to the people. It was an endeavor which I have wanted to undertake since assuming the duties as Commissioner.

At each of the programs, discussions involved services of the Department; the status and outlook of crop and livestock industries; and the ideas and suggestions of farmers and farm leaders as to present programs as well as future needs.

While we are still evaluating and summarizing reports from the four meetings, I think some concrete conclusions can be drawn regarding tobacco, the outlook for agriculture in general and the opportunities for young people in farming.

First of all, it is clear that those associated with tobacco agree that our major cash crop is in trouble. It is also evident that most growers and agricultural leaders feel that the present program is not doing the job and that changes are needed.

It is my opinion, after hearing discussions at these meetings, that controls on both poundage and acreage are needed. Acreage quotas alone are not keeping production in line with usage.

As for the general outlook of agriculture, I think that overall it is one of optimism. It must be pointed out of course that any optimism held for the future must be qualified with a number of conditions. Among these are the factors of labor, trucking, costs, a shortage of labor, and the differences between prices paid and prices received.

With tobacco facing problems, many farmers are looking toward ways to grow a dollar that might be lost in tobacco. Generally speaking, livestock holds the greatest promise for expansion. In some areas, particularly Eastern Kentucky and counties with small tillable acreages, attention is being placed upon specialized crops of fruits and vegetables.

What does agriculture offer the young man? Agriculture as a whole has many opportunities for the young man with the necessary training and interest. Unless a young man is able to obtain land and equipment through family connections, he faces a decided investment in getting established in farming. Once he gets established--and assuming he has the training and desire to be a farmer--there is promise.

To say agriculture is a wide open field would be to damage it with false hopes and dreams. To say that it offers no promise would be to deny a future for the country basic to the existence of mankind.

Homemakers

By Mrs. John Clinkenbeard

The Headquarters Homemakers met at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Cable, Mayaville, Nine members, two visitors, and Mrs. Wilson attended.

Mrs. George Dale gave the lesson on "Outdoor Living Areas." From this lesson we learned how to plan a patio.

In addition to the packed lunch, the hostess served a frozen salad, ice tea and coffee.

After lunch the group toured the historic town of Washington, which was established as a town by the Virginia Assembly in 1786. Five years later there were some 110 cabins in the settlement, some of which are still standing.

Places toured were: the home of Albert Sidney Johnston, a confederate hero; the Cane Brake Shop, one of the original log cabins of Simon Kenton's day; Paxton Inn, which has been restored; the Old Church Museum, originally the Washington Methodist Church,

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By Doug Maty

What, No Guitars?" Not In My Fife & Drum Band

"This stuff turns you on?" my young son asked, after listening a minute to a record I was playing on our stereo.

"Like gangbusters," I told him. "Real patriotic, salt-of-the-earth sound, baby."

"No guitars?"

"Nope, just a fife player and a couple of drummers, like the history books show."

I thought this sound might get to him, if I gave him a little background fill-in. The record is something of a collector's item, a thing done by the "Spirit of '76" fife and drum band on July 4th a number of years ago in a Salem, Ind., backyard.

The fifer made his instrument from a lightning rod. He pipes out the melody, while three drummers beat out the cadence. Their average age is past 80 and they play for all picnics and patriotic functions in their area.

"No guitars, huh?"

"This is the sound that stirred the heartbeat of a new nation," I tried to flag him into my pit. "And you may someday read about the fifer at Andersonville," making it clear that Andersonville was a Civil War prison, not a rock music festival.

The young boy had inherited his grandfather's life and a neighbor, who had served in the Revolutionary War, taught him the tunes. He learned *Eighteen-Twelve, Stop March, Charley Over The Water, Cuckoo's Nest, Jayhird, Stop March, Old Seventy-Six, Tattered Jack, Gilderoy, Adam Bell's March, Turkey Gobbler, Haste To The Wedding, Paul Revere's Ride and The Gobby O.*

Later when the young man joined the Confederate Army, he also learned *Peas Upon A Trencher, Surgeon's Call, All Take Tea, The Squirrel Hunters, Biddy Outs, On the Road To Boston, Corn Cob, and Go To The Devil And Shake Yourself.*

The Spirit of '76 boys are a little too slow on the march, so they always ride on a pickup truck when playing for a parade. Once the truck lurched forward and the little bass drummer cartwheeled back over the tailgate and rolled down the street. The others swore he picked himself up and raced back to the truck without losing a beat of "Charley Over The Water."

"Jefferson Airplane and The Tunas" are far-out and they have guitars," he insisted.

"So I've heard tell," I dusted off my Spirit of '76 record and put it away in the vault. "And their music sounds like they all fell out of a pickup truck."

-tpt-

It says here that a Britisher has invented an electronic gadget with which you can listen inside a beehive and get advance warning of swarming or queen failure. Not that I, for one, particularly care.

Undoubtedly, though, queen failure is a calamity if you happen to be a bee. Advance warning of swarming I can understand and appreciate. That is time for bee cowards like me to make tracks. For this reason, it might be useful to me.

My past association with bees has been something that sticks with me. I have been stung by sweat bees, honey bees, bumble bees and all their meaner relatives. Because of bees, I have been dragged across plowed fields, kicked by mules, torn by briars, suffered stubbed toes and humiliated no end.

The trick in handling bees, one expert tells me, is "make friends with the bees and show no signs of fear." How do you say "peace" to a bee? And it is a little hard for me to show no sign of fear when I'm scared to death. I'm a bad actor that way.

Because of their pollen peddling and honey making, I suppose bees have a place in our society. I wouldn't count too much for them in the friendship department, unless they are a lot more friendly than they used to be.

I'd hate to depend on fast feet and creekbank mud again, if the bees get wise to that eavesdropping device.

-tpt-

A medical researcher claims that various types of alcoholic beverages tend to produce different kinds of effect when guzzled by the average guy.

Whiskey causes upset stomachs, nervousness, unsteady walk, severe hangovers, hallucinations and shortness of breath. Wine causes blurred vision, bloodshot eyeballs, dry mouths, boredom, sadism, stealing and divorce. Beer causes bay windows, bitter mouths, loss of appetites, restlessness and thirst. Rum causes reddened lower lips, talkativeness, squinting eyes, rapid heartbeat and a funny feeling in the stomach. Gin causes back pains, strange heart murmurs, headaches, blackouts and a curious high-stepping walk.

Mix any two together and you have the ingredients for chasing rabbits and barking at the moon. Three of a kind qualifies you for a starring role in a Frankenstein movie. Lap up four and they'll accept you at any Cape Kennedy launching pad. Stack your deck with a royal flush and the worst thing possible will happen to you: you'll want to call in your relatives and give your welfare checks back to the government.

The pains some of us must bear to support our public schools, libraries, parks and thingsikethatthere.

-tpt-

Leave it to a bunch of racket busters to take all the joy out of being a parent. The Minnesota Crime Commission, apparently a little warped from staring through bars so long, issued this description of a baby a while back:

"Every baby starts life as a little savage. He is completely selfish and self-centered. He wants what he wants when he wants it: his bottle, his mother's attention, his playmate's toy, his uncle's watch. Deny him those wants and he seethes with rage and aggressiveness which would be murderous were he not so helpless.

"He is dirty. He has no morals, no knowledge, no skills. This means that all children, not just certain children, are born delinquents. If permitted to continue in the self-centered world of his infancy, given free rein to his impulsive actions to satisfy his wants, every child would grow up a criminal, a thief, killer, rapist."

Perhaps all the children in Minnesota are born monsters, but we don't have that kind around here. We only take them to the woodshed to learn the latest styles of hubcaps.

Semper fidelis.