The Most Serious Problem Facing Us

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Having heard Gov. Louie B. Nunn address a group of newspapermen at the Executive Mansion last Thursday, we take pride in reproducing an editorial from the Lexington Leader that so aptly gets to the point. The Mercury is a Democratic newspaper, but we see no reason to let political beliefs blind us to the true facts.)

THE DRUG PROBLEM, said Kentucky Gov. Louie B. Nunn "is the greatest crisis ever facing America."

It is more serious than the American Civil war, racial unrest, crime in the streets--even poverty--he said in addressing a group of newspapermen at the Executive Mansion on Thursday.

We agree with him 100 per cent. Speaking with more determined enthusiasm than we have seen on many issues, Gov. Nunn said the nation could solve poverty problems, the crime problem, racial strife, etc., as long as the people maintained a rational mind and a strong body. But drugs destroy both of these ingredients to problem solving.

Announcing that the state is preparing to launch a major offensive against the rising misuse of harmful drugs, Gov. Nunn said "it is happening here, . .in big towns and little towns."

He even threw out some conservative statistics to dramatize the problem. The number of adults arrested for illegally using drugs has increased 500 per cent in the past decade. The number of arrests of persons under 18 has increased 2,500 per cent in the same period of time.

Of the young people attending rock festivals, it is safely estimated that 90 per cent try smoking marijuana. And 50 per cent of those who try marijuana try some of the stronger stuff; 10 per cent of those who try marijuana get hooked on harder drugs. And 95 per cent of those hooked never can recover.

Young people know the problem far better than their parents. Indeed, this is where the governor's program will be aimed--at educating parents about what to do, where to turn, how to recognize the problem in their own children before it is too late.

Young people can and should be encouraged to help educate their parents with a description of the kinds of drugs being used in the schools, as well as the slang terms which are used to cover up habit.

All of us, young and old, must work together to bring a halt to this problem which threatens to undo our nation.

We do not have enough prisons, or mental institutions or other public facilities to treat all those who will need care if the problem continues unchecked. We will not have enough money or knowledge to bring a majority of those hooked back to the real world.

Thus we must initiate a massive program of prevention, in the schools, the churches, and, especially, in the homes.

We are glad Gov. Nunn is taking such a full-hearted interest in such a program, which he describes as the most serious problem facing the nation and Kentucky in the years ahead.

We must become more aware of the problem and prevent its spread.

'Electrifier'

For the last few thousand years or so, menfolk have been trying to figure out womenfolk, and there's not much evidence to show that the menfolk are any further ahead than they were in the beginning. But that they keep on trying is testified to by an "Electrician's Manual on Women," which according to Editor Bill Eubanks of Tallassee (Alabama) Tribune contains the following highvoltage suggestions:

"When a woman is sulky and will not speak: Exciter.

When she gets too excited: Controller.

If she talks too long: Interrupter.

If her thoughts don't agree with yours: Converter.

If she is willing to come half way: Meter.

If she wants to go farther: Conductor.

If she will go still farther: Dispatcher.

If her dress unhooks: Connector.

If she eats too much: Reducer.

If she is wrong: Rectifier.

If she is cold to you: Heater.

If she gossips too much: Regulator.

If she fumes and sputters too much: Insulator.

If she becomes upset: Reverser.

Not being electricians, we're not about to vouch for the recommendations, since we've already learned that women must be approached with caution, lest one gets a shock; any husband can testify to that.

From the State Capitol

Agree Or Not

I Say What I Think

by E. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT--State Department of Education officials met here last week to perfect some of their plans for legislation for the 1972 session of the General Assembly.

This may seem early to start, but the educators want to have it ready to place before the gubernatorial candidates before the May primary next year. The educators will be trying to nail the candidates down to some sort of pledge and then make up their minds which ones they are going to ask the state's 30,000 teachers to support.

You can bet your bottom dollar that the educators will be asking for more money from the 1972 legislature. Already the state's general fund provides 74 percent of the cost of education in the state. This takes 66 per cent out of the state's general fund collections.

Finance Commissioner Albert Christen has issued a warning that education should work on a "continuation" budget. By that he means not ask the state for any money from the general fund, but to find any additional money needed at the local level.

While state statutes guarantee every child in Kentucky a standard minimum education, there's no corollary statute that requires each county in the state to pay the same rate of taxes toward support of the common school fund.

That's where a lot of taxpayers in the state are complaining.

For example, Grayson County levies a rate of 30.8 cents per $100 valuation for local school purposes. Livingston County levies a rate of 31 cents, but Jefferson County levies a rate of 63.2 cents, but Covington Independent district levies a rate of 91.5 cents.

Twenty-eight of the 190 school districts in the state levy a local tax rate of 36 cents or under. Yet, they get enough state money to provide their children with the same education as counties and districts that levy a rate of 50 cents or more. Where's the equality of sharing the tax burden under a system such as this?

It was even worse before the Court of Appeals handed down its 1965 decision that all property must be valued at 100 per cent of fair cash value for tax purposes. Before that decision county property was valued at 15.67 per cent and Wayne County at 18.55 per cent.

A host of counties had property valued at 25 per cent or under in its fair cash value. The 1965 rollback tax law locked in the inequity.

Section 183 of Kentucky's Constitution says, "The General Assembly shall, by appropriate legislation, provide for an efficient system of common schools throughout the state."

The gaping hole in the entire Constitutional and legislative structure is that there is no law that says taxpayers must share the minimum burden equally across the state. No minimum tax rate is set.

What the present law provides is an inequitable system whereby those willing to pay a fair share must support those who dodge the responsibility at the local level.

The 1972 legislature should solve this inequity.

The poorer counties with low tax rates are the ones who come to the state for more money every session, but they are not willing to accept their fair share of the burden.

The only way the legislature is going to cure this blemish problem is to levy a minimum rate for all school districts. The legislature ought to do this and then write into the new act that the state shall collect the funds from all school districts and then redistribute the money to the schools. This would insure equity toward minimum support for the schools. The balance would then be made up from the state's general fund. Anything a local district wanted to assess above the minimum could be handled at the local level.

The Court of Appeals has established a method of equalization

MERCURY VAPOURS

By Warren R. Fisher

OUR NEWSPAPER

Getting out this newspaper is no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we stick close to the office all day, we ought to be around hustling material.

If we go out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate genius.

And if we do print them, the publication is filled with junk.

If we edit the other fellow's write-up, we're too critical.

If we don't, we're asleep.

If we clip things from other publications, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't, we are stuck with our own stuff.

Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some other publication.*

*We did!

--MV--

The following was handed us at the polls Tuesday by we think Mrs. Everett Jones.

From the mailbag: Sam Johnson of Kingman, IN sent us a clipping from a Indiana paper which revealed that the Rev. E.E. McConnell, 76, a minister for 48 years died Oct. 14 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Danville, IL, where he had been hospitalized since being injured in a car accident.

Wrote Mrs. Johnson, "Rev. McConnell preached at Hillsboro around 40 years ago when I lived there. Mr. McConnell was known as a wonderful pastor and a friend of all who knew him, and so was his wife, so please put a notice of his death in the paper."

"GREAT PARENT OF MANKIND"

Help me in my divine task of parenthood;

Help me to see my children's problems through their eyes;

Keep ever before me my own childhood, so that I will not expect too much;

Give me the patience of the silent stars, and give a sense of humor;

Help me to win them through love instead of compelling them through fear;

Help me to teach them to see straight and to play the game according to the rules;

Help me to teach them that every home is an altar and that every wish is a prayer;

Help me to live my own life above doubt and skepticism, to radiate faith in the basic goodness of life, and to keep the ideals of youth aglow in my own life;

Give me the strong hand for guidance when youth falters and would turn back, help me to teach them to live bravely and to meet defeat courageously;

Help me to teach them that a man's real character is what he is when he is left with himself in the dark, that the value of their lives will be measured by the service they give;

Help me to teach them that true happiness is found, not in things, but in the unfolding of their minds, and their souls;

Help me to make my life go on in theirs, bigger, finer, nobler than I ever dared to be.

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LETTERS from our readers

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

We live in a country which is supposed to be civilized, but down on Dog Walk where we live, we can't even have a telephone.

Last spring they surveyed for a line, but that is as far as they got.

I've called and I also wrote the telephone company with no response.

With raising children and trying to hold down a job, a telephone would help so much. My husband works in Paris and he leaves much too early to start my car as I go to work at 7:30 in Carlisle.

Sometimes my car won't start, or I might have a flat. I can't even call someone or call my job to tell them I'll be detained.

What is wrong? Why can't we be more "civilized and have a phone?

Also there is a hill which is called Conway Hill which desperately needs a guard rail. It is very unsafe for us, and also the school bus which has to travel it twice a day. It is very slippery and bad when it's raining or in the winter.

Sincerely
Helen Flaher

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

The High School PTA sponsored the Hudson Snapp Fund and the project has been termed a success due to the co-operation of interested citizens and organizations, for this all concerned are grateful.

If you would like to contribute you may do so by making a deposit in this special account at the First National Bank, or by contacting Coach Massie or Mrs. Billy Hunter (co-chairmen of the Hudson Snapp Fund.)

Sincerely,
Jack Massie and
Mrs. Billy Hunter

NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING COLUMN WRITTEN FOR THIS NEWSPAPER

THE NO TYPE

By Russell Metz

This New Standard Is Something You Can Put A Bead On

For thousands of years, gold has been the world's standard of value, so it was only natural that the United States go on the gold standard with everyone else. This we did about 100 years ago and built a king-size vault at Fort Knox to stash it away in.

But not for long. The hen of gleaming yellow metal had barely cooled before it began to burn holes in a multitude of politicians' pockets. This gold reserve was supposed to be used to back the paper money Washington printing presses were turning out by the bale and it might have worked out except the boys on the presses got to working faster than the boys toting ingots into Fort Knox.

This has made the countries of Europe, whose bales we have saved on several occasions, very nervous. They long ago concluded money loaned or given to them so freely could not be worth much and started demanding a little more quality in their gifts. They are no longer happy with our printed stuff and have been demanding the real mazools. So now we have to put up or shut up, either of which we find hard to do.

Since we cannot seem to keep politicians and foreign leeches going in the manner to which we have gotten them accustomed, it appears evident we must uncover some more gold mines or else get ourselves a new standard to go on.

The trouble with gold is it maintains an established worth and does not keep pace in value with the times. So why not pick a new standard -- something with spirit, character and an affluent value we can all appreciate.

I suggest we go on the bourbon standard.

Seeing as how Fort Knox is about empty, let's board up its insides with oak staves and pour it full of good Kentucky bourbon and declare our economy both solvent and extremely fluid again. That way, each year the value of our treasury goes up regardless of world conditions.

If we had gone on the bourbon standard when this whole thing started, right now we'd be the owners of millions of gallons of century-old hooch which you can't hardly get anymore. Another good thing about this standard is we have the talent to restock the bank almost as fast as those European pickpockets can clean us out.

The way congress is spending our money, it must be going out of style anyway, so we need a new standard more in keeping with our new cockeyed brand of economics.

We have found that money alone does not make us friends in foreign countries. It would be that pouring bourbon into those countries instead of paper would have a more soothing effect on their miserable lives. And if they still tried to make life miserable for us, we could always water down their whiskey to get even.

I think the theory of the great Canadian physician, Sir William Osler, bears this out. He was lecturing one day on alcohol when a student asked him, "Is it true that alcohol makes people able to do things better?"

"No," replied Sir William. "It just makes them less ashamed of doing them badly."

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Twenty and Forty Years Ago

Thursday, November 9, 1950

Wednesday morning, with eight counties not heard from, Gov. Earle C. Clements, Democrat candidate for U.S. senator, led Republican Charles I. Dawson by 57,000 votes.

Miss Josephine McKee and Luther Wilson were crowned Queen and King at the Moorefield Halloween carnival on Oct. 30, and Linda Rye and Paul Letcher were crowned Princess and Prince.

Larry Paul Cameron and Pat May were crowned sender King and Queen, and George Gaffin Jr. and Harriet Clark Junior King and Queen at the Carlisle Halloween carnival on Oct. 31.

City Attorney Pat Conley received Tuesday, a letter from the Federal Power Commission giving the go ahead signal to the proposed natural gas system, to be installed in Carlisle.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. F.M. Foley, Winchester, a daughter, Sunday at Massie Memorial Hospital, Paris.

MARIED--Miss Dollie Dean Lemons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Lemons, to Arthur Paul Tincher, son of Mrs. Alma Tincher, Sunday.--Miss Shirley Karen Tinder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sagesser, 65, Friday, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. Berry Brannaw. John Thomas Mingus Sr., 57, Saturday at his residence in Paris.

Thursday, November 6, 1930

The county council, at a meeting Monday night, voted to shut off the water supply to Carlisle within the next 30 days unless water is conserved. During the month of October, a total of 882,000 gallons was consumed. This represented a reduction of 30 per cent from normal use.

With the majority of votes tabulated, the election of Logan, Willason and Vinson seemed certain. Josett Shouse, chairman of the Democratic committee, Wednesday night claimed the election would give the Democrats 48 Senate seats and 223 House seats, five more than a majority.

Spencer Payne intercepted a pass and scored in the final moments of play to give the Musketeers a 13-6 victory over the Cynthiana Bulldogs.

Andrew Franklin McDaniel, 90, one of Nicholas County's oldest men, died at the home of his niece Miss Lillie Wood, after a long illness. For many, many years "Uncle Andy" was engaged in the making of guns.

Nicholas Post 17, American Legion will unite with the city school in a program in observance of Armistice Day, November 11.

State Highway Commissioner called for bids for grade and drain of Fleming County portion of the Carlisle-Flemingsburg Road from the Nicholas County line to the junction of the Fairview Road.

Relatives and friends of Neal Wagoner, one of the few surviving Confederate soldiers in Nicholas County, gathered at his home near Clayton to join in the celebration of his 89th birthday anniversary. A delightful plate lunch was served at noon.

"High Society Blues" starring James Gayson and William Farrell is showing tonight at the Lyric Theatre. Don't miss this one.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Willie Stewart, on Thursday, October 30, a son.--To Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kennedy, on October 2, a daughter, Rilla Katherine.--To Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Feebeback, near Sharpsville.--Mrs. Katie Lee Sagesser, 65, Friday, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. Berry Brannaw. John Thomas Mingus Sr., 57, Saturday at his residence in Paris.

Farm & Home

County extension Agents Estil J. Noffsinger, Sara Swango, Mrs. Margie Wilson

CURE FOR BUGS

The cooler weather that's beginning to make its way into Kentucky causes insects like cluster flies, crickets, ants, spiders, and boxelder bugs to seek shelter, and this may be your home, according to Dr. Wesley W. Gregory, entomologist for the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

The best solution to the cluster fly problem, according to Dr. Gregory, is to prevent their entrance into the home by good screening. If the flies are already in the house, one of the following control practices can be used:

--Hang 20 percent dichlorvos resin strips in the attic at the rate of one every 1000 cubic feet.

--Apply a five percent malathion spray to rafters, and for a quick knockdown of flies that enter the living quarters, use an aerosol bomb containing pyrethrins.

Boxelder bugs are about 1/2 inch long, are oblong-shaped and black with red markings. They feed mostly on boxelders but they also survive on ash, maple and fruit trees. When they invade homes in large numbers they may stain walls and fabrics with feces--and they also produce a bad odor when crushed.

Dr. Gregory advised homeowners to control the bugs by cutting down host trees, screening them out of homes, or vacuuming them when they accumulate around

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Cadets Grab Six-Point Win Over Nicholas Co. Friday

Sharon Crawford and other Nicholas County Cheerleaders encourage the team Friday

By Robby Kingsolver

The Nicholas County Blue Jackets played their closest game of the year in their scuffle with the MMI Cadets last Friday night. The Cadets, who came from Millersburg to play on Nicholas County's field, emerged with a 12-6 victory.

From the very first kickoff of the game, it was apparent that the two teams on the field were a pretty even match. Nicholas seemed to excel in running with Kurt Kelley and Roger Walker gaining yardage, for the Jackets. The Cadets didn't make much headway running against the Jacket defense. The only way they could make significant yardage was by taking to the air. Shaun Stevens was one of the leaders in MMI's passing game.

The Jackets showed their ability to maintain a sustained drive during the first quarter. One setback which prevented a Nicholas touchdown was the penalties called for off sides and delay of game. At the end of the period, Bill Johnson received Stephen's pass for 11 yards and a Cadet touchdown.

Nicholas tied the score in the second quarter. This achievement came at the end of a long Jacket drive in which Billy Ray Hunter was an important factor. The only thing the Nicholas fans could see of the touchdown was a huge pile of players on the goal line. Billy Robinson, who had run the ball 1 yard for the score, was somewhere at the bottom of that pile. The score at the half was 6-6.

The Bluejacket Band played at halftime but did not march because of the muddy field. The players had churned it into a sticky bog during the first half.

Using their superior passing game, the Cadets were able to get deep into Jacket territory in the third quarter. They were held at arm's length from the goal line for several plays by a last-ditch Nicholas defense. It was Dan Clements who finally was able to push through, adding 6 points to the Cadets' side of the scoreboard.

In the last minutes of the struggle, the Cadets moved in reverse toward their own end of the field due to a series of penalties against them. When their kick was blocked, the Nicholas fans hoped for a touchdown which would again tie the score. Time ran out, though, before the Jackets were able to batter down the visitors' defense.

Eastern Star To Hold Special Meet

Marie Chapter No. 259, O.E.S will have a special meeting Tuesday evening, Nov. 10, at 7:30 p.m. for official inspection of the Chapter.

Prior to the meeting, there will be a banquet at 6:30 p.m. for the local officers and the grand officers. All members are urged to attend the meeting.

Frost Prints

We have a limited number of prints by Larry Frost of the Jackstown Bridge and Daniel Boone's Cabin

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A Nicholas County player gets instructions during the MMI Game Friday

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