LEWIS LLEWELLYN

Three R's Are Not Enough

A century ago, Horace Mann predicted that crime could be eliminated as tax-supported public schools increased and more people could have more education. Has it worked that way?

Today we have the greatest educational system in our history —in size and cost. We also have the highest rate of crime and violence.

What is the reason?

Could it be that three R's are not enough to educate people to lead happy, productive, successful, peaceful lives?

What Is Missing?

What has been missing from our educational system, which has caused it to fail to produce the results that were promised?

Dr. John Howard, president of Rockford College, Rockford, Ill., says religion is needed in education, to give people "the ability to find inner guidance for outer harmony."

Recognizing this most basic need, some educational authorities are now acting to remedy the situation, at least to some extent.

In Orange County, Florida—of which Orlando is the principal city—the school board has voted to permit five to seven minutes of daily devotions at the beginning of each school day.

The resolution adopted by the school board does not state that the devotional period will be required, but that it will be permitted.

The official action is intended to provide an opportunity for individual prayers and reading of the Bible by groups or individuals, followed by a salute to the flag of the United States and ending with the singing or playing of an appropriate patriotic song.

Ever since the Supreme Court ruled against prescribed prayer and Bible reading in the public schools—and many schools simply eliminated daily devotions—there have been some students and teachers who felt the need to continue to recognize God as Lord, in school or out.

One 12-year-old school girl in Boston expressed her feelings in this way:

"Now I sit me down in school
Where praying is against the rule
For this great nation under God
Finds public mention of Him odd. . . .
Praying aloud in a public hall
Upsets believers in nothing at all. . . .
But now, O Lord, this prayer I make —
Should I die in school, my soul
You'll take."

Last year, students in one New Jersey town set up a table across the street from the school building, where they went each day for a period of devotions before school.

No Neutrality Intended

There was not the slightest intention, when our country was established, that we should be neutral about God in our national life. The adoption of the motto, "In God We Trust," is proof of that.

Our pledge of allegiance to the flag contains the clear recognition of our reliance on God in the words "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

The Bible tells us, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Maybe if the fourth R in our public schools were Religion, there would be fewer students in our universities majoring in rioting.

Twenty and Forty Years Ago

THURSDAY, September 28, 1950

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hildreth Sherwood of Ewing will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with an open house Sunday, Oct. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Wood of Nicholasville celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Tuesday, Sept. 26 at Smithfield, NC. Their daughter is Mrs. J.M. Pitman of Carlisle.

William J. Curtis, 81, former state representative died at his St. Cloud, FL. home Friday night.

Mrs. Howard Irvin, Division III, Nelson Fryman and Dan E. Wells, Division II have filed in county clerk's office for election to the Nicholas County School Board.

The Johnson Memorial Convalescent Hospital opens Thursday, Sept. 28 to receive patients, with Miss Josephine B. Campbell, R.N. as operator.

Sterling Blake, Cashier of the Deposit Bank accepted the chairmanship Friday of the Nicholas County Democratic campaign on behalf of Gov. Earle C. Clements for U.S. Senator.

The 10th annual meeting of the Nicholas County Sheep Protective Association has been set for Monday night, Oct. 2, at the Masonic Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Linville and two children of West Main Street, will move to Millersburg In Oct. and Mrs. Linville will open her Beauty Shoppe there.

MERCURY VAPOURS

By Warren R. Fisher

There are those weeks when it seems I would have been a lot better off if I had just turned over and gone back to sleep instead of showing up for work, and work it's been so far.

Our woes began shortly after 1:30 p.m. Monday when Janie Duncan our Justowriter operator decided it would be to the best interests of all concerned if she

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interrupted my conservation with the Compugraphic saleaman, and it's well she did.

The main machine in the Justowriter group had a stuck escapement--now had it been a Linotype, I could have fixed it. But that glorified typewriter! Well, a hurried call to Lexington and I knew the bad news--they didn't have a serviceman, but they'd have one on the job early (9:30 a.m.). I told the lady, "But I have a newspaper to publish,!" Anyway she was polite enough to give me the location of two of their servicemen. Locating one at the Grant County High School near Dry Ridge brought the reply that he would do his best to get here Monday afternoon but he doubted if he could make it before Tuesday.

Now to make a long burp short I came out of the inner sanctum (dark photographic room to you) about 3:30 to find Junior Wilson with his head burled in the recorder. Now I know what to do, but hope I never have to do it.

Oh yes, about the salesman, that cost me too, I signed a contract for one of their photo electronic display type setting marvels. Yep it would have been cheaper not to have shown up for work Monday.

Saltwell

— By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brady were in Harrodsburg recently to see the outdoor drama, "The Legend of Daniel Boone." They also toured the State Capitol and old State Capitol in Frankfort, and saw the Apollo 11 on exhibit there.

Mrs. Allen Rule had the misfortune one day the past week to fall from a truck on their farm and receive a shoulder fracture and arm injury.

Misses Sue Livingood, Esther Gaunce and Ragena Mattox spent the past weekend with Miss Shelia Smith of the Hardy Road.

The revival at the Headquarters Church will begin on Thursday night, Oct. 1. Services each evening at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Otis Fryman of the Lair and Wagoner Chapel United Methodist Churches will be the evangelist. Rev. Tommy Fryman is the pastor. There will also be special singing each evening. The public is invited.

Marion Anderson of the Headquarters Road is confined to his home from injuries he received at the Paris Stock Yards this past Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kenney and son and Mrs. Gladys Kenney were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Mrs. Gayle Brady and Mrs. Bobby Brady attended the Licking River Hounds Hunter and Jumping Show here Saturday and were special guests at the breakfast held at the new cabin.

Mr. and Mrs. Spears Collins and Sandye, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woosley and children attended the Madison County 4-H Horse Show at Richmond on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Woosley visited his grandmother, Mrs. Arnold who is ill at her home in Little Rock, on Sunday night.

Misses Jana Snapp, Brenda Ecton, Vicki Brerz and Kathy Amburgy, all of the Carlisle area spent Friday night with Miss Nyiri Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Gaunce spent the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Gaunce and children of Ft. Thomas.

Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Fryman, Mrs. James Snapp and children were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Polaris of Mrs. Phyllis McDonald was also a guest.

Rose Hollar is not well enough to attend. Unfertilized lawns do not have this problem. Thatch is a "disease" of good lawns. How can you control it? Proper use of powered machines (rakes, vertical mowers, etc.) designed to remove thatch is probably the best solution. This material must then be raked up and removed. You can prevent a serious thatch problem by the proper use of these machines, in September or in the spring. In most cities, you can buy or rent the machines. Joint purchase by a group of neighbors may be one solution. For small lawns, special hard rakes may solve the problem. Other maintenance practices, such as proper mowing height, removing clippings, adequate but not excessive, fertilization, and liming if needed, will aid in thatch control.

Ricky Price spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Roy Price of Stoney Creek.

Miss Ragena Mattox visited Miss Sandra Cleaver on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kenney and son of Latonia spent Saturday night with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

The Headquarters Methodist Men will meet on Thursday night this week with supper at 7:00 p.m. Burgess Drake of Harrison County will be the speaker. The W.S.C.S. will also have their meeting at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jackson of Elizaville spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Snapp of Neave, Mr. and Mrs. Strother Ellis of Milford; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mattox and Mrs. Alma Withrow of Paris were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Snapp.

CASH AND DISBURSEMENTS
NICHOLAS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
FROM JULY 1, 1969 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1970

BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1969		4,646.49
RECEIPTS		
1969 tax collections - Emery Clark	8,500.25	
1969 tax collections - William Dollins	849.74	
Rent	410.00	
Jerry Bdrnaw, Clerk of Nicholas County	8.67	9,768.66
DISBURSEMENTS		
Paid to firemen for fire runs	3,584.00	
Fire Department committee salaries	360.00	
Fire hose and equipment	864.07	
Note	2,000.00	
Interest	200.00	
Insurance	687.16	
Telephone	221.40	
Truck repair	340.09	
Repair and maintenance	104.67	
Professional services	240.00	
Gas for heat	158.58	
Supplies	42.21	
Gas for fire truck	150.53	
Other	10.00	
Electric	51.96	
Water	56.20	
Newspaper notices	50.00	
Typing	7.75	
Bank service charge	2.17	9,130.79
BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1970		5,284.36
First National Bank	3,365.81	
Deposit Bank	1,918.55	
	5,284.36	

CASH DISBURSEMENTS - DETAIL
NICHOLAS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT
FROM JULY 1, 1969 THROUGH JUNE 30, 1970

Fees paid to firemen for fire runs: ($3,584.00)

Fire Chief Woodie Wilson $668.00; Frankie Hughes $430.00; Lester Snapp $203.00; Lester Green $269.00; Don Smith $289.00; Doug Garrett $257.00; John Ring $203.00; Calvin Denton $190.00; James Mitchell $168.00; Billy Flora $138.00; W.J. Alexander $92.00; David Biddle $11.00; Phil Mitchell $219.00; John Crouch $258.00; Roy Gaunce $36.00; Joe W. Crouch $76.00; Eddie Shearer $77.00.

Insurance: ($687.16)

8/22/69 Motorist Mutual Insurance Co., on Ford fire truck, $160.48; 11/1/69 Motorist Mutual Insurance Co., on Reo truck, $62.50; 11/11/69 M.C. Blair Insurance Agency, on building, $130.00; 2/16/70 Motorist Mutual Insurance Co., on Ford truck $160.48; 3/25/70 Hartford Accident Insurance, firemen's accident liability, $122.00; 5/13/70 Motorist Mutual Insurance Co., on Reo truck $62.00.

Fire Department committee salaries: ($360.00)

Billy Hunter $120.00; Roy Blount $120.00; Rubel Williams $120.00.

Fire hose and equipment: ($864.07)

2/3/70 Wiglesworth Agricultural Service, hose $140.18; 2/7/70 Home Hardware Co., 2 electric lanterns $31.40; 3/2/70 Wiglesworth Agricultural Service, fire hose $244.13; 4/11/70 Buntin's Garage, trade on chain saw $98.43; 6/5/70 Fire Equipment & Service Co., fire fighting equipment $349.91.

Note: ($2,000.00)

1/13/70 Nicholas County Fiscal Court, $2,000.00.

Interest: ($200.00)

1/13/70 Nicholas County Fiscal Court, $200.00.

Telephone: ($221.40)

City of Carlisle, $108.72; South Central Bell, $112.68.

Truck repair: ($340.09)

7/11/69 Woody's Auto Repair, fire truck repair $87.16; 11/1/69 Woody's Auto Repair, repair on Reo truck $57.54; 4/4/70 Woody's Auto Repair, Reo truck repair $24.74; 5/4/70 Woody's Auto Repair, fire truck repair $23.67; 6/5/70 Woody's Auto Repair, Reo truck repair $146.98.

Repair and maintenance: ($104.67)

7/10/69 Reid, Vice & Green, repair on building, $25.73; 1/12/70 Buddy Buckler, painting sign on building $20.00; 2/7/70 Lexington Two-Way, repair on air alarm, $13.54; 3/7/70 Woody's Auto Repair, cement sealer, $43.14; 4/4/70 Rubel Williams, state tax for cement sealer, $2.16.

Professional services: ($240.00)

11/8/69 T. . Monroe, audit $190.00; 2/10/70 Charles M. Cox, fees, bond fire de] . $50.00.

Gas for heat: (. 158.58)

City of Carlis ›, $158.58.

Supplies: ($42.21.

11/11/69 Dee - y Auto Parts, fire dept. supplies $6.49; 2/24/73 Postmaster, stamps $6.00; 5/2/70 Carlisle Drug, cleaning supplies $1.86; 5/16/70 Reid, Vice & Green, supplies $3.70; 6/5/70 Reid, Vice & Green, fire dept. supplies $24.16.

Gas for fire truck ($150.53)

7/10/69 Rex & Paul Shell $4.00; 7/12/69 Ecton's Standard Station $3.30; 8/9/69 Rex & Paul Shell $3.30; 8/14/69 Gulf Oil Service $10. 11/11/69 Green's Service Station $3.66; 11/11/69 Rex & Paul Shell $6.50; 12/3/69 Hunt's Ashland Service $5.55; 12/3/69 Hollar's Gulf Service $33.39; 12/6/69 Rex & Paul Shell Service $3.25; 12/6/69 Green's Service Station $11.00; 1/12/70 Rex & Paul Shell $4.40; 2/24/70 Hunt's Ashland Service $4.38; 3/12/70 Green's Service Station $9.55; 3/19/70 J.W. Ecton $5.00; 4/2/70 Hunt's Ashland Service $3.10; 4/11/70 Rex & Paul Shell $4.00; 5/7/70 Green's Service Station $7.10; 5/19/70 Hunt's Ashland Service $11.35; 5/13/70 Rex & Paul Shell $5.55; 6/5/70 Rex & Paul Shell $7.15; 6/6/70 Hollar's Gulf Service $5.00.

Other: ($10.00)

5/4/70 Kentucky Firemen's Association, dues $10.00.

Electric: ($51.96)

Kentucky Utilities Co. $51.96.

Water: ($56.20)

City of Carlisle, $56.20.

Newspaper notices: ($50.00)

12/3/69 Carlisle Mercury, $50.00.

Typing: ($7.75)

9/6/69 Jane Becker $3.25; 1/7/70 Jane Becker $2.00; 5/2/70 Jane Becker $2.50.

Bank service charge: ($2.17)

6/2/70 First National Bank, $2.17.

I have examined the records of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements of the Nicholas County Fire Department for the period from July 1, 1969 through June 30, 1970. All receipts were traced to the bank accounts and in addition tax collections were traced to the Tax Settlement reports as filed by the Sheriff. All disbursements were verified by the cancelled checks.

In my opinion, the accompanying statement presents fairly the Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Nicholas County Fire Department for the period from July 1, 1969 through June 30, 1970.

/s/ Theodore F. Monroe
Certified Public Accountant

Farm and Home

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at growing turf they grow too much turf, which develops into a thatch problem. Thatch is a tightly intermingled layer of living and dead stems, leaves, and roots of grass which develop between the layers of green vegetation and the soil surface. Too much thatch prevents water from penetrating the soil, makes some disease problems more severe, prevents the grass from putting down a dense root system. The reason for thatch development is not well understood. Unfertilized lawns do not have this problem. Thatch is a "disease" of good lawns. How can you control it? Proper use of powered machines (rakes, vertical mowers, etc.) designed to remove thatch is probably the best solution. This material must then be raked up and removed. You can prevent a serious thatch problem by the proper use of these machines, in September or in the spring. In most cities, you can buy or rent the machines. Joint purchase by a group of neighbors may be one solution. For small lawns, special hard rakes may solve the problem. Other maintenance practices, such as proper mowing height, removing clippings, adequate but not excessive, fertilization, and liming if needed, will aid in thatch control.

Joins Charolais Assoc.

Eugene Clinkenbeard recently became a member of the Kentucky Charolais and the Ohio Valley Charolais Associations.

MRS. PRENTICE BURGAN, Cultural Arts Chairman, is presented an American Flag by SFC Bobby Anderson, AST for Kentucky Army National Guard 2nd & 3rd Plts Co B 201 at Engr Bn, as Sgt. Joe Jennings looks on. The Flag was accepted in behalf of the Association at the Annual Bluegrass Homemakers Camp held Sept. 11-12 at the North Central 4-H Camp.

ATTENDING THE BLUEGRASS AREA HOMEMAKERS CAMP held at the North Central 4-H Center, Friday, Sept. 11 are; Mrs. Lucille Buntin, Mrs. J.M. Pitman, Mrs. J.A. Standiford, Ada Dorman, Second Row; Mrs. John Clinkenbeard, Mrs. Cleary Flightmaster, Mrs. Jack Tincher, Mrs. Thelma Fryman, Mrs. Leonard Alexander, Mrs. Reese Simon, Absent picture; Mrs. Harvey Wilson, Mrs. George Dale, Mrs. Elizabeth Barbee, Mrs. Sam Day, Mrs. Grimes Caywood, Mrs. J.R. Hamilton, Mrs. Russell Shrout and Mrs. Margie H. Wilson, County Extension Agent for Home Economics. As part of the program Friday evening, Nicholas County Homemakers presented a fashion show.

First Christian To Hold Last Service On Locust

The First Christian Church will hold its last service at the church on Locust Street on Sunday, at 10:30 a.m.

There will be a special service with Russell Alexander bringing the message.

Everyone is invited.

BLUEGRASS AREA HOMEMAKERS CAMP at the North Central 4-H Center vespers Friday, Sept. 11 are Mrs. E.A. Standiford reads the scripture and gave the devotional, Miss Sara Holroyd, professor of Music, U.K., led the group in singing. Mrs. Cleary Flightmaster is the accompanist for the area chorus; Mrs. J.M. Pitman, director. The chorus members from Nicholas County are; Mrs. Buntin, Mrs. Clinkenbeard, Mrs. Bonnie Cummins, Mrs. Alvaro Hayes and Mrs. Herman Vice.

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From the State Capitol

Agree Or Not

I Say What I Think
by E. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT--There are growing signs that a Republican primary is shaping up between Public Service Commissioner Tom Emberton and Robert Gable, the former parks commissioner, for the nomination for governor.

There was a story last week that both Gable and Emberton forces have been making overtures to Jefferson County Commonwealth Att. Edwin A. Schroering Jr. to run for attorney general on their tickets.

Schroering demonstrated his strength as a vote getter in Jefferson County by running ahead of all Republican candidates when the Democrats swept both city hall and the courthouse in last fall's election. Schroering survived the onslaught.

When Gable was asked if he had made overtures to Schroering, he said, "You read Schroering's statement in the paper, didn't you?" When pressed for further explanation, Gable said he would take the same position as Schroering, who said he would "neither confirm nor deny" the overtures had been made to him by both sides.

Gable said "Schroering has a proven record and is one that should be reckoned with" in any statewide race.

Gable also said in an interview he had been receiving much encouragement from grass roots Republicans. "They seem to want a primary." Gable said. When asked point blank if he has made up his mind to run, Gable said he was still testing sentiment across the state. "If I find the key elements present that I think may make me successful I'll run."

Gable was naturally evasive in some of his answers but the general impression he gave was that he is working hard to establish his strength with Republican candidates and that he will be a candidate.

Gable, from Stearns, heads his family's extensive coal and timber holdings at Stearns, but maintains his company office in Frankfort.

"I wouldn't do anything to interfere in the [illegible] vision of the Court of Appeals race," Gable said. He said he didn't want to resign any of the spotlight from these races that culminate in November.

Republican Circuit Judge Homer Nelkirk of Somerset is seeking election for the unexpired term of Judge Morris Montgomery who was killed last year in an automobile accident. Gov. Nunn appointed Nelkirk to the post.

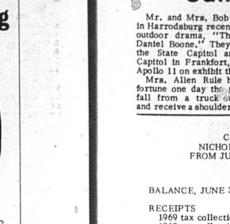
Gable is financially able to finance his own campaign.

Emberton is apparently Gov. Nunn's and the party leadership's choice.

In a closed-circuit television interview in Frankfort last week, Emberton said, "I've been very much encouraged. I found a great deal of support and not necessarily from politicians per se."

Asked if he would favor an open

A Sign of Safe Driving



Farm & Home

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENTS
Estil J. Noffsinger, Sara Swango
Mrs. Margie Wilson

WHEN RENOVATING OLD LAWNS

1. Dig out as much of the undesirable grass and weeds as you can.

2. If you have not had a soil test in the last two years, apply 50 to 75 pounds per 1000 square feet of ground limestone.

3. Apply a complete fertilizer, one containing nitrogen, phosphate, and potash. Fertilize to get one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet (two pounds if using water-insoluble sources of nitrogen). A 10-10-10 fertilizer contains 10 percent nitrogen. In order to get two pounds of actual nitrogen you would have to use 20 pounds per 1000 square feet of 10-10-10. There are many grades and analyses of fertilizers on the market. All do a good job when used properly. The so-called "specialty" fertilizers, those formulated especially for turf, are quite good and easy to use.

4. Rake bare areas to loosen soil.

5. Seed bluegrass or bluegrass-creeping red fescue mixture at the rate of 1 1/2 to two pounds per 1000 square feet. Rake to cover seed lightly. In lawns with no bare areas, do not seed, but fertilize, water, and mow properly to thicken the turf.

6. Water until seedlings become established.

7. Fertilize again in late fall.

8. Continue to mow as long as the grass grows.

Do not treat seeded areas with any herbicides. If you spot seed, then you can spot-treat with herbicides for broadleaf weed control in those areas that you did not seed in. If you do not seed, then you can control broadleaf weeds with herbicides either this fall or next spring.

A few people are so successful

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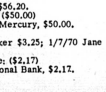
NATIONAL AWARD-WINNING SYNDICATED HOMETOWN COLUMN

THE PIED TYPER
It's Boss Talk

Who Needs Pot,
Anyone Can Become A Wino



"Wife," I said, "you can divorce me for saying this, but you have wine breath. Care to tell me about your downfall?"

"I don't be cute," she snapped. "I just had a sample of a neighbor's balloon wine."

"Balloon wine?"

"Balloon wine!"

"I have heard of tanglefoot whiskey and hairtush gin, but never balloon wine."

"You have led a sheltered life," she said.

When you are a newspaperman, you are never bored. Each day is a new adventure. And to learn your wife has been frequenting a neighbor's wine cellar is a news windfall too good to be true.

As I get it, the discovery was made in a chemistry laboratory of a southern university, where the neighbor's relative teaches. While other scientists were bogged down on new rocket fuels and cures for athlete's foot, this enterprising alchemist worked on mankind's greatest need — an easy way to make homemade wine.

He came up with balloon wine. The balloon is a method, not a flavor, so you won't get a strange like Chateau Gumshoe or anything with a rubbery bead on it.

Most winemaking is really quite scientific, with saccharometers, specific gravities and Clerez Chavez involved. Special wine grapes are grown and special wine yeasts used to get the usual stuff you uncork for your windsead friends. Balloon wine bypasses all these technicalities and puts the art of wine making within the reach of anyone with a glass jug and the patience to wait 21 days. If the results are not quite up to 1961 Chateau Margaux, it is at least potable, and who knows what wine tastes like after the sixth glass?

Before the run on the stores, you sneak out and get a can (about 13 ounces) of frozen grape concentrate and a 10-cent balloon. If the storekeeper wants to know why a grown adult is buying a 10c balloon, tell him you've started a drunkometer clinic and he can be your first customer.

Now get yourself a one-gallon glass jug and fill it with water to the jug's shoulder. Into it dump the thawed concentrate, 4½ cups of sugar and one package of dry yeast and stir up the mess. Tie the balloon over the opening of the jug and let it stand at room temperature for 21 days. If the balloon deflates sooner, the wine is ready. And if the balloon blows off, don't panic. Merely replace it.

Great conversation piece and if you want to get technical about it, you're participating in the age-old miracle that turns innocuous grape juice into the living fluid that cheers. When I suggested to my preacher he might brew up a batch and use it in the communion ceremony, he reminded me the church treasury would not stand the taxi fares to take the whole congregation home.

Balloon wine has come on big in our town. It has brought families back together. They used to fight over television programs, go to card parties, or slip out of town to see adult movies. Now they all sit around the kitchen tables watching their wine ferment.

In three weeks, if you want an expert's opinion, call our house. The family winetaster makes house calls.

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Back in 1899, a yellow rivulet wire hometown newspaper, the Abbeville, La., Meridional, about a way to raise money for the church that beats bingo by a country mile. As soon as we can bring a few more beauties into our church, I intend to propose this kind of benefit.

This is the way this Louisiana reader described it:

"A friend of mine who has been traveling recently in the country said he had lots of fun there on his trip. He says they have introduced hugging societies to swell the church treasury, and the following scale of prices may interest readers generally.

"Girls under 16, 15 cents for a hug of two minutes, or 10 cents for a shorter squeeze; from 16 to 20 years of age, 60 cents; from 20 to 25 years of age, 75 cents; school marms, 40 cents; another man's wife, $1; widows, according to looks, $1 to $10; old maids, three cents each or two for a nickel and no time limit.

"Preachers are not charged and editors may pay in advertising, but are not allowed to participate until everybody else has got through and even then are not allowed to squeeze anything except old maids and school marms."

Wouldn't you know the poor editor would be censured, even when he is just trying to be neighborly.

-tpt-

When you are an authority on practically everything, you get called on to settle some pretty heady disputes, like the one that flared up at the general store the other evening.

One of the boys said you could look at a pig's tail and determine how healthy the critter was. Another claimed-it all depended on which way the pig's tail curled. Not having spent much time lately pigtail watching, I was the logical one to answer the question: Which way does a pig's tail curl — to the left or right?

Some authorities say the pig's tail should curl clockwise in the northern hemisphere and counter-clockwise in the southern hemisphere — or maybe it was vice-versa. This theory obviously doesn't hold much water because tidal waves are not considered and, besides, a pig doesn't know whether he is in the northern or southern hemisphere.

A pig's tail is curved either way without his knowledge and a pig has too much sense to organize his life around a clock. He is too concerned with what his front end can take in to worry about what his rear end is doing.

Those authorities apparently felt the Coriolis Force had a twisting effect on a pig's tail. The Coriolis Force works like this. Supposing you went bowling one night and got lost in the fog and ended up standing on a platform at the North Pole looking south. The world is whirling eastward at your feet at an unbelievable speed and you conclude that is the wildest bowling alley you ever saw, but are willing to give it whirl.

So you uncork a perfect strike ball straight south. You are amazed to notice the earth's spin puts english on your ball and it travels in an arc, say from Barrow into Tokyo and swinging back in for a perfect strike at the south pole.

A man standing on a fixed platform on the south pole, who bowled toward the north pole might also hit dead on, but his ball would curve way off to the left. Then there is a thing called friction, which Barbel and STP have not been able to conquer on bowling alleys like these.

This is why hurricanes always travel to the right of the north pole bowlers and to the left of south pole bowlers. Which is a good thing to know if you expect to get sponsored by a beer company.

Unfortunately, the effect on pigs' tails has not been sufficiently studied. A man has to make up his mind to watch the rear end of a pig, or the movement of the earth, to become knowledgeable on the subject.

Anyhow, in either hemisphere it is hard to pin down the swirl of a pig's tail. It would seem to depend on whether the pig was going north or south, and from which direction the Coriolis Force was pushing.

If you have to study a pig's tail, I suggest you start on the upwind side.

Onward, upward.