MERCURY VAPOURS

By Warren R. Fisher

Then there's the one, and a true one at that, of the young mother talking to her daughter over the telephone; "But dear I can't tell how your brownies are going to turn out, I can't smell over the telephone."

--MV--

People turn to their NEWSpaper when about to buy.

--MV--

There's a song named "Saturday Morning Confusion" and it's for the birds as far as I am concerned. But you should have seen the confusion caused when the "local yokels" turned a state road marker sign around on Main Street. Tourists using the U.S. 68 detour weren't finding it easy to get out of town.

Probably the only way they'll be able to keep the sign pointing in the right direction is to set it in concrete on a case-hardened post high enough so the pranksters can't reach it.

--MV--

George Washington probably would not be able to toss that silver dollar across the river today, 'cause a buck won't go that far anymore.

--MV--

Most credit associations consider a debt 90 days old to be worth only 67 cents on the dollar. Then the account must be practically nil. But I'd still like to collect some of our 90-day and over accounts.

an organized, supervised, practice after school or driving around the county in a car. Statistics on injuries are highly in favor of the organized sport.

We also hear that "our son has to work and house tobacco". So do a great number of boys on the team. Coach Hampton realizes this must be done and can be worked in with practice.

John E. Soper Jr.
President

Kimball Booth
Vice-President
Nicholas County Booster Club

LETTERS from our readers

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Enclosed, my check for $5.00 for a one year subscription to the Mercury. I've spent many happy months in and around Carlisle and enjoy reading about friends and relatives there.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Louis E. Chambers
Edmond, Okla. 73034

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Each year at this time Nicholas County High School has the same problem--getting a sufficient number of boys out for football. In 1970 there were only 18 boys out for practice in August, in 1969 only 14. Since August is the month for conditioning and fundamentals it is important that they get out at the start of practice. (By the 5th game last year we had a squad of 33 boys).

The Nicholas County High School Boosters Club is trying to help our new coach, Paul Hampton, with recruiting. The most common excuse from the boys--"my parents don't want me to play--they're afraid of injuries". It is true there can be injuries, but so can there be in basketball, baseball and cars. Nicholas County High School's most serious injury last year was in basketball. Consider this--would you rather have you son in

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Guest Editorial-*A Satire*

10 Reasons Not To Go Out For The Football Team

1. It requires sacrifice--you don't need training in this-we have great welfare programs and someone else will do the sacrificing.

2. You must practice--this takes time away from auto driving, courting and other entertaining sports.

3. You learn discipline--this is bad for you since most football players never demonstrate or start a riot.

4. Gets you in good physical shape--why do this when you can get a set of "wheels" and go anywhere. Also if you get too strong Dad might want you to help in the hayfield.

5. You have to develop team work and that's for horses, not people.

6. It develops leadership--who needs them? Everybody should do the same thing.

7. Causes school spirit--but this is not as much fun as talking about what the players should have done.

8. It cuts down on your ability to communicate--you'll probably quit telling people how "tough" you are.

9. It cuts down on "wrecks"--the coach won't let you drive a car through the line or even around end. At night, probably all you're going to do is "drag" off to bed.

10. Finally, you get out of practice in making "excuses". Most people that work and accomplish something are "loway" at making excuses.

Wants Much, Gives Little

It is becoming quickly apparent that Winton M. Blount, the Postmaster General who now heads the U.S. Postal Service, is a lot better at asking than he is at giving.

In the giving department he promises only that an efficient, reliable postal service may be five years and another rate increase away.

At the asking end he wants the public to be patient.

What he asks from newspapers is laid out by our friend Ben E. Boone the Third, in his Todd County Standard, Elkton, with the following open letter:

Dear Mr. Blount:

We have been requested by a number of county postmasters, at your instructions, to publicize the newly formed profit-making corporation, the U.S. Postal Corp., whose purpose is to make a profit for the U.S. Government, with service to date secondary.

Since we don't plan to make a profit--we will accept any advertising you might care to submit at our regular rate of $1.12 per column inch to promote "the U.S. Postal Service Corp." Especially now do we desire additional advertising revenue since we already have had to pay one 20 percent increase and face four more in the same amount for an approximate 120 percent jump in a five year period.

We realize that miracles cannot be accomplished overnight, but do recognize the fact that rates on every mail user can be increased arbitarily overnight. In fact, the only thing we can see that has been accomplished is that the employee's new emblems are misleading. They no longer wear the Pony Express symbol but have replaced it with some type of shield. However on May 26 we mailed a package to Denver, Col., and it was delivered June 12, only 4 days later, so you must have gone back to the Pony Express as an economy move.

The postmasters in Todd County are all faithful, hard-workers and efficient employees of the new super-corporation and as a personal favor to them--we were tempted to publicize something that is a "will of the wisp" untried dream. But then we realized we charged advertising to our many, many other advertisers who are trying to make a living, and that it would be unfair to give another free-enterprise profit-making corporation free ad space.

Editor, Carlisle Mercury:

Please print this letter as an open letter:

Dear Mrs. Jarber:

May I call you Miss Evans, as that is how I remember you most? It doesn't seem like it, but it has been 31 years ago that you coached me into singing an operette called "Sun Bonnet Sally and Overall Jim". Thirty one years ago the sound of applause told me what I was here for and what I wanted in life. The warm sound of applause since has followed me in a career of Theatre, Supper Clubs and television from New York's Broadway, San Francisco, Canada, London, Italy, Alaska, Norway, Holland, Ireland and Japan. And it all began with you and a gift from God.

Now I understand you think it is time for you to tuck away the Hickory stick and place the books on the shelf and fade away. You cant. You've seen too many of us thru darkness, happiness, downs and success and have become too important for you to leave us now. I know we don't always write you or call you or stop by to say hello, but that doesn't mean we don't have you placed safely in our memories and hearts.

If I could make but one wish, it would be that your name and you remain as a pillar of light in our community for as long as time is.

What I have tried yieldingly to say is, "Miss Evans, Miss Jarber or Miss Leona, you will always be in the hearts of those you have come in contact with.

So here's to you as teacher, Sunday School superintendant and neighbor, thanks for "Sun Bonnet Sally and Overall Jim" and most of all for your undying love. Even tho Booker T. Washington Grammer school is no more, you are what it stood for, and will always be to those who past thru.

God Bless,

Orlando White,

and all the many pupils you have started toward the world, and what their God might will.

National Award-Winning Hometown Column

THE PIED TYPER

By Bess Maly

"Talk, talk, talk," says a man to his wife, over morning coffee. "You're all talk."

Sound familiar? Actually nope. We don't really talk very much at all -- and it's a good thing we don't because we don't listen very well either. Fact is, people are pretty inefficient verbal communicators.

Take all the words you speak during an average day, lay them end to end, and you have only 10 to 11 minutes of talk, according to a Temple University anthropologist. What's more, your sentences average only 2½ seconds in length.

Of course, this fellow may be basing his findings on the way they talk in Texas, such as "Howdy, podnuh," and "We'll head 'em off at the pass," and "Reach, you mangy coyote," and "Gittyup."

I have contended that breakfast time is no time for idle yapping. Man is an animal who needs to yawn, stretch, rinse the blah taste out of his mouth, get his eyeballs unclouded and slowly bring the world into focus before he is ready to make any noise above a low growl.

A fellow reads a paper at breakfast to muffle the sound coming at him from across the table and because he learns 83 per cent through sight and only 11 per cent through hearing. He will remember only 20 per cent of what he hears (less from his wife), but will retain 50 per cent of what he sees.

Moral: if you want to wake up and learn something worth remembering, tell your wife to shut up while you read the newspaper.

--tpt--

From Seamus O'Farrell's column in the Nationalist, of Carlow, Oreland, came this:

Death is no laughing matter, yet people will continue making jokes about it when their own relatives are not involved. The late Canon Hayes used to tell a story about the weeping widow who, as she was being led from the cemetery, heard a neighboring farmer, himself a bachelor, try to comfort her by offering to take the place of the departed spouse "as soon as would seem decent." Between her sobs the woman replied: "You are too late, Paddy, I am already promised to the man who shaved him." Even though it was a priest who told it I doubt if the tale was true.

A Canadian businessman whom I met recently had quite a different sort of story to relate about one of his own country women. She, as was the custom in her neighborhood, got the remains of her husband cremated, then had the ashes inserted into a glass egg timer, saying, "At least I will be able to make him work," as she gave the thing a twist.

--tpt--

"You take these scales and weigh all your food . . ." my wife was telling me how this Weight Watchers Club routine goes.

"I always weigh my food," I told her. "Anything I can't pick up with a fork I don't put in my mouth." She ignored me.

"It's a diet strong on proteins," she continued.

"If it tastes anything like spinach, I won't like it."

"Men can join, too," she said. This was to let me know the outfit was complying with federal desegregation laws, I guess. Don't know any other reason for a man joining one of those gathering of the lard weights.

If I wanted to lose some weight, which I don't because I see nothing alarming about the slight shift of muscles in my midsection, I'd go the martinis and whipped cream way.

This comes from a book called How To Grow Slim With Martinis and Whipped Cream, which tells you that you can have your cake and eat it. Something I have been doing all along. The book is a thing the menfolks can understand. It promises you can enjoy a hearty breakfast, a midmorning coffee break, a Madison Avenue lunch, an afternoon cocktail hour, a gourmet dinner and a TV snack and still remain slender.

You reduce without drugs or pills, fatiguing exercises, starvation meals or even straining the will power. Your weight loss will be permanent and its author must have been an embalmer.

The fellow who dreamed up this reducing plan has to be smart as a government mule. When you tell people they can stash away the frankfurters and fried eggs and top it off with whipped cream, custard desserts, ice cream and cocktails and still see their shoe laces, baby, you have built yourself a better mousetrap.

The book says "this revolutionary reducing plan is linked to a low cholesterol count, better skin condition, resistance to colds, freedom from minor aches and pains, increased virility and a 15 to 25% longer life span."

I haven't heard a pitch like this since a medicine wagon rolled into town many years ago carrying a big batch of bottled sump water and one very glib peddler. He promised about the same results, and a few swigs from one of his bottles and you had the feeling it was all happening to you.

Maybe this book fellow has discovered my secret for keeping trim and wants to blab it to everyone. Actually, I don't mix martinis and whipped cream. You could turn into a slim lush with a milky breath and that is the worst kind.

Semper fidelis.

Breakfast is no time for idle talk

Farm & Home

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

BLUE GRASS FAIR

Nicholas County received the following awards for their Blue Grass Fair exhibits:

Clothing: Rita Richardson-blue; Mary Platt-red; Ginger Myers-blue; Mary Cohorn-blue; Ragena Mattox-red; Betty Ishmael-red; Ann Kingsolver-blue; Sheila Jones-blue; Virginia Thackerwhite.

Foods: Karen Garrett-red.

Woodcraft: Rachel Booth-blue; Paul Garett-red.

Home Furnishings: Jenny Huntblue; Rachel Booth-red.

Electric: Mary Cohorn-blue and class champion; Mike Cohornblue.

Entomology: Steve Tolson-white.

FOODS JUDGING

4-H foods members can participate in the Area 4-H Foods Judging event to be conducted on Friday, August 13 at the University of Kentucky Agricultural Science Center, Room A-6.

Registration begins at 9:45 a.m, and the event will conclude at 2:00 p.m.

4-H junior and senior club members will receive subject matter training and then they will select the best food buy in the following divisions:

Juniors (Age 9-14)--Prepared Foods (pizza), Buying Eggs, Buying Milk and Choosing the Foods, Buying Vegetables, Buying Meat, Home Canned Vegetables and Nutritious Snacks Quiz.

4-H members must participate in this area or a county training to be eligible for State Foods Judging. Members and leaders are invited to attend. For more information, call the County Extension Office, 289-2312.

20 and 40 Years Ago

Thursday, August 9, 1951

A total of 1333 democratic votes were cast in Saturday's primary, a somewhat larger number than most political observers predicted, in the state representative race, Joseph T. Snapp, defeated William W. Blanton; Larry Tucker defeated W. Marvin Davis for Commonwealth's attorney. Gov. Lawrence Wetherby was Nicholas County's choice over Howell Vincent.

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court on Aug. 1, elected Everett M. Smith as a director to the Nicholas County Hospital board. Mr. Smith replaces John Hamilton, whose term expires Sept. 1, 1951.

Nicholas County's first agricultural agent, Mr. Shirley W. Anderson was given a six acre farm in Jefferson County by friends Saturday in appreciation of his 25 years service as county agent.

Dee Briggs, Spring Street, is retiring after 40 years of service with the L&N Railroad.

David Baker, Jimmie Judge and Joe Blount have been selected to represent the Nicholas County FFA as a dairy judging team. They will judge in the Flemingsburg Junior Dairy Show, Aug. 17 and the State Fair in Louisville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sosby, Mrs. Marion Mathers and Miss Beulah Hughes left Monday on a motor trip to Washington D.C. and other points of interest.

Mrs. Ewell Clinkenbeard and Mrs. James Cassidy entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of their father.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Parker E. Springer, a daughter, Belinda Sue, July 28, in Dayton, Ohio.

DIED--Mrs. A. E. Tandy, 78, Wednesday.--William Dorsey Rogers, 65, Friday at his home in Robertson County.--Mrs. Fisher Greene Smith, Wednesday.

August 6, 1931

Mayor Veach has requested The Mercury to urge consumers of water to conserve the supply as much as possible. Supt. Joe Clay reports that there is very little more water in the reservoir lake at present than there was at this time last year.

Tom Clark, well known colored man, died Monday and was buried Wednesday. "Uncle Tom" combined horse-doctoring with odd jobs about town and was well and favorably known.

Sheriff D.M. Curry reports the collection up to Wednesday noon of $4,250 in taxes.

R.L. Norton has one of the finest fields of Burley in the state and prospects for excellent seed.

The placing of a string of lights, similar to that used in the square is being urged by many Carlisle merchants, who realize how much the placing of lights in the three squares from Elm to Walnut streets will aid the appearance of the town.

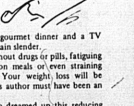
Deputy Sheriff Clark Leer went to Williamsburg, Ohio, Saturday and returned with Allen Smith, who is charged with the theft of a car from Byram Snelling.

The construction company working on the Fields Highway will scarify the uncompleted road between Moorefield and the Bethel corner, before beginning hauling over this strip.

Fiscal court meets in regular session Thursday.

Miss Clara Shaw, a popular teacher of this county and a daughter of Mr. Hord Shaw entered the local hospital suffering with what is thought to be typhoid fever.

MARRIED--Miss Hazel Belland Mr. Boyd Hamilton, July 3, in Georgetown.



The way the legislators spend our tax money makes you think they are using a credit card.--John H. Gilgour, Tri-County (Mo.) News.

The trouble with staying home from work is that you have to drink coffee on your own time.--Ray Savage, The Thermopolis (Wyo.) Independent Record.

Saltwell

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. David Masters and sons of Zenia, Ohio spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stone and son. The boys remained for a visit with the Stones.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell of Paris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaunce and family.

Miss Ethel Mattox entered the Nicholas County hospital on Friday for treatment and remains a patient there.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gum and sons fo Headquarters visited Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gaunce and children of Sunrise on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mattox of Lexington and Brenda Mattox of New York City, N.Y. were Sunday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar, Mrs. Ramona Sowell and Mike and Tracey Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Delaney, Mrs. James Snapp and children, Jeff and Jana Snapp spent Sunday with Mrs. Nora Burris of Covington.

Norma Jean Gaunce spent the weekend with Mrs. Hallie Stanfield and family of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Mrs. Herbert Blakeman and daughters, Dana and Penney of Lexington and guests Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pennie of Northern Ireland and Miss Frances Barlow were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. M. T. Kennedy and Martha and Daley Kennedy. Mr. and Mrs. Pennie will leave for their home on Wednesday.

Mrs. Alice Marie Gaunce and Martin Feeback of Carlisle visited Mrs. Fred Hollar on Tuesday.

Mrs. Vella Ritchie and Miss Hallie Griffin of Carlisle spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Kenney and children of Louisville were Tuesday supper guests of Mrs. Gladys Kenney and guests Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Kenney and Dale and Clellie Kenney of Elwin, Ill.

Mrs. Chester Mattox visited Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ward of Paris on Tuesday evening.

Miss Vella Hollar of Detroit, Mich., is visiting Mrs. Russell Ritchie in Carlisle.

Mrs. Huddie Snapp was in Lexington on Tuesday to consult with her doctor. Her condition is good.

Mr. and Mrs. True Gill of Lexington visited her sister, Mrs. Alice Marie Gaunce of Carlisle on Tuesday.

Mrs. Roy J. Snapp and son, Eddie and Paula Crutcher of Cincinnati spent Friday night and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp. Roy J. Snapp also joined them on Sunday and they all attended the Kenney reunion at Woodlawn Park in Lexington.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Kenney and grandchildren, Dale and Clellie Kenney and Mrs. Gladys Kenney visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Mike Sowell on Wednesday night for cake and ice cream supper.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney, Myrtl Hollar, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Kenney and grandchildren were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kenney and son Guy of Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gaunce of Mt. Olivet visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaunce and family on Saturday evening.

Jennifer and Scott Stigall of North Middletown spent Sunday with Mrs. Rose Wells and Miss Jessica McCree.

Miss Dunn Represents Class

Miss Mary Dunn, graduating sophomore from Midway Junior College, helped the Alumnae Association with one of their projects, On Honors Night, May 21. Miss Dunn who represented her class, presented president Albert Cox with a $228 gift toward auditorium sound equipment.

Vacation Bible School

The Moorefield Methodist and Christian Churches will hold their Vacation Bible School from Aug. 9 to Aug. 14 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. nightly. The Annual Vacation Bible School and the entire congregations of both Churches.

Doug Garrett, at left, and Frank Buckler, General Electric Service Technicians, are shown working on a GE Automatic Washer transmission. These young men have attended special General Electric Service Schools and are qualified to repair all GE white goods. Repair on GE stero, tv and radio is handled by Charlie Gates. Call 289-2308.

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