'For The Night Comes...'

An anonymous author wrote the following lines many years ago. Now more than ever they constitute a keynote for successful living. They might be called a "spiritual strategy".

"The Lord has given to every man his work. It is his business to do it, and the devil's business to hinder him if he can. As sure as God has given you a work to do, Satan will try to hinder you. He may present other things more promising. He may allure you by worldly prospects, he may assault you with slander, torment you with false accusations, set you to work defending your character, employ pious persons to lie about you, editors to assail you, and excellent men to slander you. You may have Pilate and Herod, Annas and Caiaphas all combined against you, and Judas standing by ready to sell you for thirty pieces of silver.

"But keep about your work. Do not flinch because the lion roars; do not stop to stone the devil's dogs. Do your work. Let liars lie, let the devil do his worst; but see to it that nothing hinders you from fulfilling the work that God has given you.

"He has not sent you to make money. He has not commanded you to get rich. He has never bidden you to defend your character. He has not set you to work to contradict falsehood which Satan and his servants may start to peddle. If you do these things, you will do nothing else; you will be at work for yourself and not for the Lord.

"Keep about your work. Let your aim be as steady as a star. Let the world brawl and bubble. You may be assaulted, wronged, insulted, slandered, wounded and rejected; you may be abused by foes, forsaken by friends and despised and rejected of men. But see it with steadfast determination, with unfaltering zeal, that you pursue the great purpose of your life and object of your being, until at last you can say 'I have finished the work you gave me to do.'"

Good Citizenship

A top business leader has called upon businessmen to stand up and be counted and to reaffirm their belief in free enterprise. A portion of his remarks went far beyond the narrow field of business when he said, "Many observers have noted the recent growth of a group of critics who have launched, and have pressed, an assault on the reputation of America -- the damage they do is greatest among our young, who are no longer even given the time to judge our system by their own experience. Instead, their ideals are aborted, at an age and often in a place -- in our schools -- where ideals ought to be instilled rather than destroyed.

"The current disparagement of America holds many ironies. One is that the country is criticized for the relatively narrow area of shortcomings without credit for the broad range of achievement. The nation is credited less with a superior system of public higher education than it is criticized for making it freely available to all, even the unqualified. The nation is credited less with an incomparable transportation system than it is faulted for its traffic jams. The nation is credited less with having two thirds of its families own their own homes than it is condemned for its slums... some who criticize our system would substitute other systems that have fallen far short of ours."

Much of today's criticism is aimed not at improving American institutions but at destroying America. Businessmen who perceive the trend have an obligation to speak up. Their obligation is not merely a matter of good business, but a matter of good citizenship.

MERCURY VAPOURS

By Warren R. Fisher

The illustration pictured at right was swiped from Larry Stone's column called Mulbergers in the Central City Times-Argus. Whether or not publisher Norfleet directed such a monument to himself has not been verified, but we couldn't resist passing this chuckle along to our readers.

Speaking of friendly young Stone, seems there was an epistle around here addressed to Kay's Kitchen, saying of all things, I don't mind your being a better cook than I am, but when you catch bigger fish than I do. . .well, sir, you just misread that outline. My wife is holding the fish that I caught. But, Oh boy, it sure tasted good baked with its tummy full of parsley dressing. mmmh!

This is a picture of a monument which Andrew Jackson Norfleet, editor and publisher of the Russell Springs Times-Journal, has erected to himself.

National Award-Winning Hometown Column

THE NO MR.

By Russ Metz

My favorite Greek philosopher, Parenthesis, was the first to notice the one-way traits of youth and expounded on it in his Oracles on the Crock. But Athenians said Parenthesis was off his crock and this piece of philosophy was buried in the ruins of the Acropolis for generations.

Parenthesis didn't need Mt. Olympus to erupt on him to make the point. He found that a gurgle of wine now and then made his philosophy flow easier so he got into the habit of sending street urchins down to the winery each day to fill his crock.

One day he woke up and found himself up to his hocks in crocks and it was then he discovered that youth has a one-track mind. They had been toting the juice to him on cue, juice made under the light of a new moon while chanting magic incantations like:

Toil and worry,
Tongue feels furry;
Trouble, trouble,
Seeing double.
Nerves and lizzards,
Burns through gizzards;
A wful, awful.
Quite unlawful.

A lot of bottles were used in speakeasies, until they found out it was more fun to drink out of ladies' slippers, which gave the stuff an earthy flavor.

At one time, Washington got involved in recycling crockery when it found itself up to its dome in teapots. An enterprising buddy of President Harding found they were just dandy for peddling government oil to big tycoons and he might have gotten away with it except tea drinkers began to come up without a pot to tea in and screamed about it.

A company is now experimenting with broken bottles made into road surfacing material. It's called glasphalt and they have a process that takes the edge off the broken bottles because it is hard to get a tax stamp to stick on them the second time around. The booze boys, however, have given their empties a little more character. They came out with limited editions of fancy decanters worth more than the grog inside them. So, instead of ending up in the basement or garage, these empties are kept in living room cabinets unless the preacher is coming.

We didn't have a bottle problem during prohibition, which was brought on by the drys, who wore tall hats and carried umbrellas and broke all the bottles they could reach. The wets were not amused by this dry humor and collected all the bottles they could find and filled them with home brew and spook juice made under the light of a new moon while chanting magic incantations like:

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A company is now experimenting with broken bottles made into road surfacing material. It's called glasphalt and they have a process that takes the edge off the broken pieces. They're selling their surplus to nervous Indian fakirs, who have tender backsides.

It has been said that Americans are known for the bottles they keep. If this is true, a lot can be said about our family.

-tpt-

For you people with rough hands, an editor of 60 years ago offered this advice: Take a pair of old gloves a size or more too large. Rub a good cold cream to your hands every night after having thoroughly washed and dried them.

Put the gloves on and keep them on all night. Don't skimp on the cold cream, but put on more than you think necessary. For strengthening and softening nails and curing hangnails, you will find the following formula better than biting them:

White vaseline, one ounce; pulverized white castile soap, 60 grains; oil of rose, sufficient to perfume. This is employed for softening the nails, curing hangnails and generally making your hands more beautiful.

If you don't happen to have cold cream, fear not. Stir yourself up a batch of homemade cream with this: Pure wax, one ounce; spermaceti, two ounces; almond oil, half pint. Melt these together by gentle heat, then add: glycerine, three ounces; oil of roses, 12 drops. Stir until cold, then let the mixture settle.

Seems to me, if you are willing to go through all this for a jar of cold cream, there is one place you won't need to apply it.

On your noodle. It has already begun to soften.

-tpt-

Anyone who has ever tangled with a skunk is bound to be curious about where pet shops get those smelly critters to sell as pets. One of those places is from New Harp, Texas, the skunk capitol of the Lone Star State.

You can't hardly get there from here, but when you get to Uz, where there will be some burros grazing in a little pasture by the town well, you turn right and follow the gravel road into downtown New Harp, easily recognized by all the wrecked cars and hound dogs.

The last I heard, John Anderson was New Harp's most famous varmint catcher. He had for many years supplied pet shops and zoos all over the world with descented skunks. Most of these were skunks caught in the wild state, an endeavor which often rendered Mr. Anderson socially unacceptable for long spells even when he attempted to remove the aroma of skunk spray by bathing in tomato juice.

He might be called the original inside man at the skunk works because he also has a skunk ranch where he grows his own. At one time he was supplying many customers, including pet shops in London and Tokyo, with some critters at $12.50 a head or a dozen for $100, defused that is.

Skunks are pretty independent cusses. They can afford to be. They invented tear gas. That's why so many skunks are killed by automobiles. They don't figure anything is going to get that close to them.

Homemakers will thank me for this recipe of a rare delicacy -- cooked skunk.

First skin the varmint. Fur is too hard to digest. Then remove the scent sac and entrails. If your stomach is still hanging in there, you're in like Flinn.

Cut him into sizes suitable for the platter and parboil in soda water for about 30 minutes. This is sort of an embalming operation to preserve the flavor and aroma. Then put him in butter or bacon grease until brown. And there you have it.

And, I might add, you sure can.

Semper fidelis.

20 and 40 Years Ago

Thursday, June 28, 1951

The committee chairmen working on the VFW Fourth Homecoming are as follows. Cliff White, chairman of the celebration. Bingo, Keller Hughes; Refreshment Stand, Teddy Poe; Dances, Bill Powers; Dog Show, Ed Sanders; Fireworks, Frank Stone; Decorating, Junior Buntin.

The National Guard offers unlimited opportunities to 17-year-olds, according to W.R. Buntin Jr., National Guard recruiting officer.

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court released the county budget for the coming year. It was passed and approved Friday by the State Finance Department. The biggest expenditure is the Highway fund, $86,751.

Electricity went off in Carlisle and the county Monday morning between 9;48 and 10:15, a total of 27 minutes.

Fire swept through the six-room house of Mr. and Mrs. William Bussell, 344 West Main Street, Monday at 12;15 p.m. The rear of the house and the upstairs apartment were damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Alexander entertained with a picnic supper at their home on Eastern Avenue, Sunday night.

The following Carlisle girls are taking swimming lessons at Joyland Park: Judy Galbraith, Kay Irvin, Pat May, Patricia Clark, Rebecca Barlow, Wanda Lawrence, Linda Rye and Ann Clark.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. John Argo, Barterville, a son, June 27.--To Mr. and Mrs. Herachel Taylor, Huntington, W. Va., a son, Herschel Jr.--To Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall, a daughter, Georgia Kay.

MARRIED--Miss Loretta Sparks Fryman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Fryman, to Paul Glenn Curtis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Curtis, at Robertson County, June 23 in Paris.--Miss Patsy Ruth Wills, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Wills, to Jimmie Blu Gaunce, Saturday.

DIED--Herman Eubanks, 62, Wednesday in Covington.--David Nelson Sivis, 67, Monday at Nicholas County Hospital.--Mrs. Annabel Lee Burns, Tuesday in Knoxville.--J.D. Gaunce, 64, June 23.--Miss Marie Gibson Smith, Sunday.

Thursday, June 25, 1931

Harry L. James qualified in county court Monday as the executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Florence W. Leer, no bond being required.

While his theatre is closed for the Chautauqua, G.A. Duncan, proprietor of the Lyric Theatre, is improving his ticket office and making other improvements.

Rollie Scott suffered three badly mangled fingers Wednesday morning while at work in the shop of Dorsey Bros. and Fisher when his hand came in contact with a joiner.

Mrs. N.P. Scott has in her possession a Spanish dollar bearing the date 1809 which is well preserved. The coin bears the likeness of King Ferdinand VII on one side.

For the fourth time in quarterly county Monday morning a jury trying the case of Mrs. Mae Kenney against Harvey Kenney for $80 alleged due on a cow, was unable to agree. This case has been tried four times, the juries being unable to agree. It will be tried again Monday morning.

Mrs. Beasie Wilson will be superintendent of the Redpath Chautauqua this year and Miss DeLeahy will be in charge of the Junior Town activities.

Homer W. Smith qualified in county court Saturday as executor of the estate of the late Mrs. Ollie Tilton and executed bond of $3,000. R.M. Smith, J.W. Parker, and T.C. Asbury were appointed appraisers of the estate.

Some farmers throughout the county are cutting their wheat and rye this week. The crop is said to be one of the best grown in several years but the acreage is small.

BORN--Rev. and Mrs. S.H. Cunningham are parents of a daughter, born on Sunday, June 21 at their home on Chestnut Street. She has been named Doris Jean.

MARRIED--Miss Sarah Elberta Dawson, Lexington, and Mr. Charles Franklin Dailey, Norwood, Ohio, June 13 in Lexington.--Miss Evelyn Swango Henry, Winchester, and Dr. Howard Hicks Campbell, Thursday afternoon near Winchester.

DIED--Mrs. Florence Leer, 70, at her home near Millersburg on the 18th following a four week illness. Mrs. Price Bell, at her home on the Lower Jackstown Pike, on the 21st following a long illness. Mrs. Ollie Trigg Tilton, 93, at her home on Maple Street on the 18th after an illness of several weeks.

TO THE RESCUE

We asked for information on a photograph which was published last week of a Holstein cow and her calf--we got it, but fast.

Roger Womack clued us. He had a print in his office. Then Mrs. Alton Kerns called last Thursday and reminded us that the calf was the first born of an artificially bred cow in Nicholas County, and belonged to Hobart Jones of near Myers. Mrs. Billy Jones stopped by Joanie Conley's house also on Thursday to say the holstein belonged to her father-in-law, Hobart Jones. And that she was living on the Jones farm when the picture was taken. On Friday Lucien Robinson of Mt. Oliver Route 2 came in and as he put it, "I have a hazy recollection that the picture was made in the early '50's." The breeding was done by technicians with the Kentucky Artificial Breeding Association and they would have been the late Dean Auxier and Alton Kerns. And why not contact Stanley Alexander who lives near Carl Ishmael. Well guess we became engrossed in other matters 'cause we never got around to contacting Mr. Alexander, but we do wish to thank those people for taking the trouble to refresh our memory.

--MV--

"It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do, for which we are accountable."--Moller

--MV--

BANK NOTE

More than 13,000 commercial banks in the United States employ half a million men and women.

Agree Or Not

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT--While the political spotlight will be on the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor until the November election, there are candidates for seven other constitutional offices that deserve sincere consideration of the electorate.

Here are the nominees, with the Democrat listed first and the Republican second.

Governor--Wendell H. Ford, Tom Emberton.

Lt. Governor--Julian Carroll, Jim Host.

Sec. of State--Thelma Stovall, Ken Harper.

Atty. General--Ed Hancock, Edwin Schroering.

State Auditor--Mary Louise Foust, Robert Miller.

Agriculture Commissioner--Wendell P. Butler, Ben Allen Burns.

Clerk Court of Appeals--Mrs. Frances Jones Mills, Douglas Moseley.

Superintendent of Public Instruction--Lyman V. Ginger, Mrs. Jewell Hamilton.

State Treasurer--Drex Davis, Dick Vermillion.

Both Ford and Emberton were in Washington last week talking to Kentucky Congressional delegation of their respective parties. Emberton also went to Delaware to talk with Gov. Russell Patterson, and also on to New York to talk with leaders there.

They'll be cranking their campaigns into high gear next week that should provide a whirlwind finish the last week in October, just before the voting Nov. 2.

Voters will be deluged with a lot of platitudes from the candidates with the usual pledge of no new taxes generally, but both candidates have indicated they will ask the legislature to levy a severance tax on minerals.

Ford limits his to coal only while Emberton's promise would also cover oil and natural gas.

Education also will be an issue, but both candidates can be expected to shy away from spelling out in detail how much more of the general fund they expect to plow into this field. Since it also carries a connotation of more taxes.

Both are expected to contend they can carry out the state's program from the natural growth and the added revenue.

Don't look for either to take a stand on the controversial 1965 rollback tax law. They'll avoid any promise of tampering with this like they would avoid the plague.

They may also mention revision of the Minimum Foundation Program--the law under which state funds are distributed to the local school districts--but they'll be very vague about this, dismissing it with the comment that it must be investigated and updated.

Now something brief about the minor candidates:

Secretary of State--Thelma Stovall has served in the House and two terms each as State Treasurer and Secretary of State. She is popular with labor, a proven vote getter and a good campaigner. Ken Harper, form Ft. Mitchell in Northern Kentucky, served in the House, was deputy commissioner of Child Welfare, commissioner of Public Information, and appointed to fill the unexpired term of Elmer Begley as Secretary of State.

Attorney General--Ed Hancock, has worked in state government for several years, surprised many when he won the Democratic nomination, but apparently is a good vote getter. Irwin Schroering, Commonwealth attorney in Jefferson County, has been strong in party affairs and was one of the Republicans to stand off the Democrats in their sweep of county and city offices two years ago.

State Auditor--Mary Louise Foust, now serving the unexpired term of Clyde Conley. She beat Republican James Thompson for the unexpired term. Miss Foust served as auditor under Gov. A.B. Chandler and made some county officials mad when she forced them to account for funds taken in by their offices. Robert Miller is now serving as Agriculture Commissioner and seeks to move over to the Auditor's office. He proved to be a good vote getter

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LETTERS

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

I rarely participate in writing "letters to the editor" however in this case, I feel the action is justified. My wife and I recently had the opportunity to spend two sleepless nights in your city. I realize that your city is an "All Kentucky City," and my wife and I have spent many enjoyable days there in the past, however, we were appalled by the conditions which currently exist after dark in the center of the city. I am specifically referring to the congregation of children on Main Street at all hours of the morning keeping residents and visitors awake with their loud and boisterous talking. Main Street is also a hazard to pedestrian and vehicular traffic during the evening hours due to the continuous "drag racing" which also occurs until early in the morning hours.

My wife and I have spent many years living in college towns and dormitories and never before have we been subjected to such continual noise and disruption during the evening. While the title "All Kentucky City" creates a favorable impression on vistors, the citizenry should be aware of the image which they are presenting to visitors from other locales, one which is a poor reflection on Carlisle as a city and "All Kentucky Cities" as a whole.

We greatly enjoy visiting your city, and do feel that except for the problems enumerated above, it is worthy of the title it has received, I trust the citizens of Carlisle can be made aware of this situation and hopefully conditions will have improved upon our return. Please feel free to publish this letter if you so feel it advantageous to correcting the situation.

Sincerely yours,
Robert R. Keller
Bowling Green, OH.

Youths have one-way minds— and you're up to your hocks in crocks

FIRE ALARM--No blaze but spilled gasoline was the cause of a run by the Carlisle Volunteer Fire Department Friday morning to the corner of Main and Sycamore streets where the fuel was quickly washed down a storm sewer.--Mercury pic

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In addition to the reception before the performance of the "Ephriam McDowell Story" written by Col. Eben C. Henson, producer of the playhouse, guests enjoyed an art exhibit and a real Kentucky barbecue dinner.

Among the guests, who viewed the life of Dr. Ephraim McDowell who performed the first abdominal surgery in history, were members of the State Legislature, Radio, tv, and press.

Some of those seen in attendance were: Julian Carroll, Democratic nominee for Lt. Governor; Mary Louise Foust, State Auditor of Accounts; Att. General, John Breckinridge; Lyman Ginger, Democratic nominee for Supt. of Public Instruction; Woodrow Strickler, president of the University of Louisville; James Edgy, Acting director of the Kentucky Arts Commission, and Bert Osborne, chief of staff for the Associated Press in Kentucky.

Traffic Safety

Listed below are the names of individuals who have lost their drivers license for the week ending June 11, 1971 as released by the Department of Public Safety to the Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee, Thomas E. Marshall, 106 Pickrell Streets, Carlisle, age 47, until May 28, 1974.

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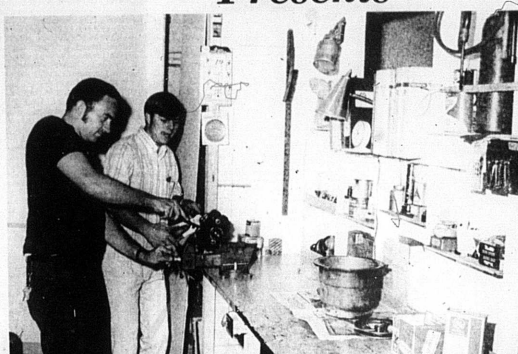

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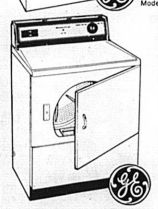

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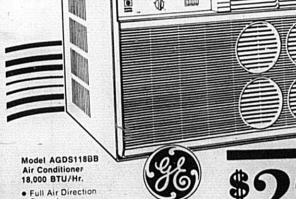

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