Guest editorial

by Edythe M. Rich

Do you really care?

It is difficult to decide whether to remain silent, read what other people write or to come through with some different points of view. I am an older citizen, not a parent, but very much concerned. My concern was aroused on Oct. 7 after reading a letter of Wayne Weaver.

All of these youngsters have been friendly and respectful with me. Since Oct. 21 when reading the letter signed by 12, I have felt very strongly that I must try to express how I feel. One line in the letter of Oct. 21 stood out to me, "It's about time that the people of Carlisle were awakened to this coldness toward youth". I have taken a few youngsters in my home to help them through a difficult time, have helped to educate, counsel and guide a few young people. I served more than twenty years working with teen-age girls and boys in church and other organizations. I have always had a warm, concerned interest for youth between the ages of 13 and 19 because I remember these were the most difficult years in my life.

I believe that some of these young people whose names were signed to the letter will agree that I have endeavored to be their friend.

I also believe that our policemen of the past and present can verify that on several occasions I have attempted to intercede for our young people. I hope to continue to have patience, understanding and love for our young people. However, these letters keep speaking of harassment and mistreatment, so I have attempted to check deeper into the reasons for this occasion to which they refer. I wonder if young people have stopped to realize that harassment works two ways!

Haven't they tried to see just how much they could push our policemen? Haven't they ganged up on Main Street in front of the poolroom and yelled to the top of their voices, for no understandable reason? Haven't they gathered in different places and shouted vulgar language so that people living nearby could not sleep? Do they realize that our policemen are only doing what the tax-paying citizens of Carlisle are asking them to do? Do they realize that people living any place near their area are being harassed by the noise and confusion? I find it hard to believe that all were quiet and in their cars unless they were asleep at this early morning hour. (And if they were quiet, how did the neighbors know that this wasn't another break-in? This restaurant has been broken into several times, hasn't it?) or are youngsters so accustomed to loud music and noise that they are not aware that sounds do carry a great distance and are disturbing to others? Has it occured to our youth that we should thank our policemen for doing as well as they are? They should be thankful that they were not afraid to be out. Many places this is not true, I know our law enforcement officers are called out many times after they have already put in their regular hours.

I refer to the letter of Oct. 28 signed Rob Lane, which states, "Nicholas County has no use nor respect for young people". My years have taught me that to be respected by others we must have respect for ourselves. We get out of life just about what we put in.

Rob refers to Teen-Inn stating that "lack of support from citizens caused the organization to became stagnant and die." I have been serving on the finance committee for the Carlisle Community Woman's Club and we gave money into Teen-Inn and were anxious to give more. We also sponsored a ladies Hat Party at the Inn to help raise funds. The teenagers were to help with the hat sale. A few did, not nearly enough. I got the impression that a few were enjoying the Inn while the majority were telling their parents they were there, while in reality they were out in cars until time to be picked up by their parents. Rob also states that he knows of "NO organization outside school activities where youngsters are involved."

I know that our churches have tried every scheme or theme in the books to try and involve young people and I am sorry to say we have failed.

This is where I take a stand for our boys and girls, because I believe that behind every delinquent boy or girl there are adults contributing to their delinquency. This can be by unconcern of the parents as to where or what their child may be into. Many parents do not see that they are taking part in planned programs, nor do they want their homes used for youth entertainment.

This undesirable contributing to delinquency most often is by someone over 21 years old who should be mature enough to assume responsibilities in the community and be doing something constructive; someone old enough to join the civic organizations and sponsor something for the good of the people, regardless of age.

I would like to assure our youth that they are loved and supported by the majority. I would remind them that as we reach a helping hand out to them, they must also reach out and accept that offer. With privileges come responsibilities. How will they react to the next generation and how do they want them to respond to them?

Each of us must make, ere life has flown, a stumbling block or a stepping stone. "Do you really care?" I do.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, November 8, 1951

In Nicholas County voters gave Governor Lawrence Wetherby a 610-vote majority over Republican Eugene Siler as cold weather and a heavy rain played a large part in a light vote of only 1657.

Howard E. Colliver, 57, rural mail carrier, died unexpectedly last Thursday night.

Norma Ann Harris, 14, is still in critical condition Wednesday at the Nicholas County Hospital, as the results of injuries received in an automobile accident Sunday night.

MARRIED--Miss Patricia Armstrong, daughter of Mrs. Katherine D. Armstrong, Cincinnati, to Arthur Knight Asbury, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ellie Asbury, Saturday in Cincinnati.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Conway Tedder of Myers, a daughter, Nov. 5.--To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tincher, a son, Paul Jr., Nov. 3.--To Lt. and Mrs. Virgil Huddnall, a son, William Ray, Oct. 24 in Beaumont, Texas.--To Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Washington of Baltimore, Md., a son, Gary Ramoan, Oct. 30, in Annapolis, Md.

DIED--Mrs. Edna Harney Wills, 54, Saturday, in Cynthiana.--Joseph Carr Earlywine, 63, Sunday at his home.--Louis F. Vimont, 51, Louisville, Sunday.

Thursday, November 5, 1931

W.H. Frey has moved his insurance office from the room in the First National Bank building to the second floor of the Frey building on Main street.

Twelve breeding ewes were killed and five others maimed by dogs on the farm of William Utterback in the Little Rock section of Bourbon county Sunday night.

Forrest Dalzell filed in the county clerk's office Saturday a claim for $153 as the result of six sheep being killed and 15 others injured by marauding dogs on his farm last Wednesday night.

Cal Smith was awarded the prize for the best costume worn by an adult and Dorotha Colliver was awarded the prize for the best child's costume at the Hallowe'en carnival sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church.

Wallace M. Blair of Myers suffered an injury to his hand and two cuts in the head late Tuesday afternoon at Myers Station in an altercation with Grant Gilkerson, also of Myers. Mr. Blair had attempted to settle a dispute between Mr. Gilkerson and another man.

Postmaster George E. Scott was notified Tuesday that the two morning messenger trains coming into Carlisle will be discontinued Sunday, although no official notice has been received by the local railway office.

The oldest inhabitant cannot remember, in all probability, a later fall. Although frosts have fallen, in some sections heavy enough to kill vegetables, many fall flowers are still in bloom in Carlisle.

Two new frame portable voting booths will be put in to use in city precincts Tuesday, being used in the Engine House and Mathias No. 1. With the construction of these booths, the county now has booths at 12 of the 18 precincts.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simons, a daughter on Oct. 29 at the Johnson Memorial hospital, named Helen Patricia.--To Mr. and Mrs. J. Bernard Linville, a daughter at their home in Moorefield on Oct. 30, named Carolyn Elizabeth.

MARRIED--Herbert Moore, Clark county, and Mrs. Sarah Veal, Bath county, by Judge Paul Darnall, on Oct. 31.--Miss Christine MacKenzie and Mr. Elmer Sparks, both of the Little Rock section, were issued a marriage license in Paris Tuesday.

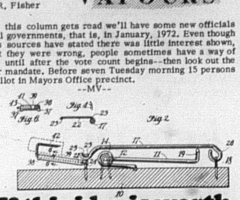
DIED--Mrs. Lucy Edmon English Howard, 63, Monday morning at her home near Flora.--Mrs. Fannie Martin Clark, 93, in Lexington, after a prolonged illness.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

By the time this column gets read we'll have some new officials in state and local governments, that is, in January, 1972. Even though most large news sources have stated there was little interest shown, we'd almost bet they were wrong, people sometimes have a way of being very quite until after the vote count begins--then look out the results are their mandate. Before seven Tuesday morning 15 persons had cast their ballot in Mayors Office precinct.

--MV--



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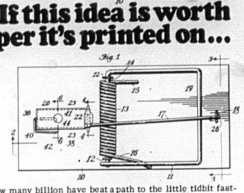

I wonder how many billion have beat a path to the little tidbit fastened to Number 42 in the sketch above, only to get clobbered with No. 19 thrust down upon their necks by coiled spring No. 13, their most unlucky number.

Since the S.D. Warren Company was good enough to furnish the sketch, the least this column can do is say they are a division of Scott Paper Company up Massachutes way. And as Ralph Waldo Emerson stated, "If a man can make a better mousetrap than his neighbor . . . the world will make a beaten path to his door."

--MV--

Now for another piece of wisdom; "We won't bother you with a lot of words about the excitement you can create on our paper," but the printed word, right or wrong, speaks for itself.

Perhaps our advertising columns are that "better path" to your potential customer's needs. Why not let them speak for you?

--MV--

The top line of two framed certificates belonging to my son, John T. (Toby) Elder, in the room in which I sleep, have this latin phrase at the top: "AD ASTRA PER ASPERA," and with only my slight association (one semester under the tutelage of Miss Nancy Tallant) with what some consider a "dead" language I know I must aspire to the making of better "mousetraps."

--MV--

For those persons who are always buzzing-off to the big city to make discount purchases, they'll find a well stocked store of quality merchandise right under their noses so to speak, it's Howard Discount Center on U.S. 27, 1/4 mile south of Cynthiana. If I remember correctly, 17 and 17 are 34 while 36 and 36 equal 72 miles--even at the old figure of ten cents per mile one could save a little, besides the wear and tear on the old tub.

Of course "Trade - at - Home" is still a good motto!

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4-H BICYCLE PROGRAM COMBINES LEARNING AND FUN

Ever go on a bike hike? It's the thing to do, you know. It's wonderful exercise, production is on pollution and it's fun for the whole family. An indication of the growing bicycle popularity is seen in the enrollment statistics of the 4-H bicycle program. During 1970, 135,000 4-H boys and girls participated in the program supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service. The program is sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company and is designed to teach kids how to take care of their bikes and the rules of the road and ordinances of the community pertaining to bicycle riding. There is an added bonus here too, as most of the laws concerning correct bicycle riding also pertain to driving an automobile. Today when "having a set of wheels" is no longer a luxury, 4-H'ers enrolled in the bicycle program will move easily to the driving of a much more powerful piece of equipment. The young people also learn how to repair, adjust and take care of their bicycles. They learn to judge when a job is too big for them to handle alone and when a

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National Award-Winning Hometown Newspaper Column

THE PIED TYPER

By Dave Maly

The last time I bought a new car, the dealer rocked back in his plush leather chair, tossed the papers across to me and announced, "That'll be $129.95 a month..."

"That's fine," I said. "Now that'll be $10,000 a month for advertising..."

"Advertising? What advertising," he demanded.

"If I have to carry that sign of yours around on the back of my new car, I should get paid for advertising your dealership," I said.

"The dealer called in a flunky. "We got a nut here. Take the decal off'n his car," he ordered.

Sometimes it isn't that simple. A lot of the dealers use metal signs and attach them by drilling holes. That's dirty pool. The decals are bad enough to try to get off without taking the paint with them.

In an age overrun with roadside billboards, TV commercials and radio talk shows, I object to having my car used as a mobile ad for a dealership. There are so many required labels and tags now, there's barely room for my king-size press sticker.

We spent half our last vacation tearing off to-strict trap signs that mysteriously appear on your car everytime you stop to eyeball the scenery. Aside from impeding the neighbors and our son's girlfriends' no one could care less about us going up Pike's Peak or underground to Ruby Falls.

Dealers like to tell you there is more to those little signs than the advertising value. They are more important for identification.

"Suppose you are stalled along the road and one of my workers comes along," the dealer told me. "He has orders to stop when he recognizes our tag and give you a hand."

"Where was he when I blew a water hose last summer on I-64?" I wanted to know. "Or all the times I sweated over flats the past four years?"

Another plus for the dealer decal is it often speeds up repair service when you bring your car back to the place where you bought it. Or so they say.

The shop foreman spots his garage's nameplate on your flivver and automatically assigns his top blacksmith to the job. So instead of the normal week to get a valve spring replaced, you get preferential treatment and your car is in in 6½ days. I'm beginning to think that "Trade with Joe" is the greatest accessory you can put on your car.

Am I the only nut to protest about dealer decals?

Of course not. About one in 200 or 300 do. And the dealer saves 10c. Revolutions have been started with a lot less support, so I'm not giving up the cause.

At least one state legislature has considered stopping the practice of gumming up cars with decals. Rep. Anthony J. Scalli of Boston tossed a bill in the hopper which would "forbid the placement of advertising devices on motor vehicles without the written consent of the buyer."

This is my kind of legislation. No longer could the car manufacturers call an iron monster a Montenegro Moddybemps and stick you two bits apiece for each letter it puts on the car.

When I buy a dog, I have the right to name it. So why can't I name the cars I buy, since most of them turn out to be dogs, too? When we discriminate buyers can get legislation passed to protect our individual rights and freedom of choice. I have the name already picked out for my next car.

I think I will call it Rolls Royse.

-tpt-

The Cigar Smokers of America have not invited me to become a member. This may be because I don't smoke cigars and don't fraternize with women who do. Or many who don't.

Once describing itself as dedicated "to guard one of the last vestiges of masculinity," the organization has put ruffles around its spittoons and allowed women to join.

The cigar smokers previously had allowed local Humidors (clubs) to decide whether women could join at the local level, but they weren't allowed to vote. Just sit there and chew on a fat stogie and sit in the shavings box, but never vote on what brand the club was going to try next or endorse.

I have nothing against women smoking cigars. On some, cigars might look good. And when men start having babies, it will be up to the women to pass out the cigars.

My grandmother was a lady. She would never consider smoking a cigar. She preferred a clay pipe, filled with long green. I was told she was part Indian and learned to smoke a pipe from her tribe. It must have been a peace pipe because when she smoked it she was not bothered by mosquitoes or gnats.

My wife is a grandmother and on one occasion I suggested she continue the tradition of the tribe. "Maybe I should," she said, "so I could answer the smoke signals coming up from behind your newspaper when you're home." Even when I promised to get her a pipe that would match her bonnet and shawl she remained hostile. That's what happens when you marry out of your tribe.

Indians invented pipe smoking, you know. When Capt. John Smith moved to this country to keep with the Joneses, the Indians met him at the dock with a peace pipe. It must have been the only one they had because they had to pass it around to everyone.

Sir Walter Rawleigh and Bull Durham became close friends and promised to get their grandmothers to smoke their tobacco so they could get their companies on the stock market.

Walt named the place Virginia, which displeased the queen of England, whose name happened to be Elizabeth, and who was suspicious by nature. She gave up smoking and Rawleigh in one swipe, and Durham sat around so long waiting for Walt to return they started calling him Sitting Bull.

Cigars became socially acceptable through such champions as Teddy Roosevelt, who had a strong set of teeth which was needed to hold up his big, fat cigars of that era. Most cigars then came from Cuba and the United States wanted Cuba free, but Spain wouldn't even sell it. This was trying times when it was widely believed that what this country needed was a good five-cent cigar.

So Teddy dashed up San Juan Hill because he was about of Havana stogies and he wanted to beat Fidel Castro to the El Perfecto plant, where he could get his smokings wholesale. His Rough Riders did not get Cuba for the United States, but they did get their cigars, a flock of useless islands, typhoid, malaria and saddle sores.

The cigar came in for a share of infamy when such citizens as Alphonse Capone and Dutch Shultz popularized the habit of lighting their cigars with 10-dollar bills. This wasn't too bad because all respectable gangsters in those days had plenty of 10-dollar bills. It was when they began lighting each other's cigars with submachine guns that it became risky to be caught with an unlighted cigar in your mouth.

Since then, the cigar has made a fairly decent comeback. Former President Kennedy occasionally lit up a long stogie when his mother wasn't looking.

You can blame it all on the Indians. With only one pipe, someone was bound to get tired waiting for his turn and figure out he could roll up some burley leaves and smoke the thing.

Kipling had no idea women would take up cigars. He wrote: "A woman is only a woman, but a good cigar is a smoke."

Nor did Baron Lytton, who said: "A good cigar is as great a comfort to a man as a good cry is to a woman."

I think Mark Twain had the Cigar Smokers of America and women cigar smokers in mind when he said: "More than one cigar at a time is excessive smoking."

Semper fidelis.

In buying a car, we ought to have the right to name our poison

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Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Friends of mine who have just spent considerable time in Northern Ireland criticize many news reports from there as misleading. The heart of the problem is not bigotry between Protestants and Catholics. They get along very well together in England and Ireland itself. The problem is political. The problem is gerrymandering and government discrimination in housing and employment, as well as severe employment discrimination in private industries.

Democracy is the worst form of government, there is if you have no vote. Catholics in Northern Ireland are a minority, constituting about 40 percent of the population. But in those areas where they are a majority their voting districts are so gerrymandered that their votes do not count.

Housing is a weapon used by the government, to enforce gerrymandering. That is because almost all workers' housing is owned by the government and people are assigned to certain areas. Even where Catholics constitute 70 percent of the population, they have no voting power, not even in local elections, because they are confined to minority areas so they can be outvoted.

This is the crux of the problem, and it has been going on for 51 years, ever since Ireland was divided by Britain. No one disputes the above facts, though they are seldom explained.

Cordially,
Herbert Phubrick
U.S. Press Association

"Gift of Eloquence"

Joseph F. Conley kisses the Blarney Stone during his recent trip to Ireland. The stone is at the top of Blarney Castle in Cork County, Ireland. One can see the tree tops in the bottom, left of the picture. The trees are 85 feet down and the bars are to keep people from falling. Conley was sent forth with the "Gift of Eloquence" which the stone bestows, according to M. P. Hillyard, Keeper of the Castle.

Ohio River study shows no harm to aquatic life

Results of a 15-month study of conditions in the Ohio River show no evidence of harmful effects to aquatic life due to heated water discharges from four of the largest electric power stations utilizing river water for cooling purposes.

The findings were contained in a report released Monday, Nov. 1 in Washington covering instream analyses from July, 1970 through September, 1971. The research, conducted for 10 utility companies in Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia, was prompted by public concern that thermal discharges from power plants have a detrimental effect on aquatic life, particularly fish.

The research was conducted by WAPORA, Inc. a Washington research and consulting firm specializing in environmental studies. The WAPORA research project is one of a few of its kind conducted to date and believed to be the first of its kind on the Ohio under field conditions. It investigated the entire "food chain" required to sustain aquatic life at carefully selected sites over a length of 562 river miles.

While the study results may not be directly projected to other water bodies, the research approach is serving as the basis for similar studies in other areas of the country.

The companies sponsoring the research are Louisville Gas and Electric Company, Kentucky Utilities Company and the eight member companies of The Ohio Electric Utility Institute. The OEUI members are: The Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company, The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company, Columbus and Southern Ohio Electric Company, The Dayton Power and Light Company, Ohio Edison Company, Ohio Power Company, The Toledo Edison Company and Monongahela Power Company.

Tobacco's tax contributions

by Jack Lewyn

When we consider tobacco's economic importance, we often think only of the leaf's significance in terms of farm income and its resulting impact on economic growth.

Equally important, but sometimes overlooked, is the fact that tobacco, through taxation, provides considerable support for governmental operations.

Consider for example, that about two-fifths of total consumer expenditures on tobacco in the United States is taken in excise taxes by federal, state, or local governments. In 1970, excise taxes totaled $4.5 billion, compared with $1.7 billion 20 years earlier.

If we look at a tobacco user's dollar, we find that farm income represents only eight cents of the dollar, while 40 cents is taken for taxes. Stated another way, the farmer realizes an average of $1,407 per acre from tobacco production, but that same acre generates tax revenue, on all levels, of $7,462.

Between 1950 and 1970, the federal government's tobacco tax revenue increased 62 percent. Since 1951, the federal excise tax on a pack of cigarettes has been eight cents. There has been a federal excise tax on tobacco products for more than a century, although this levy on chewing, smoking tobacco and snuff was repealed in 1966.

But the heaviest surge came in state and local taxes, which climed from $414 million to $2.4 billion in the same two decade period. Ninety-four percent of the tax revenue was from cigarettes in 1950, and 98 percent in 1970.

Kentucky has a three-cent cigarette tax, plus a sales tax, on each pack of cigarettes sold. Except for the half-cent-a-pack cigarette tax which goes for tobacco and health research, the money becomes part of the state's general operating budget.

The first state cigarette tax was imposed by Indiana in 1921, and now all 50 states and the District of Columbia tax cigarettes at rates ranging from two cents per pack in North Carolina to 18 cents in Pennsylvania.

In addition to excise taxes, tax revenue is generated by farm production and sale of tobacco, by profits of handlers, processors and manufacturers, and by the earnings of those employed in the tobacco industry.

An average of 35 percent of the tobacco used in U.S. cigarettes--which produce the bulk of tax revenue--is burley tobacco, of which Kentucky is the world's leading producer.

Because it has been demonstrated that increased tobacco taxes have an adverse effect on consumption, and because tobacco is already carrying a heavy tax load, there is general opposition among tobacco growers to increases in taxes on their product.

Still, growers believe it is important to point out how tobacco is presently making a substantial contribution to tax coffers, and how the product represents a vital element in federal, state and local tax structures.

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