What has country come to?

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Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT

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"Certainly enjoyed your sermon about our (ouch) overly permissive society!"

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

I really didn't believe in the saying, in fact I just sort of shrugged it off, after all you have good days and bad days.

I wouldn't have known what to call it had it not been for Bob Coatney and his pet name for such dilemmas.

According to Robert It is known as Murphy's law. And it goes like this: If anything can go wrong, it will!

And as far as we are concerned it has gone wrong most of Friday.

First off, there was some social stationary that we thought some weeks ago could be done by a firm that specializes in such much better than we. They promise delivery in 48 hours after receiving the order, Said order was dispatched 14 days before via Special Delivery. Whether they can do a better job or not will be put to the test, (we just finished printing that job) when it arrives Monday, Aug. 28 too late to do the customer any good.

Two weeks ago we needed ribbons for the Selectric, one of the girls called IBM and placed the order. Fourteen days have gone by and we have only the invoice to show that we placed the order.

Friend Russ Metz was kind enough to lend us a couple to hold us until they (IBM) find out what happened.

I walk into the office of a local law firm Friday, only to find the Mercury's news editor reading a magazine, three days a week she's a legal secretary, two days a week the Mercury is lucky enough to have her help. Their typewriter was on the blink but the repairman would soon have that fixed.

Thursday, a young man applied for the job of sports reporter and I of course asked can you use a camera? His quick reply was I'll be glad to learn. Well I gave him a brief run-down on various buttons, knobs and why fores etc. and suggested he just take the outfit with him and give it a try out Thursday evening and bring it in Friday morning. Then I'd develop the film and we could discuss mistakes, if any.

Well Murphy was at work again. I developed, fixed and washed a roll of 120 film only to find it all blank or put another way perfectly clear, Now two of those 12 pictures he'd taken under my supervision, so I started a minute examination of the camera. The no picture bit was all my fault, I had forgotten to lock a flap that enables one to take off the lens assembly, which in the run-down on its operation we'd removed.

Now I would suppose that Murphy is a good Irish name, but I do wish he or she or Ms would call-off these leprechauns or gremlins or what have you, I'm almost afraid to do any work.

--MV--

HEARD IT ALL!

Saturday afternoon the telephone rang, since I was standing right next to it, I scaled the makeup stand and then decided I'd better answer. And I am glad I did.

Mrs. Horace Kookendoffer of Route 6, Connersville, Ind., was wondering how she happened to get a copy of the Floyd County Times in place of the Carlisle Mercury which they have taken for many years.

Putting it mildly I was just as dumbfounded as she. In the first place we don't exchange with the Times, so there was no way we could have picked up that newspaper and mailed it by mistake. Now I'm wondering, does Norman Allen, publisher of The Times at Prestonsburg have an irate subscriber somewhere that received a copy of The Mercury instead of what he or she had been looking for?

Since Mrs. Kookendoffer stated this is long distance, I didn't lose any time in telling her that we'd be happy to mail another copy of The Mercury right away.

The old gremlins began putting two and two together and this is the theory we came up with.

What with the new U.S. Postal Service, laying off help right and left and a shipping of all copies to either Lexington or Cincinnati SCF where they claim to be able to do things just a mite better than the old way of having postal clerks sort things down here in the "sticks"--two newspapers slid out of their little individual sacks. Then in picking them up The Times went into The Mercury's envelope while we can only suppose The Mercury was placed in The Times envelope.

Ah! automation!

--MV--

HEARD IT ALL?

I just thought I'd heard it all!

This story as related to me by Mrs. A.V. Allison, about what happened at Lake Carnico Sunday afternoon to daughter Pat, just has to be passed along.

Seems Pat had been fishing without any luck. Then was rowing back to their residence when something struck her in the back, literally scaring the daylights out of her.

That something turns out to be a beautiful bluegill (bream) which she intends to have for dinner tonight. Becoming tired of its watery home, the fish had jumped out, striking Pat's back and falling to the bottom of the boat.

Top that one if you can.

FARM & HOME

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

The Special Graded Feeder Calf Sales will start Aug. 3 at Lebanon and end Nov. 14 at Somerset, Kentucky farmers will have an opportunity to increase profits from the feeder calf enterprise by participating in these sales, Samples taken in the calf marketing season show farmers get $7.50 per head more in "Special Graded and Grouped Sales" than in regular sales. The C-2 grade difference was $2.01 per hundred pounds for 500 pound calves, or $10 per head advantage for calves selling in graded sales.

Some reasons why prices average higher in these special sales are; calves are graded, calves are grouped; sales are advertised; sales are summarized and reported.

Probably one of the most significant differences is that calves are grouped.

Small pens bring $2 per hundred pounds more than single pens and large pens sell for $2 per hundred more than small pens. Farmers have increased their profits about $4 per hundred pounds by grouping calves in large pens compared to selling them as singles or in small pens. Our farmers can sell in the Paris or Lexington sales.

SMALLER GRAIN SEEDING TIME WILL SOON BE HERE

These tips for planting small grain in 1972 may be helpful:

--Test your soil and supply the suggested liming and fertilizer materials.

--Prepare a firm but shallow seedbed.

--Select a recommended variety. The following varieties are recommended for Kentucky in 1972. They have been tested for a minimum of three years and are known to be adapted to Kentucky conditions.

Wheat: Arthur, Arthur 71, Blueboy, Barley: Barboy, Harrison, Jefferson, Knob; Oats: Coker 66-22, Compact, Dubois, Norline, Walken.

--Plant high quality seed. Good seed is: true to variety; high in germination; free from noxious weeds; chemically treated, Certified seed is your best source of quality seed. However, if you plant your own seed, DON'T GUESS--HAVE IT TESTED.

--Seeding dates are important. Plant early enough to establish a good root system prior to a hard freeze.

	Grain	Forage
Wheat	Oct. 1-20	Sept. 15-Oct. 1
Barley	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sept. 1-20
Oats	Sept. 15-Oct. 10	Sept. 1-20
Rye	Oct. 1-15	Sept. 1-30

--Plant at proper depth and rate. The best stands are accomplished when seed is planted from one to two inches deep.

Seeding Rate Per Acre

	Grain	Forage
Wheat & Rye	1-1 1/2 bu.	2-2 1/2 bu.
Barley	1 1/2-2 bu.	3 bu.
Oats	2-3 bu.	3 1/2 bu.

Fields that are seeded with a bulk fertilizer spreader should be disked afterwards to provide coverage of seeds.

The best time to apply lime, phosphate and potash is in the fall. In Kentucky there is no leaching of these elements and this gives sufficient time for them to be broken down and become available for crops next year. Another good reason for fall applicatoin is that the soil has had time to settle before planting time in the spring.

DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, September 4, 1952

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Development Association, designed to promote Carlisle and Nicholas county, met Friday night in the courthouse, and elected Bill Power as president.

The biggest item on City Council's agenda Tuesday night was the hiring of the Powerline Construction Company of Stanton as a consulting engineer for the City gas distribution system. Brooks Henson, local gas supervisor, reported that 193 meters were now in Carlisle with an expected 75 more.

Hope Lodge No. 246, F.& A.M. of Little Rock will celebrate its centennial anniversary Sunday with services in the Little Rock Christian Church. The Lodge formed Sept. 2, 1852.

W.F. Clark, associated with Ratliff Bros. Company for 33 years, announced sale of his interest to Dr. W.G. and Howard Irvin.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dean Evans, Hillsboro, a son, Kevin Rene, Aug. 29.

MARRIED--Miss Ann Gloster Van Bever, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Van Bever, to Harold Lloyd Clinkenbeard, son of Mr. and Mrs. T.F. Clinkenbeard, of Paris, Thursday.--Miss Helen Ruth Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Morris, to Frank Whalen Jr., of Cynthiana, Aug. 21 in Cynthiana.

DIED--Kash Yazell, 43, Sunday.--Mrs. Mae George Conley, 63, at her home.--Ernest C. Linville, Sunday at his home in Robertson county.--James Kash Shanklin, 61, Sunday, at his home.--Crystal Elaine Gray, infant daughter of Marshall and Francis Buckler Gray, Monday in Paris.

Thursday, September 1, 1932

Sam Neal, negro, who served three years of an 18-year sentence imposed on him by Nicholas county for a slaying alleged to have been committed by another man, was freed from the state reformatory at Frankfort Friday on a pardon from Governor Ruby Laffoon.

Smoked window panes, colored goggles and other means were employed by local people Wednesday afternoon to observe the eclipse of the sun, which lasted about 100 seconds. It was the first visible in this section since 1869.

Monday was one of the hottest days of the summer with the thermometer registering 98 degrees.

Dorothy Ritchie, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ritchie of Headquarters, received a fracture of the right arm in a fall from a horse last week.

The state election commission in session at Frankfort Saturday reappointed R.L. Gillispie, Democrat, and O.R. Gaffin, Republican, as election commissioners for Nicholas county.

Mrs. Ida S. Taylor, county superintendent, was initiated last week as a member of Kppa Delta Phi, honorary sorority of the College of Education, University of Kentucky.

The Mary-Mae beauty shop on Elm street has just installed a new permanent wave machine which is the latest model on the market.

Leonard Howard Jr. of the Miller Station section, and Charles Vice, Carlisle, suffered slight injuries about 9:30 Sunday night in an automobile accident near Lexington. They were treated at the St. Joseph's hospital there and were able to return home that night.

Miss Virginia Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Smith, received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern State College, Richmond, at their summer commencement exercises.

Through the sponsorship of the Carlisle Lions club, the electric flag on the dome of the courthouse, which was installed during the World War, has been painted and new lights installed.

Carl Lee Thompson, three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thompson of Eastern Avenue submitted to a tonsil and adenoid operation Tuesday morning at the local hospital.

Snapp & Mullikin, real estate dealers, as agents for Mrs. E.S. Hollar, sold at public auction Saturday afternoon a residence of seven rooms in Arnold Heights to Miss Sophia McCabe for $2,275.

MARRIED--Miss Annie Willoughby and Goebel Booth, both of the East Union section, in Carlisle Wednesday morning.

DIED--Mrs. Margaret Hale Connell, Wednesday at her home in Morristown, Tenn.--Benjamin Deaton, 79 at his home near Bald Hill Tuesday night following several days illness.--Mr. W. N. Sanford, 72, native of the Hookstown section, Aug. 23 at his home in Lawrence, Kan.

My Neighbors

Get uptight and you're out on a limb

Everyone who has read Homer remembers how Ulysses' old hound, Argus, recognized his master beneath his disguise when he returned to his native Ithaca after 20 years of island-hopping. Maybe old Ulysses hadn't had a bath since he left home and had an air about him that even his dog couldn't miss.

Actually your own dog could pick out your garments from a whole pile of different duds. It's your scent, most specifically given off by your sweat glands, particularly in your hands and feet.

A man's own sense of smell lies in what we might call olfactory folds in the upper part of his nasal passages. Man, like a cat, has a short nose and only three or four of these folds. (The writer's snoot an exception, you're thinking). An anteater has a tremendously long snout and 10 such folds and a dandy sense of smell. A dog also has a long nose and a keen natural sniffer is he.

How would a dog track you, for example, if you were lost? Man's track consists of tiny scented particles left by his clothing rubbing against high grass and shrubs, by his hands touching objects. A man loses about two pounds every 24 hours through a sweat, chiefly from the palms of his hands and the soles of his feet.

Sweat is 99% water but there is a very distinctive mark carried by the fatty acids and other metabolic products from the body in the remainder. After a while your clothing becomes impregnated with your characteristic scent and a tiny bit squeezes out on the ground at each step. That's the scented trail you leave.

A dog may be man's best friend, But, to him, you stink.

He had just designed the first top hat.

I don't own a top hat or color teevee, seldom take a bath and let my shirttail hang out over my knickers. If I can make it through this Amazon Period, my descendants may chatter about me as they swing from tree to tree.

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The virtues of taking a little blast now and then were known 200 years ago. From Holinshed's Chronicles of 1577 comes this treatise on the spirits of the grain. Perhaps the writer had a few under the belt when he penned "The Virtues of Whiskey."

Being moderately taken, sayeth he, it sloweth age; It strengtheneth youth; It helpeth digestion; It cutteth fleume; It abandoneth melancolie; It relisheth the harte; It lightneth the mynd; It quickeneth the spirites; It pounceth dropsie; It healeth the strangury; It pounceth the stone; It repelleth gravel; It puffeth away wyndinesse; It keepeth and preserveth the hed from whyrlying – the eyes from dazelyng – the tongue from lispying – the mouthe from snaffying – the teethe from chatteryng – the throte from ratlyng – the weasan from stiefling – the stomach from womblyng – the harte from swellyng – the bellie from wirtching – the guts from rumblyng – the hands from shivering – the sinoews from shrinkyng – the veynes from crumplyng – the bones from akyng – the marrow from soakyng – and trulie it is a soveraign liquor – if it be orderlie taken.

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THE PIED TYPER

National and State Award-Winning Hometown Column

By Bliss Hatfy

I never wear tight britches and sit close to a color television set. I don't want to be remembered as the one who loused up the family tree.

Getting too close to the operating table when Dr. Welby is doing an apendecjomy can make you impotent with no grounds for a malpractice suit. If this isn't enough, tight pants are too hot and contricting and can cause a mutation of genes. A group of Swedish scientists have come up with this revelation. And, if anyone knows the effect of hot pants it's the Swedes.

Genes are those little busybodies that get together and decide whether your son is going to be another Bart Starr or a Liberace. You pinch them with tight britches and you're liable to end up with a quarterback with a voice that will make your linemen want to kiss the defensive team.

Squeezing a fellow up can have a serious effect on his regenerative powers, the scientists found out. The spontaneous mutation rate of a boy in tight jeans is 80% higher than in his birthday suit. In a nudist colony, this is one of the hidden assets.

Maybe it doesn't matter too much. With Women's Lib and the Commission of Human Rights hammering away at manhood, there's a pretty good chance our great-grandsons won't know what they are. They will have no different privileges, will look the same as women and even smell the same.

Throughout history the question of whether or not a guy is more attractive when he's well-groomed has been settled in various ways at various times. From the back alley wineshops of ancient Rome, the taverns or the Middle ages and the 20th century boardrooms researchers have collected some of the secrets of masculine appeal.

The ancient Romans used to perfume themselves before battle. So did Napoleon, who turned out to be a real stinker. But it wasn't until the Danes settled in England around the 11th century that the Saturday night bath washed over the western world. The Englishmen laughed at the fierce invaders, who bathed and combed their beards on Saturday night before a date. But when the word got back that these clean-types were cleaning up in the boudiors as well as the battlefields, the English boys gave in and took a bath.

It was centuries later that a forgotten German scientist named Professor Zwaardenmaker discovered the principle of deodorants and man has never smelled the same. He was experimenting in zymurgy at the time and discovered a beer that smelled a lot better than it tasted, so he suggested it be worn, so his batch wouldn't be a complete bust.

Mr. James Heatherington was noticeably primped and perfume on January 15, 1797, when he stepped out on the streets of London and almost caused a riot. To all extents and purposes, he was impeccably attired but a crowd soon gathered around him and several women fainted. And a small boy jostled by the crowd suffered a broken arm.

Mr. Heatherington was duly arrested and brought before the Lord Mayor and fined 50 pounds for "appearing on a public highway wearing upon his head a tall structure having a shining lustre and calculated to frighten timid people."

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Nursing Home News

By Virginia Smith Donovan

The person who laughs outside when he is crying inside, who wears a smile on his face when there are tears in his heart, has mastered the art of all arts--self control.

Sorency Porter said he liked the good meals that were served at the home, but sure missed being able to eat salt.

Lewis Helphenstine of Manchester, Ohio, visited his mother, Mrs. Victoria Helphenstine.

Mrs. Ellen Kenney warned me about carrying a purse like I was carrying; said was danger of getting hurt.

Mrs. Marlon George is a nurse's assistant who has been working at night. Now she's working part time during the day, and maybe we can find out more about her.

Mrs. Ida Mae George brought Mrs. Kenney a pretty plant of many colors, called Jacob's Coat.

Mrs. Myrtle Herrin is a new patient in the Veterans Hospital, but flalls from Owenton.

Mrs. Gertie Bromagen had a letter from a California cousin, who wanted information as she is working on her family tree.

When we were young we thought the old people knew such a little, but I dare say they have forgotten more than we will ever know.

Mrs. Gertie Bromagen went to Cane Run to visit her 88 year old brother recently.

Mrs. Tincy Frederick said she would just love to have an old song book, for she used to play a piano some, by ear.

There are two pretty scrap books in the dayroom, made by the children of the Baptist Church in Bible School.

Herman Conyers said his grandson, Donnie Salvage, was home on a furlow, married a Fleming county girl while home. He's taking her back to California with him.

Lizzie Ratliff has a new son-in-law. Her daughter, Wanda, married and will live in Tennessee.

Helen Keller attended the alumni banquet of the Old Carlisle High School, recently.

Mrs. Tincy Frederick said she was named for her father's first sweetheart. She's really had the company too. Her children from Dayton, Ohio, visited and on Sunday her granddaughters Pat Brannock and Kay McKee of Millersburg came and brought her great-granddaughter, Garla K. Snapp.

The Methodist Men had charge of the weekly worship service, Sunday afternoon. Cletus Ritchie, president of the organization, had charge. The Ritchie sisters, Pam and Diane and Mrs. Roberta Murrell had charge of the music. Joe Blount's sister, Mrs. Sarah Mmon and her daughter, Mrs. Huddleson came from Zenith, Ohio on Sunday.

Joe Snapp and wife of Paris visited Joe's father, Roy Snapp and others on Sunday.

At this writing Mrs. Ethel McCarty is in the local hospital, and Elmer Frederick is in a Lexington hospital.

Mary Rogers' good sister of Bethel made her weekly visit.

Mrs. Terri of Paris comes to see Mrs. Elizabeth Bell and takes her for a ride quite often. Her niece, Frances Fulton, comes to see her and they go 'a ridin' too.

"That" Sorency Porter has quite a few visitors from Fleming county who come to see him, His nieces and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Tribby and Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Graham come quite often.

I almost forgot to say that Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kalb of Germantown visited Mrs. Elizabeth Bell one day recently.

Some of the Pelphrys of Portsmouth, Ohio, visited Mrs. Vada Pelphry one day.

Helen Fisher isn't just a nurse, she makes pretty flower arrangements and crochets beautiful things.

Mrs. Otis Ritchie of Shannon visited the home one day recently.

Taylor Ring's daughter of Lexington went by and took her mother to see Taylor.

"Lo, I am with you always." Matt.,28:20.

Finishing touches

Machine operators in Blue Grass Industries Paris plant put the finishing touches on swimwear to be worn by the United States Olympic swim team in the 1972 Olympic Summer Games taking place in Munich, Germany Aug. 25-28.

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