Uncle Sam, soak it to us

Any politician who talks of tax reduction in the face of rising costs of government, at all levels, is--to put it mildly--dodging the facts. A number of authorities and news sources point out that taxes overall are rising rather than declining. The Indianapolis, Ind., Star reveals that a family of four with a $10,000 income paid an average--before recent federal tax reductions--of $19,90 a week in taxes withheld. This year, with the federal reduction, withholding will be $19,70--a 20 cent-a-week decline. At the same time, this family's social security tax has increased by $52 annually so the family comes out with a net loss to the tax collector of $41.60.

A Mississippi editor shows why there is unlikely to be a reversal of the trend toward more taxes and more inflation in the foreseeable future. He notes that Mississippi alone received $2,3 billion federal dollars in 1971, more than $1,000 for every person in the state. He also noted that nagging federal budget requests contain large sums for waterways, flood control, parkways, barbecue, atomic research, rural electrification, farm ownership loans, water and waste grants, public libraries and forest research. In addition, there are the welfare programs, federal aid to education, to hospitals, housing, streets and highways.

In the light of these demands on the public treasury, government has but a single course to follow, a course that was well defined by one observer when he said: "So soak it to us, Uncle Sam, and likewise you state, county and city officials!" Of course, many officials lack the courage to face the issue this squarely. They prefer to let inflation do the dirty job for them while they continue to kid the people into believing that government handouts are free.

DOWN MEMORY LANE
20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, July 17, 1952

Dr. A.T. Gardner, Carlisle optometrist, sold his practice this week to Dr. William D. McAfee of Indianapolis, Ind. This ends 40 years of service in Carlisle for Dr. Gardner.

Nicholas county attorney, Charles Cox was elected president of the District Bar Association of the 18th Judicial District at a meeting in Cynthiana, Friday.

Eugene Feeback, owner of Feeback's Appliance in Carlisle, announced the opening of the Feeback Furniture Company in Cynthiana, Saturday.

The following Nicholas county 4-H members are attending a 4-H camp at Morehead College this week. Brenda Joyce Moss, Evalee Lynam, Willie Faye Selvage, Linda Rye, Wanda Lawrence, Patsy Ruth Mattos, Marlon Grace Anderson, Beverly Ann Brogan, Patricia Clark, Harriet Clark, Wilma Bussell, Rose Mary Beckett, Kay Irvin, Laura Davis, Yvonne Whitt, Anneta Stephenson, Diane Ratliff, Alice Faye Clary, Judy Shrout, Ruth Shrout.

Billy Grimes, Floyd Mattox Jr., Bobby Smith, Donny Smith, Donnie Howerton, Marlon Campbell, ?,?, Clay, Jimmie Downing, Tommy Capps, Harold Hamilton, Charles C. Judge, Jimmie C. Hall, Donnie Lynam, Charles Hardesty, Donnie Hillock, Billy Shouse, Paul Markwell, Billy Straw and Jackie Shepherd.

DIED--Miss Elizabeth Wise, Friday in Sarasota, Fl.--Arthur Brierly, 71, Sunday in Maysville.--Charles O. Peratt, 76, Saturday in Walnut Creek, Calif.--Dora William Ritchie, 59, Monday in Cynthiana.

Thursday, July 14, 1932

Maurice B. Vice, farmer of the Upper Licks section of the county, suffered a fracture of the hip and other injuries last Friday when a tree which was being cut down fell on him.

Sunday was the hottest day of the year with the thermometer registering more than 90 degrees in the shade.

"Foch," 15-year-old collie dog belonging to Miss Jane Roan died Sunday night, a victim of old age, born during World War I he was named in honor of the French general.

Dr. E.A. Campbell has moved his offices from the Farmers Bank building to the First National Bank building. The rooms formerly occupted by Dr. Campbell have been leased by the American Legion.

In county court Tuesday morning Arthur Mullikin was appointed administrator of the estate of Mary Story, deceased, and executed bond for $750. D.W. Booth, Henry Fanning and Rolla George were appointed appraisers of the estate.

One of the smallest crowds of the year attended county court day here Monday. Although this was the last court day before the August primary, none of the candidates for Congress or United States Senator was here.

Reconstruction of the Barterville road from Mayaville and Lexington road has been completed and the road was opened to traffic Friday. The road is three and one-half miles long.

Nicholas county farmers report that they are unable to buy seed potatoes for the second potato crop production. According to farmers there is no seed in Carlisle, Paris and Lexington and dealers report they are unable to produce seed potatoes.

Master Commissioner William Conley sold at public auction at the courthouse door Monday afternoon the 253 acre farm of Bola Sharp in the Sharpsburg section of this county, I.B. Ross, as attorney for the Federal Land Bank at Louisville, purchased the farm at $34 per acre.

Albert Feeback, retired Saturday, as rural mail carrier on Carlisle Route 5 and O.R. Gaffin has been placed temporarily in charge of the route.

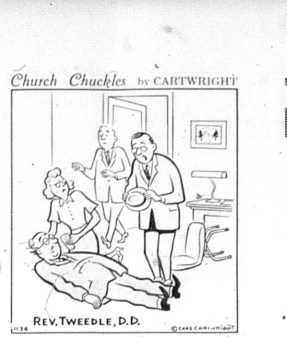
The grocery department of Sexton's Cash store will be consolidated with the dry goods and notions department and the entire store will be closed. Also the City Store building on the corner of Main and Locust streets. The grocery will be moved from the Sima building to the building owned by Mr. Sexton some time this fall.

Robert C. Lloyd, who has been pharmacist at the Carlisle Drug for the past nine years, resigned last week because of ill health. J.E. Bradshaw has succeeded Mr. Lloyd and is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and a registered pharmacist.

MARRIED--Miss Elizabeth Kathryn Irvin and James Collver Judge, both of Moorefield, in Maysville, July 6.

DIED--Mrs. Martha Cameron, at her home in Dorseyville July 6 following a long illness.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



To sum up the situation let me ask you this question. Do we want a better future for the community in which we live and most of us die in generation after generation? I think most of us do. There is a way this can be done. We must work hard in our civic organizations and elect new officials to those offices that have failed to serve us and failed to achieve for our county and city.

Sincerely yours,
Allen Clay Stone

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Thank you for the nice front page write-up given us for our annual poppy sale. We feel that, because of your interest we had the second highest sale our organization has had since it was instituted.

Again, may we remind you that each penny taken in through our poppy sale goes for the benefit of veterans and their families only, and we feel your newspaper played a vital part in helping us raise $197 for this purpose.

Thank you again for the publicity the Mercury has given us in the past. We appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Anna Lee Finch, president
By Lucille Stone, secretary

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

I read with interest the article in the June 29 issue of the Mercury regarding the history of the Nicholas county courthouse (by Roy Shannon).

If I may, I would like to make a factual correction. The John McClanahan mentioned in the article was my grandfather. He was born in 1839 in the old Stone House. Therefore he could not have built it as the article stated. He lived his entire life there; passed away in 1921.

The old Stone House was built by James Ellis in 1807, My greatgrandfather, Charles McClanahan bought the house and farm of approximately 200 acres some time between 1807 and 1839 from Mr. Ellis. It would be interesting to me to know when this transaction took place. From 1912 to 1917, when I was a very small boy, my parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hagis McClanahan lived in this house with my grandfather.

Enclosed please find check for the renewal of my subscription for another year.

Very truly yours,
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340 North Hejia Ave.
Winter Park, FL 32789

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

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Cordially,
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FARM & HOME

County Extension Agents
Enid J. Noffsinger,
Sara Swango, Mrs. Margie Wilson

BLUE GRASS FAIR

-Nicholas county 4-H members will be preparing project work to be exhibited at the Blue grass Fair in Lexington which will be held July 21-29.

4-H members may exhibit in the following project areas: Entomology, Geology, Photography, Woodcraft, Electric, Garden, Clothing, Knitting, Canning, Foods and Home Furnishings. Exhibits should be brought to the County Extension Office on Wednesday, July 19. Foods exhibits should be brought in on Thursday, July 20.

Nicholas county 4-H'ers will also be participating in other events and activities during the Blue Grass Fair. William Bean will be performing in the 4-H Talent Contest on July 24 and the County Style Revue which will be held on Tuesday, July 25.

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Ten Nicholas county 4-H girls attended an area 4-H Foods Judging event held recently at Turtland Mall in Lexington.

Training on selecting the best food buys was given and the members then participated in the judging, contrast by actually selecting food products for given meal situations.

These 4-H members attending were Ginger Myers, Ramona Ruark, Kim Smoot, Beverly Herrin, Debbie Jones, Anita Stevenson, Carla Curtsinger, Mary Coburn, Cheryl Herrin and Ragena Mattox.

Kim was one of the top 15 junior members selected to participate in the State 4-H Foods Judging event which will be held at the State Fair in August. Ramona and Debbie were selected alternates. The three senior members, Cheryl, Mary and Ragena will also compete in the state event.

Area 4-H judging schools on Home Furnishings and Clothing will be conducted in July. These 4-H events give club members subject matter training on food products and nutrition and teaches them to use this knowledge in making decisions.

Agree Or Not

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT--The Texas case on school financing now before the U.S. Supreme Court is anxiously being watched by school administrators across the nation and especially in particular.

The nitty gritty of the case is the challenge that children in poorer school districts do not have equal opportunity of those in the more wealthy districts.

The California Supreme Court ruled similarly to the U.S. District Court in Texas.

Kentucky almost parallels both of these cases. For instance, Jefferson county has $41,919 assessed property value behind each pupil in school while Harlan county has $10,056. Wolf county has $10,160 and McCreary county $10,-117. This is the point of both Texas and California decisions. The challenge is on the basis of the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution--equal opportunity under the law.

Kentucky runs into another problem on tax rates for schools. There are 190 school districts in the state and if any two are equal it happens to be by coincidence and not by law or design. For instance the tax rate for Pulaski county schools next year will be 28.4 cents per $100 assessed valuation while Covington Independent was 91.8 for 1971-72; Fort Thomas .83 cents and Franklin county was 56.8 cents.

Other variations show the rate of Bellevue 87.3 cents, Henderson Independent 76.5, Whitley county 30.5 and Trimble county 30.4.

These rates are based on the controversial 1965 rollback law that fixed the amount of money that could be derived from property at that time.

State assistance under the Minimum Foundation Program provides a minimum opportunity for all children. What this means is that state funds are provided local school districts when local taxes do not produce enough money to bring them up to the minimum.

For clarification, let's go back to the Texas case. Local property tax is not challenged as a means of financing schools, but the challenge is on unequal opportunity by distributing the state's tax wealth equally among districts in contrast to the basis of so much per child in school.

The 1965 rollback law which has been upheld by Kentucky's Court of Appeals merely transferred the inequality of assessment to inequality in tax rates when the Court of Appeals handed down its landmark decision that all property must be assessed at 100 per cent of fair cash value for tax purposes.

Everyone seems to recognize

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LETTERS from our readers

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

As you may know by now I am very concerned about the future of our area and the county in which we live. I feel that Nicholas county and Carlisle could have a great future if those in leadership positions would put forth the effort.

We need new industry to create new jobs and bring new people to the area. We need some more concern for the future and a little more willingness to make a good county better.

Here is our present standing from my viewpoint, and the opinion of others as well. Nicholas county is under the control of a political machine and state of mind that is as out-dated as the horse and buggy. This type of politics does not care for you or me, but it lives on our vote and dictates the environment and life we lead as a county and city. The objective is not to give service but to control.

Here are some facts about our county. 55.9 percent of the people are low income people according to the 1970 census. This is a good situation for the politicians in some cases. They can use some of these people with promises and favors of rights that are already theirs under the constitution.

I feel that most people in this county can not express their opinion on certain matters. This is due to the position it might put them in. It might be due to their job, their position, politics, or a number of other factors. In other words we are suppose to agree with the concept or politics that we have. If some of us don't we have those that would use their influence against us.

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By Bob Tidy

National Award-Winning Hometown Newspaper Comment

Old age dulls ambitions to become secret agent

His generation is misunderstood, a young college friend of mine wearing a McGovern button was telling me the other day. I can believe that.

Most of the kids are not hippies, he said, but they don't like the world about them today either. I sympathize. I didn't think much of the world and my chances back in '38 when I was his age.

Nobody with any sense, he said, would become a corporation executive. "There isn't any future in it," he said. Guess he hasn't heard of five-figure salaries, ranch-style homes, Cadillacs, expense accounts, company airplanes and stock splits. Or maybe he's afraid they won't invite him to the office party.

Everybody remembers William Faulkner, Ernest Hemingway and John Steinbeck, he said. And even Toscanini and Cole Porter, but who remembers any executive? "Ah! he has a nameplate on the door for 30 years," he said.

I didn't have the patience to remind him of such executives as Sam Insull, George Romilry and Henry Ford as only a few who have cut a pretty wide swathe in the history department of our country.

The whole cult of the executive is the product of those old men who fought World War II, he said. He could look upon their plight with some sympathy because all of them came out of the great depression and made it big strictly from hunger. I reminded him that some of us still haven't gotten out of that depression yet.

Anyhow, he said after that grubby old war those men naturally wanted nothing but status and comfort, a nameplate on the door, a place in the country, a garage to hold their fine cars and a piece of the community status.

Old age does that for you. It dulls your ambitions to become secret agents, surfing champions and sports car drivers. I know this because I haven't been picked up for racing my Honda after curfew lately and I turn up the collar on my trenchcoat to keep warm more than to look sinister.

Actually, I couldn't argue with him much. Quite possibly we old men of World War II could have gotten a little more done if we hadn't spent so much time the last 30 years refighting it. But when you make the world safe for democracy like we did, it calls for some celebrating.

My young friend said the draft card burnings and draft dodging to Canada has been overdone. He himself intends to do his military stint. As a matter of fact, he said, rising to general might be fun, in this draft world of mediocrity.

I told him in the '30's we used to buy the Town Bulletin here just to listen to his wild speeches. It was better than silent movies. Some jazzed up anti-religious sects to beat the draft. The college crowd may have wanted to chant "Hell no, we won't go" but were too busy studying to learn the words.

"It's different now," he said. "They're sincere today."

"Sincere? McGovern?"

"Right-on, baby," he chirped.

A general in McGovern's armyless army. Now that's what I call a future.

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Newest facet of the faucet is the "educated bath." Its benefits are at most only an educated gurss.

About the only excuse I ever had for taking a bath was to get clean on Saturday. But now the experts tell us that soaking your head does have a therapeutic value. And, I have on occasion, suggested this to some of my bubbleheaded friends, not particularly caring how it benefited them.

Bath temperature is the key. A warm tub induces relaxation and drowsiness, however, it takes at least 10 minutes to cure a grouch of any longstanding.

Tub-ite with a warm bath if you're feeling hot under the collar. This soothing effect will last up to five hours, it says here, if your wifemary doesn't get you riled up again with notions toward new clothes, buckets of garbage or rings on the tub.

What with five million busy little glands pumping perspiration out of the pores, causing something of a barnyard fragrance which is unacceptable to modern society, I was always too busy getting rid of the funky odor to enjoy any of the therapeutic rewards of bathing.

To give yourself that up-and-at'em urge, the experts say, try the frosty side of the spigot. I'm not convinced. There is very little difference between a grizzly bear and a polar bear.

And I don't have time to get my temper warmed down by cool water almost every time it flares up. That kind of funny doings is apt to give you a reputation worse than the one you are trying to get rid of.

-tpt-

My haberdasher tells me the trend of psychedelic clothing for women will continue. Which is a lot like saying India is expected to have another famine.

The merchants started this psychedelic trend back when women were still wearing bloomers. It began with the polka dot necktie craze and the sharpest cats in town and became the subject of much gossip by women too backward to wear polka dot drawers.

In my hometown, the great swell was the local bootlegger. He wore his loud duds as a badge of his trade so his customers, sober or crocked, could spot him easily in a crowd.

In his yellow pongee shirt, green tie with yellow dots, ruffled purple sleeve supporters, peg-topped serge trousers and yellow toothpick shoes, the effect was nothing short of stunning. It was claimed he could walk through a cowpasture without being chased by the bull. This sledge-hammer effect was not yet appreciated by the older ladies at that time.

Of course, he wore no coat with the outfit. Nobody else wore a coat in our country for dress purposes. A coat was for keeping warm or hiding a pistol under.

In recent years, it seems tailors and haberdashers have gotten off on a planned obsolescence binge and just about ruined men's clothing. They have made it extremely difficult to spot a bootlegger in a crowd anymore. Some things, though, like polka dot ties just will not get obsolescent. When you wear them with a piece of modern clothing, the effect is all wrong, making it the ne-plus with the college set, who don't know how to dress because they are seldom dressed.

When a tailor can't tell a man in the old days, he used a cloth fully good enough to be made into a horse blanket. It wasn't supposed to get obsolescent or even shiny. Nowadays, all cloths are synthetic and look it. They don't feel real because they are not. They feel like they are going to disintigrate into a piece of coal at any moment.

What happened to the great tweeds with bright-colored, knotty threads the size of mooring lines? What happened to the gabardines on which you could strop your pocketknife? What happened to the cashmeres that could be parted in the middle at any spot in the fabric?

The double-breasted coat is back with us strong. I knew if I hung onto my high school graduation suit long enough, I'd be back in style. Actually, double-breasting never went out of style. The Navy has been wearing double-breasted britches for a long time, but you can't count on them much for style setting.

After all these years, they still haven't accepted the polka dot tie.

Semper fidelis.

AGREE OR NOT

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the fallibility of man when it comes to assessing property and the Department of Revenue has apparently adopted a guideline that 85 per cent on a district basis meets the standard. The Department has returned the assessment of 31 counties and asked that they be increased to meet the 100 per cent (or 85 per cent) guideline.

What happens in Kentucky if the U.S. Supreme Court upholds the U.S. District Court in Texas on its ruling?

Do we adopt a uniform tax rate statewide for school purposes?

Will the state fix the rate and collect all taxes for school purposes and then redistribute them to school districts on the basis of average daily attendance as is now done under the Minimum Foundation Program to bring them up to minimum standards?

Will the 1965 rollback tax law be in jeopardy or be thrown out? Is it equitable for Pulaski county to levy a rate of only 28.4 cents per $100 while Covington levies 91.8 for the general fund, and Pulaski county be given sufficient money from the state's general fund to bring their schools up to the minimum?

Frankly, nobody in Frankfort knows until the Supreme Court hands down its decision.

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Nursing Home News

by Virginia Smith Donovan

It is only the great-hearted who can be true friends; the mean and cowardly can never know what true friendship is.--Charles Kingsley

Herman Conyers is troubled about the welfare of his birds. Says their appetites are growing all the time, and the patients are giving him less bread scraps.

Forrest Field's son, Bill of Coshocton, Ohio, visited him recently.

Tony Dotson is about to run out of his favorite chewing tobacco.

We wish to extend our sympathy to Thelma Morris for the loss of her mother, Mrs. Rose R. Snapp.

Open Kelley went to Texas to see her two sisters, Wilma has been real sick. She brought her mother, Mrs. Ethel McCarty a vase of pretty pink roses and one for her Mother's roommate, Miss Cordia Bell.

It was nice of Elmer Ritchie to make a special trip to visit Tony Dotson.

Mrs. Effie Richey really has had the company. Wesley Taylor and wife came from Dayton, Ohio; and, Mrs. Norman Broderick and children, and Mrs. Royce Taylor from Lexington.

I guess you would call Frank Sims a "transit resident". He had surgery in a Lexington hospital, and was brought to the nursing home for about three days of recuperation, but is now back at his home on Chestnut Street.

A person has to work himself to death to buy labor-saving devices.

Landen Stewart celebrated his 88th birthday on Sunday. Said they were nice enough in the kitchen to bake him a little birthday cake. I'm really afraid Landen has lost interest in his correspondence course. Says lessons are getting more time consuming.

Mrs. Gertie Bromagen spent Sunday with her daughter, Virgie Smoot of West Main.

Rev. Leach has again been making his appearance around the home. One of his good characteristics, John Clay has left the local hospital and has gone to live at a home in Maysville, where he will be near his son, Allen.

Blanch Vice said she would soon have her vacation, and plans to visit in Ohio.

Mrs. Rella Allen said her niece, Louise Smith of Harrison county hadn't been coming over as often; just wasn't able after her recent fall which injured her arm.

Herman Conyers said his daughter of Atlanta, Ga., had had recent surgery, but was planning to come to Kentucky some time this month.

Mrs. Margaret Barbury is a new resident who hails from Fayette county. She is 93 years young. She's very alert and seems to be interested in everything. Her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Mathias, Atlanta, Ga., and, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mathias, Nicholasville, visited her Sunday. One of the ladies said until about a year ago when she broke her hip, she was very active in church work. She is a member of the U.D.C.A. Her father belonged to the confederate Army, Mrs. Essie Dalzelle said her first was the late A.J. McConaughhay, was also a confederate soldier. Mrs. Dalzelle is the widow of a Danish American War veteran, Hollis Dalzelle.

Powell Neal made the remark to me the other day, "melons and men are hard to know".

Mrs. Ellen Kenney said she thought she'd make a crazy quilt. Said they were so easily pieced, for one didn't have to cut the pieces. Thought she'd briar stitch each piece.

When a husband opens the door and helps his wife into the car, he has probably just acquired one or the other.

Joe Blount is really stepping high these days, for his niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huddleson, of Waynsville, Ohio, came to see him fine day recently and brought him a pair of pretty brown shoes, two pairs of socks and a sweater. They came in a pretty new mobile home, and took him for a ride to Myers Station, and to visit Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jolly of the county.

Robert Tout of Chestnut Street is again a patient of the home.

Miss Cordia Bell was glad to see her school pupil, Neal Wood, Jr. said Miss Cordia taught at Parks School eight years, and walked from her home on Sycamore each day.

Barbara Grimes of Fleming county said she was off a couple of days, but spent the time painting.

Tuesday, Barbara Hopkins gave a picnic for the residents. As Herman Conyers said, it was a regular picnic lunch, served on the porch to those who could get out, and trays to the rest. The patient was omitted.

Dorothy Garrett from Aberdeen, Ohio, visited her mother, Mrs. Vada Pelfrey one day recently.

Mrs. Grimes said her nephew, George Cartier, will soon be fat enough to kill! He has gained 15 pounds since his accident.

Mrs. Tincy Frederick's daughter, Mary Lee Hamm, and cousin Bertie Hamm and daughter all came from Dayton, Ohio, and visited her recently.

The Farley of Bourbon county came to visit Billie Weathers.

The Lawrences of Dayton, Ohio, and the Warrens of Barbourville were at the bedside of Roy Snapp recently. The Kings can be seen most any day.

Mrs. Betty White Terry of Paris sent Mrs. Gay Bell a pretty white vase of yellow rose buds.

So mote it be figured it out--we have 35 million laws trying to enforce the Ten Commandments.--Earl Wilson.

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