J. Edgar Hoover--R.I.P.

There is no question but that J. Edgar Hoover will go down in history as one of the greatest public servants this nation has ever had. His dedication to his country and to his God, his steadfast belief in the great American ideal of liberty under law, his courage, his integrity, the management ability which he demonstrated in building the world's finest crime fighting agency, all of this and more will be discussed and written about for years to come. And well might it be, J. Edgar Hoovers, in government or out, come few and far between.

Seldom mentioned is perhaps the greatest, and largely unrecognized, contribution by Mr. Hoover to the people of this country; that of not only developing and building the FBI into a model of what a Federal Agency should be, but more important, his iron determination that the powers and authority of the FBI should be restricted and limited. It mattered not to him that this meant, of course, limiting and restricting his own power. A militant foe of all forms of totalitarianism, J. Edgar Hoover wisely recognized the danger that the investigative arm of the Department of Justice could, if mismanaged, become a national police force. And this he would never condone. Under no circumstances could the FBI be used for political purposes. Mr. Hoover recognized, and so declared many times, that in a free country the burden and responsibility of law enforcement should be local, and not national. Hence he did all that he could to encourage local communities to build and develop their own, locally controlled and administered law enforcement agencies. Help, assistance, training, cooperation: yes. But control, no.

Mr. Hoover's death is a sad loss to every American. But his life was a blessing to all of us.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

According to an article in a trade publication, the metric system may not be too far away. The article states, "Our existing measurement system goes back to medieval times. It is based upon such things as the length of 36 barleycorns laid in a row, (1 foot), the distance from a king's nose to the tip of his middle finger (1 yard), and the amount of land that could be plowed in one day by a yoke of oxen (1 acre), brought over to this continent by the original colonists, it is now slated for oblivion since it appears that this country will finally join the other 90 percent of the world's population in the adoption of the metric system."

Then it'll be: "Man, she's 91-61-91."

--MV--

Women's Lib'ers will be interested to know Male Emancipation Day will be celebrated June 18. Its purpose is to "restore the American male to the head of the family and preserve the family as an institution. June 18 is also Father's Day.

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That JUNE is National Dairy Month, an annual event and a widespread salute to dairy farmers and related dairy processing industries.

And I wonder who Mrs. Moo Moo is?

--MV--

Need a tonic for you purse--try a Mercury want ad!

--MV--

If there is something you don't like--Write your Congressmen, after all you've got two until November.

FARM & HOME

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

Be sure to water your tobacco beds during dry weather. Growing plants evaporate large quantities of water from the soil. Therefore, in dry weather, beds must be watered to maintain growth. After the plants are up and growing, a thorough watering every four or five days is better than a light watering every day. To provide an inch of water for a bed nine feet long, you should use one barrel for each nine running feet. For 12-foot beds, use one barrel for each seven running feet.

Tobacco plants also need adequate nitrogen to grow properly. When tobacco plants turn yellow during seasonable weather, and if the plants have a good root system, the yellowing is probably due to nitrogen starvation. Nitrogen-starved plants should be treated with some form of nitrogen. Dissolve five to six pounds of nitrate of soda or two or three pounds of ammonium nitrate in water and sprinkle the nitrate solution evenly over the bed. To prevent burning, wash the solution off the leaves with clear water. If you use a tobacco plant top dresser, you should follow instructions on the bag.

This is the time of year when you may see termites swarming around your house. Termites may quietly eat away at your home throughout the year without giving much notice of their activity. However, around this time of year, larger colonies will give away their presence by sending large numbers of their winged brothers and sisters to start new colonies.

The winged termites resemble flying ants, which are also swarming at this time of year. The easiest way to tell the difference between flying ants and termites is to check the waistlines. If the insect has a constricted or narrow waist--which is the area of the body just behind where the wings are attached--it's a flying ant. If there's no constriction at the waist, it's a termite.

Termites are social insects that live in colonies which may contain thousands of individuals. The colony is a complex society made up of workers, soldiers and reproductives. Workers and soldiers are wingless and stay within the colony. They are only seen when the colony is broken into. Winged termites are mature males and females.

The swarming of termites indicates they have been present for sometime. However, this does not mean there is reason to panic. If you sight a termite swarm, that doesn't mean that you need to get an exterminator in the next day. Termites work slowly, so there is time to investigate the extent of damage and plan a course of action. You may be able to treat the problem yourself or you may need the help of a pest control operator. Since pest control companies offer different guarantees, prices and services, it pays to call several to get the one that best suits your needs.

If termites are a common problem in your neighborhood, it would be wise to inspect for them even if you haven't seen swarms nearby. Probe timbers and other wood near the ground with an ice pick or screwdriver to see that the wood is solid. If the wood is easily probed, you will probably see the cream-colored wingless termites at work. Dirt like chimneys plastered against the sides of basement or crawl-space walls are another sign of termites.

For detailed information on controlling termites yourself, pick up a copy of University of Kentucky Misc. 375, "Termites and Their Control" from the County Extension Office.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE
20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, May 22, 1952

Harry Kennedy, 89, Nicholas County treasurer, and cashier at the Farmers Bank for over 25 years, died Thursday morning at Nicholas County Hospital.

Manley Austin, Carlisle, jumped from his truck to safety Friday just before the vehicle was struck by a train at Hooven, Ohio.

Seventeen moonshine stills were destroyed on a Nicholas County farm Thursday and Friday, a state agent reported Saturday.

Mrs. Ruth Lear was elected president; Mrs. Jimmy Ellen Barton, vice president; Earnestine Eads, secretary; Nell Craycraft, treasurer, and Mrs. Youie Shaw, chaplain of the American Legion Auxiliary post at a meeting Friday night.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Berry Jr., a son, Kenneth Lee, May 14 in Paris.

DIED--Elva Henson Small, 62, Saturday.--Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall D. Smith, Lexington, Tuesday.--Thomas Snowden, 69, Friday.--Mrs. Diantha Willoughby, 86, Wednesday, near Jeffersonville.--Mrs. Kate Vanhook Asbury, 75, Monday at her home.

Thursday, May 19, 1932

Miss Jennie Hall was awarded $200 in $100 damage against Swift and Company by circuit court.

John Young Brown to address 47 members of Carlisle High School graduating class tonight.

Corn planting has been about completed throughout the county.

Considerable wool has been delivered to Carlisle the past week. Dealers are paying 12 cents per pound for first grade and seven cents per pound for rejections.

The Bud Hawkins Players will open a three-night engagement at the Piper lot on West Main Street.

John Squires Reed, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Reed, has been re-elected as superintendent of the Van Lear city schools for the second consecutive year.

Fire originating in the roof of the residence occupied by James Hickman and family and W.D. Shanklin and family, on College Hill, caused slight damage Monday morning.

Sheep claims totaling $68 have been filed in the county clerk's office during the past week. Those filing claims for lost sheep are Henry Bros.; R.L. Gillispie, James Woodall and Taylor Mathers.

A work order was issued last week by the State Highway Commission for the paving of the Carlisle-Flemingsburg road from Carlisle to Myers Station. Work will begin May 23.

S.H. Cunningham, pastor of the Carlisle Christian Church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the students of Elizaville, Sunday.

The blue grass seed crop will be unusually light this year in the county, according to farmers.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. George McCann, a daughter, May 13, at their home on East Main Street, named Betty Jo.--To Mr. and Mrs. Hinton Williamson, Lexington, a son, May 15, at the Johnson Memorial Hospital, named Donald Ray.

MARRIED--Miss Mary Elizabeth Cassidy, Carlisle, and A.T. Arnold, Harrison County, in Cynthiana Saturday afternoon.

DIED--Mrs. Emma Alexandria Gaunce, 81, at her home in Kansas City, on May 8.--Jeff Gilvin, 71, Bethel, at his home last Friday.

Agree Or Not

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT - - "Kentuckians are getting more serious and paying less state taxes than ever before," I say.

That's the bold statement in big type in a page-wide box in the Democrat Party Line, official publication of the Kentucky Democratic Party.

No effort is made to prove that statement. It's just there in big type.

No tax has been reduced or eliminated to this date, but whoever said that a politician or political party had to stick to the truth?

Elimination of the five per cent sales tax on food does not become effective until Oct. 1, but the extra two-cents a gallon gasoline tax becomes effective July 1. The minimum 30 cents a ton production tax on coal is due the first report May 20. The tax became effective April 1.

Above the big bold box on page two of the Democrat Party Line is this letter, from Gov. Wendell Ford:

"When contrasted with the four years that I will be priviledged to serve as your governor, 100 days is a very brief period. Yet, as I look back on the first 100 days of my term I am proud to report to you--the people--that many progressive and significant measures have been established to make our state a better Kentucky for all of us.

"The undisputed fact is this--individual Kentuckians will now pay less than ever before while receiving more services. As I promised during my campaign, our budget is people-oriented. Our programs are people-serving.

"The progress we have achieved during the first 100 days is but the fore runner of more programs to give every Kentuckian an opportunity to share in the decision-making process of state government.

"This publication, printed and published at the expense of the Democratic Party of Kentucky, is an attempt to show every Kentuckian the intent and purpose of our administration--that is, government exists to serve people."

With every good wish for a better Kentucky, I am

Cordially yours,
Wendell Ford
(his signature)

You will notice that the governor was not as positive about the time of paying less taxes as the advertisement was about it. His sentence said. . ."individual Kentucklans will now pay less state taxes than ever before while receiving more services." His date was indefinite.

Well, how about the times in past history when we didn't have any sales tax? But, this might be going back too far for some to remember.

He restricted his to "individuals" since the corporate income tax was increased by eliminating the federal corporate income tax as a deduction when calculating the state corporate income tax. This was made retroactive to the first of 1972.

Utility companies have, or are planning to ask the Public Service Commission for rate increases because of the coal tax. South Central Bell has a rate increase in effect temporarily, but that is not due to the coal tax. But Kentucky Utilities has asked for one and Louisville Gas and Electric is planning a request. Both say because of the increased cost of production, which means the coal tax.

The Kentucky post of Covington has had a team of reporters checking the political pulse across the state and their reports from the people is that Ford has increased taxes (gasoline) and the corporate, but none mention elimination of the sales tax on food. "It won't come off until October," one citizen calastically remarked to one of the reporters. The funny thing is that the added gasoline tax doesn't go on until July, but the citizen talked to the reporter like it is in effect now.

But, every new governor has a period right after his first legislative session when his popularity falls. That's the normal turn of events.

The American's Creed

The American's Creed was written in 1918 by William Tyler Page, as the winning nationwide contest entry. The then Mayor of Baltimore, James H. Preston, donated the $1,000 award.

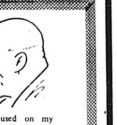
"I believe in the United States of America as a Government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

THE PIED TYPER

By Doug Mayo

National Award-Winning Hometown Newspaper Comment

Not a fountain of youth but it did give you speed.



Ever since Old Ponce de Leon wandered all over Florida, drinking out of every mudhole and counting the wrinkles in his hide, man has always searched for the illusive fountain of youth.

Not having much luck at finding an elixir juice that will do the whole job, people have had to settle for second best, a natural water that would flush out the impurities and oil up the joints of the old bodies they have to make do with.

That's why every mineral spring that belches up water not fit for a mule to drink is declared to have great medicinal value and people will swarm there like flies to drink the God-awful tasting stuff and suffer the consequences.

Great hotels and even towns have sprung up around these outcroppings of pluto water and will probably flourish as long as people believe they can give their innards a velvet lining with a water that ought to be peddled as a wart remover.

For those who cannot make the pilgrimage to these spas, bottled pluto water is offered by mail. This has to be where my wife gets her water to make my morning coffee.

One of these great sulphur water resorts is at French Lick, Ind. Although in recent years it has pushed the pluto water come-on into the background and concentrated on big conventions to fill its large hotel accommodations, it used to pack in the plutocrats. They came by buggy, on horseback and by train to gather around the great springs, drink and exchange pained expressions.

The great French Lick hotel is nestled in a valley at the foot of a long, high hill. In the old days, before indoor plumbing, a string of outhouses was built on top of the hill for hotel guests. Considering the purgative effect the pluto water has on the human body, the little privies had a higher rate of occupancy than the hotel rooms.

Well-beaten paths led up to the little houses with their crescents cut into the doors for identification and ventilation.

At the foot of the paths, next to the hotel, was a rack full of walking sticks, or canes, with curved handles. The ritual was simple. Each morning the guests would arise, trot down to the spring and guzzle all the pluto water they could stomach. Then they would head for the outhouses.

Enroute, they would pick up a cane, which helped them make it to the top in time and also served as a no-vacancy sign. Before entering the outhouses, they would hook their canes in the fe crescents and leave them dangling on the outside of the doors.

This system worked quite effectively until a joker named Booth Tarkington checked in one day. Booth is not to be confused with Fran Tarkenton, the great backfield scrambler of the NFL, who once ran from Minnesota to New York and then back to Minnesota without the help of a cane or pluto water.

Booth watched the little routine, the people drinking the rotten-egg water, snatching up their canes at a full gallop and then sprinting up the hill. The Penrod and Sam in him made him do it.

That night he hid all the canes.

You wouldn't believe what happened the next morning.

-tpt-

For all the claims made for it, toothpaste hasn't kept pace with the progress of mankind. The ancient Romans concocted a toothpowder of barley flour, honey, salt, vinegar and perfume that probably had as much sex appeal, cavity prevention power and cleaning qualities as any of the stuff you get today.

The Romans realized the need for strong teeth in those days when back-biting was the country's chief pasttime.

The Germans once believed that long, sharp teeth indicated a jealous and treacherous nature. The English applauded broad front teeth as signs of generosity. And the French admired straight teeth, for they invariably belonged to orderly people. Mine would have blown their minds.

Television is glutted with doctor shows, but you don't find any featuring dentists, unless they want to hide some microfilm in a bicuspid that's going behind the Iron Curtain.

It is ironic that American fun and games hinges around people with their mouths glued together, but cringe at the mention of the guy who makes it all possible.

That may be because dentists are a closed-mouth lot. There isn't one in 1,000 these days who will even tell you the best thing with which to brush your teeth is a slippery elm switch.

-tpt-

Next time I pass a snail slaughter house, I aim to stop in and watch. I've never seen a snail knocked off with a knocking hammer.

That's the way they do it, I read in an article, the same way they do in cattle these days. I have always used the bottom of a big but crushed escargot does not sell well in the better restaurants.

They shoot horses because few people are carrying knocking hammers when a horse loses a race. Beef cattle are no longer shot. The only time most people can hit a cow is during deer hunting season when anything that moves looks remarkably like a deer.

Cattle are slaughtered with a special knocking hammer, which is painless. We know it is painless because no cow has ever complained to the Humane Society about taking the lumps. In the event they did, I guess butchers wouldn't force the cows. They'd just get a bigger hammer. The same psychology I have always used on my children.

Snails, the article points out, are killed the same way. Not necessarily with the same hammers though.

The last time I saw cattle slaughtered was in my hometown when I was a nosy kid. When things got dull at the poolroom or along the creeks, we would pedal down to the slaughter house for some action. The butchers would put a rope through a ring on the floor of the slaughter room and tie it to the steer. Then the animal was winched into the room and his head pulled down against the ring in the floor.

The moment of truth came when a burly butcher would step up with a sledge hammer and put a solid, well-placed blow between the eyes of the unsuspecting animal. Occasionally, a particularly tough bull would shake off the blow, break the rope and come up fighting mad, causing butchers and little boys to climb the walls in a hurry.

When it was time to slaughter a calf, the men would let us try our hand at administering the coup de grace. This was extremely inhumane -- on us. We cracked more shin bones and toes than calf heads and the laughing butchers usually had to take over when it became apparent we were losing more hide than the calves.

No doubt when it became a settled fact that the younger generation couldn't hit a bull in the bottom with a bass fiddle, they had to invent something to save us from annihilating ourselves like the knocking hammer for doing in cattle. Which is a lot neater than electric knives they use to guillotine chickens in processing plants.

Maybe that's why they are using the same method on snails. Too many of my erratic generation were missing them with the big sledge.

Semper fidelis.

FOODTOWN

Correction-- Notice: Error in Foodtown Hand Bill -- Hamburger should read 69¢ a pound.

ANNIVERSARY Sale

May 17, 1972 -- May 23, 1972

Foodtown Coupon — 5 lb. Gold Medal Flour 39¢ — 34467 — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

U. S. Choice Round Steak 99¢ lb.

U.S. Choice T-Bone Steak $1.29 lb.
U.S. Choice Boneless Rump Roast $1.09 lb.
U.S. Choice Cube Steak $1.39 lb.

Foodtown Coupon — Domino Sugar (limit 1 with coupon & $5. order) 89¢ 10 lb. — CS-033 — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

U. S. Choice Sirloin Steak $1.19 lb.

Fresh Ground Beef 69¢ lb.

Foodtown Coupon — Charmin Tissue 4 roll pkg. 29¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

To Be Given Away
Free Gift Certificates for Groceries
$25.00 1st prize
$15.00 2nd prize
$10.00 3rd prize
Also balloons for the kids
Drawing held the 24th
No purchase necessary to register

Fischers Quick-Cut Hams whole or shank 89¢ lb.

Edwards Sausage 1 lb. 79¢ 2 lb. $1.49

Foodtown Coupon — Cherrios Cereal 34467 10 oz. 29¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Total Cereal 8591-12 8 oz. 29¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — King Size Liquid Ivory 59¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Stokely $ Days Sale

Van Camp Pork & Beans	5/$1	Stokely Tomato Catsup 14 oz.	5/$1
Stokely Cream or W.K. Yellow Corn	303 5/$1	Stokely Tomato Juice 46 oz.	3/$1
School Day Peas	303 5/$1	Stokely Applesauce	303 6/$1
Van Camp Potted Meat	3 oz. 7/$1	Stokely Peaches halves or sliced	2.5 3/$1
Van Camp Vienna Sausage	4/$1	Stokely Fruit Cocktail	303 4/$1

Stokely Pears	303 3/$1	King Size (limit 1 with $5. order or more) Tide	99¢ box
Stokely Pineapple Juice	3/$1		
School Day Green or Shellie Beans	303 6/$1	½ gal. Foodtown Ice Cream	59¢ Carton
Stokely Pineapple slic./ chunk / crushed	3/$1 No. 2		

Foodtown Coupon — Giant Size Spic & Span 79¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Liquid Prell Shampoo 7 oz. 59¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Dixie Queen 2% Milk 99¢ gallon

Grade A Large Eggs $1. 3 dozen

Foodtown Coupon — Instant Lipton Tea 3 oz. 99¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Folgers Instant Coffee 10 oz. 99¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Bes-Pak Garbage Bags 39¢ 20-30 gal. 8 ct. WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Folgers Coffee (limit 1 with coupon & $5. order) 1 lb. 59¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Bread 19¢ pound

Pepsi Cola 6 pak, 12 oz. with bottles 49¢ - reg. 63¢

Foodtown Coupon — Jif Peanut Butter 18 oz. 59¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Duncan Hines Cake Mixes 3/$1 — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Kraft Frozen Cheese Pizza 14 oz. 49¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

U.S. No. 1 Main Potatoes 20 lb. 99¢

New Crop Yellow Onions 3 lbs. 39¢

Cabbage 10¢ lb.

Bananas 10¢ lb.

Celery 23¢ stalk

Cantaloupes 45 size 3/$1

The Shield of Quality FOODTOWN HOME OF LOW PRICES

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OPEN 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Vine ripe Tomatoes 29¢ lb.

Foodtown Coupon — Kraft Frozen Sausage Pizza 14.5 oz. 69¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Crisco Oil 24 oz. 59¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Kraft Pink Peppermint Pie 49¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Kraft Mint Mist Pie 59¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Kraft Chocolate Velvet Pie 69¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Pillsbury Family Brownies 22 oz. 2/99¢ — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Bounty Twin Pak Towels 3/$1 — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72

Foodtown Coupon — Curity Tape Tab Diapers reg. toddler $1.19 — WITH COUPON — Limit One Coupon Per Family — 5-23-72