National Library Week

"Books, the children of the brain," as Jonathan Swift put it, are truly remarkable creations. They reflect the very spirit of man—his triumphs and tragedies, his knowledge and innermost feelings. Too often books are taken for granted, yet without them man is little more than a savage. Step into a library, and you find yourself in the midst of an enchanted world, where books wait to whisk you away on a magic carpet of adventure and excitement. There are books to make you laugh and cry, to teach and intrigue. All that is needed is an inquiring mind and a desire for knowledge.

National Library Week, April 8-14, honors the most precious possession of mankind—books and the libraries that house them. And well it should, for literature has perpetuated the philosophies, sciences and artistic endeavors of man down through the ages, making progress and technological advances possible. So whenever you feel the need to expand your horizons or just relax and unwind with a good book, make a trek down to the local library. You'll be glad you did.

AGREE or NOT

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT—The opportunity for Kentucky school children to receive a basic education will be more equalized in 1974 if the General Assembly adopts recommendations of the Citizens Advisory Council.

Money, of course, is the basic ingredient that will provide this more equal opportunity regardless of how poor or how rich the school district may be in relation to the taxable wealth behind each pupil.

There has been little change in the basic formula of the Minimum Foundation Program since it was first funded in 1956. The recommendations are an effort to more efficiently equalize the basic cost of the Minimum Foundation Program, yet not deprive the local school district of the right to provide additional funds at the local level for enrichment programs.

The recommendation for financing would not increase the basic local rate of 30 cents per $100 property valuation now required to qualify for state funds. The big change from the present system would be that the rate would be levied statewide and collected by the state instead of the local school district. The state then would distribute this money to local school districts on the basis of average daily attendance.

Anything above the 30 cents that local districts are now levying would be levied and collected at the local level with the change listed below.

To increase opportunity in poorer counties, a local leeway tax equalization rate would be established over a two-year period, 10 cents the first year (1974-75) and 10 cents the second year. Leeway money is the money above and beyond that produced by the 30 cent rate required to meet the Minimum Foundation Program level.

This would be fiscally equalized so that the same tax rate would produce the same amount of dollars per pupil in every school district. The difference would be made up in state funds, using the level of Woodford County as the equalizing factor.

Woodford County is the richest county in the state for this purpose. There is more taxable wealth per pupil in Woodford than in any other county in the state.

In effect, the 30 cent rate, plus the two 10 cent increases over a period of two years, would provide a minimum of a 50-cent rate for all of the taxable property in the state behind each child, regardless of where he lives.

The state share from the general fund would have to be increased to provide the leeway money for all districts at the rate two-year period. To do this, the state would have to provide all the local funds now produced above the 30 cent tax minimum, but only up to 20 cents more. Above the extra 20 cents, the local districts would have to levy and collect it; that is, if they want to retain their present level of enrichment. This pertains to the general fund only and would not affect any levied to retire bonds. This would remain the same.

The plan is an effort to meet court challenges raised in Texas, California, Wyoming, Michigan, Minnesota, Kansas, Arizona and New Jersey.

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled last week that the property tax shortchanges schools in low-income districts. It upheld a lower court decision calling for a new method to finance education.

The California Supreme Court last year ruled the local property tax unconstitutional on the basis that children in property poor districts did not have equal educational opportunity with those in richer districts.

A U.S. District Court in Texas upheld the California Theory in case, but the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, 5-4, March 21, overturning the District Court, saying use of property taxes to finance schools does not violate the U.S. Constitution. The Court also said there is no constitutional right to education and thus no constitutional remedy for disparities between rich and poor school districts.

However, the New Jersey court said the federal court ruling did not exclude the possibility that New Jersey's constitution could be more demanding than the U.S. Constitution.

The proposal Kentucky will submit to the 1974 General Assembly is designed to give every child equal educational opportunity and to equalize the tax burden across the state for the basic funding of schools.

Our readers speak

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

My mother, Essie Ratliff Fishback (Mrs. George Fishback), has been taking The Carlisle Mercury since 1900.

I'm renewing it for her—as she enjoys getting the news from Carlisle. Although, there are so few of her friends left, Mother will be 90 years old July 24.

I graduated from Carlisle High School

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FARM & HOME

County extension Agents
Kent Hoffmann
Sara Stanley, Mrs. Lee Wilson

4-H Talent Show

Five hundred and fifty 4-H members and parents attended the annual 4-H Talent Show which was held on March 30 at the elementary school.

Twenty-six talent acts performed from the 4th through 8th grades, the Guess What's Teen 4-H Club and the High School 4-H Club. The audience also enjoyed entertainment by the Nicholas County High School Stage Band, "The Spinning Shafts" and a "Rock Band".

Three solo and small group acts were selected to perform on the T.V. Youth Showcase which will be televised over WLEX-TV on Sunday, May 6 at 12 noon. Jimmie Young, Blue Grass Fair Manager, serves as host for this program. Those three selected acts are William Bean singing "Mr. Bo Jangles"; Sheila Jones and Ginger Lou Myers singing "Lean On Me", and Vicky Herrington singing "He Touched Me".

The County Champion Club act chosen was "The Seventh Dimension", a medley of songs presented by the "Seventh Dimension" 7th grade club. This act will compete with other central Kentucky counties at the Blue Grass Fair 4-H Club Act Contest on July 25.

Kentucky 4-H Older Youth Conference

William Bean, president of the local Guess What's Teen 4-H Club", is representing Nicholas County at the Kentucky 4-H Older Youth Conference held during this week at Washington, D.C.

Two hundred forty-nine teens are attending this five-day conference which is conducted at the national 4-H Center. The emphasis for the week is citizenship and leadership. The conference is designed for participants to develop a greater understanding and appreciation of their American heritage, democratic way of life, and National Government.

Program highlights of the week are a day at the National Capitol, boat trip to Mt. Vernon, visits to the theater Smithsonian Institute, and other historical sites and a congressional banquet.

The County 4-H Council sponsors half of the conference fee.

SLICKING UP SLICKERS

To preserve the good looks of your rainy-day apparel, follow these good care guides:

WASHING—Read the label to see if your raincoat can be machine washed. If so, use a low-sudsing detergent and the warm or durable-press setting on your washing machine. Do not launder your coat, especially a dark-colored one, with lighter fabrics. Your best bet is to launder the coat alone. Be sure your coat is thoroughly rinsed as leftover traces of detergent decrease the water-repellent properties of the coat.

DRYING—If the label says it may be machine dried, do so at low temperature. Otherwise, hang it on a hanger, smoothing out any wrinkles that may have formed. A light follow-up ironing may be necessary.

DRY-CLEANING—If your coat has instructions to "dry clean only," ask your cleaner to rinse thoroughly with clean solvent after dry-cleaning for the best results. Raincoats cleaned before with detergent (in this case, dry-cleaning detergent) wear away water repellency.

VINYL—Polyurethane, and rubberized raincoats should not be dry-cleaned since they react adversely to solvent. If your coat is made of any of these fabrics, simply sudsy-sponge it clean. If the coat is trimmed in vinyl, polyurethane, or rubberized material (the rest being dry-cleanable), remove trimming.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Since nickels, dimes, quarters and even 50-cent pieces won't buy much anymore, men are increasingly burdened by having to drag their wallets out of their back pockets to reach for a dollar bill. As a result, the seats of every costly pants are being worn out at an alarming rate. A tongue-in-cheek suggestion is —if the dollar bill were turned into a light-weight coin to be carried as loose change in a man's pocket, the problem would be solved.

As everyone knows inflation has us by the throat, but it is downright depressing to realize that it is also taking out the seat of our pants.

—MV—

According to a news report the average American ate about 88 pounds of beef in 1963, so based on established growth patterns, he's expected to eat 118 pounds this year.

I guess he's gonna have his beef and eat it too.

The following statement was part of an address entitled, "Don't Blame Caesar,"

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, April 16, 1953

Spring football practice at Carlisle High School closed this week with 10 lettermen reporting for drills. They are: Kenneth Booth, Billy Clark, Billy Dayton, Billy Gilley, Donnie Dampier, Milton Moreland, David Hardin, Billy Logan, Larry Cameron and Bobby McFarland.

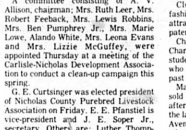
William Samuel Owings, 83, Nicholas County Jailer for 28 years, died Tuesday morning.

A committee consisting of A. V. Allison, chairman; Mrs. Ruth Leer, Mrs. Robert Feeback, Mrs. Lewis Robbins, Mrs. Ben Pumphrey Jr., Mrs. Marie Lowe, Alando White, Mrs. Leona Evans and Mrs. Lizzie McGuffey, were appointed Thursday at a meeting of the Carlisle-Nicholas Development Association to conduct a clean-up campaign this spring.

G. E. Curtsinger was elected president of Nicholas County Purebred Livestock Association on Friday. E. E. Pfanstiel is vice-president and J. E. Soper Jr., secretary. Others are: Luther Thompson, Frank C. Henry and Gayle Brady.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Atkinson Jr., a daughter, Cheryl Ann, April 10 in Paris.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



MARRIED—Jean Porter Insko, to John Underwood Gilbert of Winchester, Saturday in Winchester.

DIED—Mrs. Kate Williams Swartz, 76, Friday—Mrs. George Florence, 61, Wednesday at her home.—Mrs. Dove Hoover, 92, Tuesday.

Thursday, April 13, 1933

Miss Llewllyn Holmes will represent Nicholas county at the state spelling bee to be held in Louisville next Wednesday.

Clem Wilson, exhibited an old-fashioned cap and ball pistol here which attracted much interest. The pistol was patented in 1845.

Charles G. Talbert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Talbert, was one of 18 students at the University of Kentucky who made grades of all "A" during the past semester.

Master Commissioner William Conley sold at the courthouse door Monday afternoon an undivided half interest of the late Sam Kimes in a house on Dorsey Avenue to Mrs. Lide Kimes, owner of the other half interest for $300. Special Commissioner Samuel Holmes sold the farm of Frank Berry on Licking River, containing 64½ acres to W. A. Mitchell for $1,510.

As a result of the continued wet weather farmers are far behind with their plowing and other work. Many tobacco beds were washed away in the heavy rains of three weeks ago.

The Cincinnati Reds opened their baseball season with Pittsburg at Cincinnati Wednesday afternoon. Joe Clay, Clyde Snelling and Russell Shrout were among those attending the game.

Harper's Garage reports the sale of five new V-8 Ford cars and three used cars in the last 10 days. This doesn't look like depression!business.

Dr. A. T. Gardner, local optometrist, has returned from attending the 20th annual convention of the Kentucky Association of Optometrists at Louisville.

The legal sale of beer in Carlisle after a recess of 27 years caused little excitement when placed on sale here Friday.

County officials slash own salaries by $1,260 at meeting of fiscal court Tuesday afternoon.

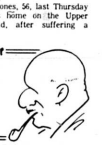
BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Watkins, a son at their home in the country, April 5.

DIED—Dora Jones, 56, last Thursday morning at his home on the Upper Jackstown Road, after suffering a stroke.

The Pied Typer

Russ Metz

Ms. Woman Libber is not as close to M$. as she thinks



To go the Women's Libbers one better, someone has suggested that instead of using Ms. to address women in letters or on other printed matter, we should adopt a simple "M" for everybody, men and women alike.

I think this a a great idea. It would sufficiently foul things up to the point where you couldn't tell the horse from the driver even with a programme.

In the first place, it would be confusing enough to make us all sound like Frenchmen, the M for Monsieur. This could do a lot for those of us who try to make love like Charlie Boyer. It would also equalize the rest of us with those cats, who like to use an initial first in their names to give it class.

But, best of all, is the juicy gossip it would create in the writings of our newspaper's rural writers. Take a report like "M. Charlie Gluck was the bedtime guest of M. Sadie Squatz," and folks around here would cancel their Playboy subscriptions and start hiding the hometown paper from their kids.

If any change in women's titles is in order, it should be to Miz. That's the way we're going to pronounce it anyway, so it just as well be made socially acceptable.

The Women's Lib thing is fizzling out because every sensible woman knows she never had it so good. As long as we can keep them snowed on how important they already are and how they control the pursestrings of the family, they are not going to revolt.

Actually, men have more control over the money women spend then they've been getting credit for. The average male also has more of a mind of his own about shopping for himself than statistics have led us to believe.

In a detailed report of the latest surveys of family spending, it was revealed that women do not control 85 per cent of all the family buying — a statistic used widely in recent years.

The American woman is responsible for avoid 60 per cent of all U. S. personal-consumption expenditures. Even this figure is misleading, though. Because many times women buy after specific requests from husbands, acting only as errand runners, the way it is in my family.

Men select three out of four suits they buy, the survey shows. Women buy one out of every two male shirts sold, which accounts for some of the horrible threads some men are wearing these days.

Even when the initial idea of buying something is hers, the wife most often gets approval from her spouse before spending his dough. I should certainly hope so. It's the American way, you know.

Women are getting smarter all the time. And some day they may even come close to catching up. That will be the time to change titles to bring things back into focus.

For the menfolks, "master" has a nice ring to it.

-tpt-

At the further risk of getting accused for putting down women-types, there is another area where they are going to have to show some improvement, if they expect to be judged as equals.

This comes from no less an authority than a sales manager for a big paper concern, supplying paper products to men's and women's washrooms in factories and offices. He gives an interesting insight on those pert, pretty, precise little feminine creatures.

Women, it seems, are much more slovenly than men and are always stuffing up the plumbing. So much so that his company sells a different quality of paper products for men's and women's restrooms.

"Our first sign that one of our products is in trouble," he says, "is when some building manager complains that the plumbing keeps getting clogged up. Where? In the women's lavatories, always. Never the men's. Women will throw anything they can lift into the john. You name it, pencils, lipstick, cigarette packs, magazines, pop bottles, any kind of junk.

The paper boys are reluctant to publicize it, but in 9 out of 10 cases, women cause the clogged pipes. "They either don't care or have no idea what a flush toilet will and will not take away," he said.

This means that men are tidier than women? You better believe it. A few guys are slobs, but the average man just wants a paper towel to dry his hands. That's why good, strong towels are put in the men's room. It is made not to go to pieces fast when wet. A man tosses a used towel into a wastebasket or near to it and no harm is done. Good for our side.

You don't trust women with those heavy towels. They'll use a dozen to remove lipstick and wipe off cold cream and throw the works into the john along with a pair of panty hose that got a run, or an old hat if they are tired of it.

How does the paper company solve this problem?

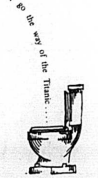
"We give the women instant disintegrating paper. Soft stuff. It's no damned good for drying hands. A man would swear at it. But women are going to use two or three dozen pieces anyway, so we give them flimsy stuff that practically dissolves in water. You can't give women credit for sense. You have to outwit them," the man said.

The girls look mighty pretty when they come out of the powder room, but our friend's scandalous industrial espionage tells us they must leave the place in shambles. Which is another good reason for us menfolks not wanting complete equality. We couldn't stand the sight of those messes in our johnnies.

This is true, my wife tells me. "You've heard me complain when we are traveling about the condition of ladies' rooms, particularly in service stations. That's why I sometimes use the men's room, out of sheer necessity," she told me.

"I'm glad to know this. I had begun to worry about you," I told her. "Girls who hang around boys' outhouses are talked about."

"I worry about you, too, honey," she said. "One of these days when you are doing your thing snooping around ladies' commodes, some less appreciative gal is going to slip up behind you and we're going to see another brave soul go the way of the Titanic. . . .



SALTWELL

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Woosley and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Oran Keel who have purchased a trailer and moved it near the river this past weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar returned home Monday after several weeks stay in Clarksville, Tenn.

Mrs. Stanley W. Caswell of Millersburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H.A. Gaunce and family.

Freddie Hollar of Carlisle spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Lane Hollar.

Mike Woosley underwent a tonsillectomy at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington on Wednesday. He returned home on Thursday and is convalescing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woosley of Buffalo Trace.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Setters and children of Bristol, Tenn. spent the past weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Brannock and Joe.

Mrs. Donna Galbraith of Carlisle and Mrs. Gary Hollar were in Lexington on Thursday night.

Mrs. Thurman Osborne of Helena and Rev. and Mrs. J.H. Ritchie visited Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Gaunce during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar and Gary Hollar were Friday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar, the occasion being the birthday of Layne Hollar.

Jeff Snapp of Carlisle spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. E.V. Delaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Gibson and baby son of Clarksville, Tenn. spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar.

Chris Rose spent Thursday night with Mike Sowell in Carlisle.

Howard Livingood Jr., student at Cumberland College, is spending the Easter vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Livingood Sr. and family.

Miss Lisa Earlywine spent Saturday night and Sunday with Jane Snapp in Carlisle.

Several from here attended church at Fosters Chapel on Sunday night where Rev. Bob Wood of Flemingsburg is assisting Rev. Woodrow Gaunce in a revival which will continue through Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fryman of Harrison County and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones visited Mrs. Mae Keeney on Sunday and Sunday night. Mrs. Keeney is improving from a recent illness.

Mike Sowell and Tracey Hollar spent Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar.

Mrs. Mae Keeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Allgert Ashbrook of Indian Creek on Saturday.

Miss Vicki Withrow is spending the week with relatives in Hillsboro, Ohio.

Ermine Kenney and Susanne visited Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mattox and family on Sunday night.

Our Readers Speak

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in 1921. I went from the first grade until I graduated. Miss Mary Frances Fisher was my third grade teacher. There were four girls that started in the first grade together and went on to graduate. The late Glennie Fisher Gilley was one. I still have fond memories of Carlisle and Nicholas County, Ky. I was born at the Fishback Farm which was seven miles out on the Fishback Road (which is now known as the Upper Jackstown Road) out of Carlisle. There were six generations of us lived there and four generations of us were born there. At the present there are five living generations in my immediate family.

Mother and I have done a lot of research on our families (with help of a number of others). We have around 40 proven surnames including FISHBACK, RATLIFF, REED, BAIRD, Gorham, BECK, Turley, Dean, Crooks, etc. The capitalized names were early settlers of Nicholas County and owned property in Carlisle and Nicholas County. The others owned property in Bourbon, Bath and Montgomery.

My mother, Essie Ratliff Fishback (Mrs. George Fishback) of Roanoke, Va. had a massive stroke on March 13, 1973. Her condition is critical.

Please, put the above item in The Carlisle Mercury so her friends and relatives back there will know about her condition.

I have been ill for the past year and haven't been able to write our friends back in Kentucky or anywhere.

Sincerely,
Margaret Fishback Henderson

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Thank you for reminding me about my paper. I would hate to lose it. I would miss it.

I like to hear what my friends and good neighbors are doing. I was born and raised in Carlisle. I lived there with my mother, Mrs. Odie Hughes, until her death a year ago, so the pain was too hard. I came to Missouri to live. So once again I want to thank you.

Yours truly,
Pearl Curnish
539 East 5th St.
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NEXT WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

By Clay R. Pollan

Note planetary ruler of your birth symbol

FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1973

★ If your birthday occurs this week . . .

. . . you possess a loving nature, but at times too impulsive. Your disposition attracts friends, because you are naturally generous and kind. You are a clever conversationalist, sparkling witty and interesting. You are fond of pleasure, of gaiety, of casual amusements and like to entertain.

Aries Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 Pluto ♇

A surprise this week puts you in touch with influential people. Before rushing into a new circumstance, wait and see how things some out. Try to change scenes. Go to some place that's different. Take time to evaluate yourself and be proud of your achievements. Help and encourage older people.

Taurus Apr. 20 - May 20 Venus ♀

A switch in activity would be a good thing from the health angle. The more exercise, the better now. Being stirred up over things detracts from your efficiency. Consult experts as to how to increase your earnings. Your ingenuity in finances could win a victory. Watch budgetary matters.

Gemini May 21 - June 20 Mercury ☿

Someone may help you trim rough edges off an original idea that would make it marketable. Money advice now would be sound and worth following. Virgo and Pisces individuals are strongly in your picture. Socialize and work with them. Be wary. A new friend could be disappointing. Old friends are best.

Cancer June 21 - July 22 Moon ☾

Your surroundings can far too easily impose a mood upon you. Give thought to new room arrangements. Make rooms bright, sunny and airy. An unexpected gift, perhaps something decorative, may come. Lose no opportunity to show your high I.Q. and ability to take charge of things, but be diplomatic.

Leo July 23 - Aug. 22 Sun ☉

You're imbued with all kinds of wonderful ideas. Blueprint carefully what you desire, then publicize your plans. Your finances improve and your career receives a boost. There's possibility of a gift or nice invitation. Cultivate the friendship of a Scorpio individual. Don't argue with loved ones.

Virgo Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 Mercury ☿

Places recommended by friends won't suit you. Make your own inquiries. An influential person watches you. You do your best at all times. Some ill or convalescing person needs your kindness and attention. You fit nicely into someone's money picture. Turn a deaf ear to rumors.

Libra Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 Venus ♀

There is a very companionable aura about your affairs this week. You may receive a bid for a romantic meeting. Proper action helps you resolve problems swiftly. Don't hesitate. It's your move, but be sure it's right. Travel appears unsafe. Take a trip some other time. Delay decisions.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Mars ♂

There can be a light scattering of mishaps. Take it all in stride. Urgent duties will come up, which should be taken care of promptly. New contacts can be mentally stimulating, later profitable. Some hopes and wishes are subject to revision. Let your associates carry the ball now.

Sagittarius Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 Jupiter ♃

Your own judgment is more accurate than that of your friends. Plan positively and don't allow yourself to be sidetracked. Give no cause to be criticized or misunderstood. Be on much to certain relationships with important people. Your persuasive ability will influence them.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 Saturn ♄

A vigorous, uplifting feeling makes this a week of accomplishment. Make the most of it. A pleasant surprise is due which may affect your financial status. You would fare better by associating with Scorpio persons. Do not overwork. Take your time and strive for perfection.

Aquarius Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 Uranus ♅

A period to avoid romance. A false picture is likely to be painted for you. If not careful, you could be the victim of an unusual fraud. Check your assets. You may be worth more than imagined. This is a time to finish projects. Never imitate. Your home environs can be improved. Get estimates.

Pisces Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 Neptune ♆

Protect your interests; do not loan money; allow for surprise decisions or demands. Don't fall for someone's sob story. You will intuitively recognize sincerity and honesty. Excellent period for timing important meetings. Persons in high places will be impressed with your dramatic presentation of ideas.

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