A different point of view

Dr. B. Ross Morrison of the First Baptist Church in Wheaton, Md., sends us a story which one of his fellow preachers recently passed on to him. A stranger in the city noticed that a large brick structure was being built. Noticing a workman near by, the stranger walked up and asked: "What are you doing?"

Without glancing up, the man replied: "I'm laying bricks."

Walking on, the stranger approached another worker and asked him the same question. "Fine day," he said. "What are you doing?"

The second workman replied: "I'm earning twenty dollars a day."

Near by, the stranger found a third bricklayer, and again he asked the man what he was doing. The workman carefully finished laying a brick, straightened, stepped back and slowly surveyed the unfinished structure. With pride in his voice, he said: "I'm building a cathedral."

Dr. Morrison didn't say so, but the implied question, of course, is: If a stranger were to ask you: "What are you doing?" what would your answer be?

Common sense in education

Recently, speaking at Lorraine County (Ohio) Community College, Dr. Max Rafferty, Ph.D., said that "Long before the end of the 20th century there is going to be a successful challenge to the arrogant assumption that teachers shouldn't be held responsible for the product they turn out." Rafferty advocates standardized testing as one measurement of children's performance.

"If we're still paying bad teachers the same amount we pay good teachers, then public education will be ready for the boneyard," declared Rafferty. "And unless we drastically modify the network of State laws currently giving ironclad tenure to teachers so that we can fire the senile, the stupid and the subversive, public education is going to be a dead duck."

Asked, in the question and answer period, "As an advocate of patriotism, how do you explain to students America's mistakes," Rafferty answered: "I tell them they love their mother, and their mother makes mistakes all the time; but that doesn't mean you can't love your mother."

Dr. Rafferty is one expert in the field of education who doesn't mind saying what he thinks. Our hat is off to him.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

NO CREDIT GIVEN

It seems to happen every now and then when we use an article from another newspaper—we forget to put a credit line on the article.

The article I am referring to was last week's editorial entitled "The public's right to known." It was written by Ben Boone III, EAP of the Todd County Standard, Elkton, who has a knack for getting the word across.

—MV—

NOTED AND APPRECIATED

It takes 40 gallons of maple sap for each gallon of syrup which brings the price per gallon to between $10 and $12. And every drop is well worth the price on a stack of golden brown pancakes.

—MV—

A headline in the Christine Science Monitor as follows: "British known for dry humor, but lengthy drought not funny."

Seems they are having a reversed weather pattern and the old English nursery song, sung with noses pressed against the streaming windowpane, "Rain, rain go away, come again another day....," is heard no longer. So it would be a safe bet that most Kentuckians would gladly send their April showers away for awhile.

The British chant has become: "Rain, rain come again. Don't fall mainly on the plain in Spain."

—MV—

NEW EFFECT DISCOVERED

The sun's magnet may be tugging at earth's weather, according to Prof. John Wilcox of Stanford University. He finds that when a change in certain solar magnetic patterns occurs past the earth, the average area covered by low pressure at 30,000 feet tends to decrease. It returns to normal soon afterwards.

These low-pressure regions, called troughs, are associated with rain and storms. Since the effect is recurring, well-defined, and always on the order of 16 per cent, it just might turn out to be useful in weather forecasting.

Twenty and forty years ago

Thursday, April 30, 1953

Miss Martha Sue Feeback, student at Carlisle High School and member of the Carlisle 4-H Club, was named "Miss Nicholas County" at the 4-H Style Revue, Friday night.

Rolla S. Cavanaugh Jr., 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla Cavanaugh of Carlisle, a night guard at Kentucky Village at Greendale, was clubbed early Monday morning by inmates during a "break". His condition is not serious.

A "white way" system for Main Street will be installed the first of May, according to Morris Whiteley, local KU office manager. The "white way" will be composed of nine street lights from Elm to Walnut, with the amount of light being doubled.

Ben H. Pumphrey Jr., a native of Carlisle and Central Presbyterian Cadets at MMI, will be the special agent for the New York, Life Insurance Company in Carlisle.

MARRIED—Miss Audrey Ina Bond of Lexington to William Warren Hillock, April 19 in Lexington.

BORN—To A/2c and Mrs. Kenneth Ratliff of Las Vegas, Nev., a daughter, Kennetha Ann, April 27.

DIED—Harper Giles, 14-year-old son of Mrs. Ned Giles, Morganton, N.C.—John Thomas Gray, 77, Fleming county, Wednesday.—William S. Judy, 79, Thursday in Lexington.

Thursday, April 27, 1933

Frost which covered this section Sunday morning did little if any damage to fruit trees and early vegetables, Louis Hillenmeyer, Lexington nurseryman, reported.

Work is progressing rapidly on the surfacing and concrete work on the Miller Station Road from Carlisle to the Maysville and Lexington Pikes. The last bridge, a concrete work, an arch culvert over Brushy Fork Creek near the Davis farm is being completed, and the grading is being pushed rapidly.

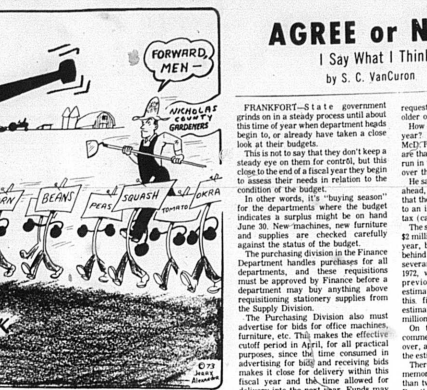
A few wool clips have been delivered to local dealers this week, although no price has been fixed. The wool is delivered with the understanding that the market price will be paid.

Sheriff R.S. Kenton and Deputy Sheriff Odus Kitchen of Harrison county, assisted federal officers in conducting a raid in Nicholas county near the Harrison line last Thursday and captured a 50-gallon still and 700 gallons of mash.

Miss Mary Frances Fisher and Miss Allie McLeod spent the week in Louisville attending the K.E.A. meeting.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Everett Higgins at their home near Locust Grove, April 14, a daughter.

MARRIED—Miss Amelia Pickrell King, formerly of Carlisle, and Leer Buckley, Lexington, in Lexington last Thursday afternoon.



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Communications in the Family

One of the basic causes of frustration, confusion and unhappiness in relationships is the breakdown in communications. Communications involve much more than just a conversation between two people. The one receiving the "message" understands what the sender is saying and lets the sender of the message know that he understands. It is a two-way channel that involves more than words, but tone of voice, body movements, facial expressions (the twinkle in the eye, tightness of the mouth, etc.), or through touch.

A person is often afraid to show his true feelings because of the feeling of being rejected or because he cannot accept his feelings, whether they are friendly or unfriendly.

Basic satisfactory relationships begin with the baby during his first year of life. It is through the warm and comforting presence of the parents or parent figures that develops in the child this sense of trust. Through this touching relationship the child learns the sense of trust and dares to venture forth in new experiences. Basic unsatisfactory relationships with parents in childhood hinder good communication in adult life.

One basic requirement for good communications is to be a good listener, not just to the words that are said, but those left unsaid and what is felt. One needs to have faith in his ability to get the message across to the other person and one needs to have faith in the other person's ability to feel with him or understand the message he is trying to convey.

Real communications, which involves a relationship where positive attitudes are felt and understood, is the involvement of one person with another. This involvement costs us something because it makes us open ourselves and our concerns to another.

Some suggestions for improving communications are:

Respect the personality of each person as an individual.

Answer the simple and direct questions that children ask.

Listen to hear what the other person is saying, both in spoken and in unspoken words.

Try to prevent outbursts of anger and thoughtless remarks. Follow them with a sincere apology if they do occur.

When disagreements come, and they do come sooner or later, talk it out before the molehill of bickering becomes a mountain of stony silence or an erupting volcano.

Each husband and wife, each mother and father, needs to discipline himself and herself in the early stages of anger to avoid any ridiculing or nagging.

Thoughtfulness, appreciation, courtesy and gratitude—all these are like showers on parched land.

Try to see things from the other person's viewpoint.

Don't put off until tomorrow the thoughtful word you can say today.

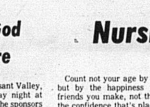
Be as courteous to the members of your family as you are to casual acquaintances.

Members of a family are more likely to share confidences and problems if the atmosphere is relaxed and pleasant and if each is an unhurried listener. Some people block the lines of communication by being overconcerned and tense, while others block it by a lack of concern.

AGREE or NOT

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron



FRANKFORT—State government grinds on in a steady process until about this time of year when department heads begin to, or already have taken a close look at their budgets.

This is not to say that they don't keep a steady eye on them (or control), but this close to the end of a fiscal year they begin to assess their needs in relation to the condition of the budget.

In other words, it's "buying season" for the departments where the budget indicates a surplus might be on hand June 30. New machines, new furniture and supplies are checked carefully against the status of the budget.

The purchasing division in the Finance Department handles purchases for all departments, and these requisitions must be approved by Finance before a department may buy anything above requisitioning stationery supplies from the Supply Division.

The Purchasing Division also must advertise for bids for office machines, furniture, etc. This makes the effective cutoff period in April, for all practical purposes, since the time consumed in advertising for bids and receiving bids makes it close for delivery within this fiscal year and the time allowed for delivery into the next year. Funds may be encumbered, but only for a short time into the next fiscal year, and if a company cannot meet the delivery date, the department simply doesn't get the items.

The Budget Division in Finance also checks every department's budget to prevent an overrun.

Charles Pryor, secretary of the Cabinet and Finance, said last week he hadn't noticed much acceleration in purchasing, but noted there probably is some on automobiles because of the cutoff of the present purchase contract. Pryor said Finance sent a notice to all departments a few weeks ago notifying them of this situation and to get their requests in for new cars to replace the older ones.

How is the revenue picture for this year? Revenue Commissioner John McD. Ross said last week present trends are that revenue for this fiscal year will run in the neighborhood of two per cent over the budget estimate.

He said revenue for the general fund is ahead, attributable to the sales tax and that the road fund is ahead, attributable to an increase in the automobile usage tax (car purchases).

The severance tax on coal will be about $2 million behind the estimate this fiscal year, but only about half to $1 million behind the 14-month estimate. The severance tax effective date was May 1, 1972, which put two months into the previous fiscal year. The budget estimate for this tax was $40 million for this fiscal year, and Ross is now estimating collections will be about $38 million.

On the total budget picture, Ross commented, "We'll be about two per cent over, and if you're within 98 per cent of the estimate, I think that's pretty good."

There's been only one time in recent memory when the variance was more than two per cent, and that was during Breathitt's last biennium. Revenue came up about $25 million short of the budget estimate, and that was the exact amount

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NEXT WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

By Clay R. Pollan

Nots planetary ruler of your birth symbol

FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1973

★ If your birthday occurs this week . . .

. . . you possess a warm and affectionate nature and are inclined to show the love you feel. You have the power to attract the opposite sex. Use discrimination in the choice of friends. There's no semblance of snobbery in your makeup, but you are careful with whom you are seen in public.

♈ Aries | Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 | Pluto ♇

There may be a lot of hustle and bustle in your affairs this week. You may win a leadership position for a change. Ideal time for getting new projects formulated. An elderly person may try to discourage you, but pay little attention. Quick moves could make financial progress easier. Be aggressive.

♉ Taurus | Apr. 20 - May 20 | Venus ♀

A sexy period. Your mate takes the initiative in love-making. Enjoy what's in store for you! Examine the astrological attributes of potential friends. Sagittarius and Leo seem more attuned to your ideas and desires than those of other signs. You can profit by people talking when they are off guard.

♊ Gemini | May 21 - June 20 | Mercury ☿

Your common sense will aid you in overcoming a slight fear which has been plaguing you. Don't thrust your neck out by proffering advice. Consider investing in new labor-saving equipment. Your popularity will be high now. Make the most of the goodwill shown you. You're in trouble if you upset someone.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22 | Moon ☽

There's money to be made in spare-time interests. Cultivating a new hobby could lead to a profit-making operation. Tread the path ahead without looking back. Love interests, social life and public affairs move forward energetically. You are able to instruct and direct people with wisdom.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22 | Sun ☉

You won't get rid of a new responsibility by ignoring or turning away. You have the ability and courage to deal with emergencies and will probably make the right decisions. Be steady in your affections and don't wander far afield. Do business entertaining away from home. Ignore irritating colleagues.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 | Mercury ☿

Excellent period for getting on best terms with the one nearest and dearest to you. Fall in line with your partner's plans and wishes. You'll find some real bargains in the current rash of store sales. It's difficult to get others to change their methods. Just chart your course and don't be sidetracked.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 | Venus ♀

You can solve a large romantic problem of your own. A frank approach gets you out of hot water. The element of secrecy isn't advisable now. Be aboveboard in all that you do. Frankness and sincerity pay off in the long-run. A fresh opportunity for money gain may present itself. Be prepared.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 | Mars ♂

Some nice money luck comes around midweek. Make sure plans are built on concrete ideas. Your aid to a friend is well-placed and is appreciated. Find out where you stand in a verbal agreement. Travel is on the agenda. Study travel folders, especially the expense involved. Be adventurous.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 | Jupiter ♃

You're inclined now to display unusual interest in things religious, occult and obscure. Many now look upon you as conciliator. Try to be helpful. Take care of your personal problems first, then let the chips fall where they may. Distant affairs, legal matters and partnerships are spotlighted.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 | Saturn ♄

Associates may put up obstacles, which you can't understand. Avoid anything emotionally disturbing. Try to keep calm. Follow a conservative, economical course, and trim your budget, if possible. It could be a miserable week because of financial benefits accruing. Prepare for those rainy days ahead.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 | Uranus ♅

A spot of money luck comes unexpectedly. Be more aware of the money market. Study the financial pages of daily newspapers. A time for cooperation and keeping the peace with the opposite sex. Excellent for organizing improvements, repairs and redecorating. Don't wander too far at any time from home base.

♓ Pieces | Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 | Neptune ♆

Strange experiences occur. New problems may develop. Handle them with dispatch and wisdom. Keep your health good with wholesome diet and plenty of rest. You could be stood up on a date. Check appointments and be sure not to be caught unawares. There's possibility of visitors that you're happy to see.

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Church of God holds bonfire

The Church of God of Pleasant Valley, sponsored a bonfire Saturday night at Cowan, on the Biddle farm. The sponsors were Mrs. Ethel Briggs and Patty McCord.

The following guests were: Roy Brooks, Lester Walling, Vickie Catron, Donnie McCord, Bobbie McCord, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Earlywine, Regina, Fern, Bruce Barnes, Kris, Fern, Kyle, Stacey, Jeff McIntyre, Gayle McCord, Marlene Mitchell, Betty McCord, Patty Stacy, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Fogleman, Keith Wilcoxson, Vickie Wilcoxson, Vickie Mitchell, Teresa Mitchell, Mary Lee Biggs, Betty McCord, Letha Bing, Jerry Tom Kimes.

Nursing Home News

By Virginia Smith Donovan

Count not your age by years you live, but by the happiness you give. The friends you make, not the good you do, the confidence that's placed in you. The little things that, day by day, bring cheer to others on life's way. But count one more mile upon the road of things worthwhile! Martha Wadsworth

Mrs. Vada Pelfry has returned after a visit to her home in Portsmouth, Ohio. After she visited with her folks, kissed all the grandchildren and great grandchildren said she was ready to come back. She's here and we are glad. Mrs. Pelfry is a tiny little person who slips around, trys to help us all, and does.

Mrs. Nell Brayfield came Wednesday with the pretty little Easter favors and visited several of us. She had made the favors.

We are always glad when Ardella Thompson Johnson brings her little son, Frankie. He's a darling little boy, so very friendly.

My roommate is Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Hickey of Bethel. Her "young" 98-year-old sister-in-law, Miss Bridgett Hickey came to visit her. She also did a lot of visiting with Miss Cordia Bell and Herman Conyers. Mr. Conyers said she substituted at Stoney Creek School.

Kind words and good deeds are the cement of love that holds our homes together—Dr. Norman Vincent Peale

Here's another personal story but it is worth telling. Just before noon Tuesday I was surprised when my daughter, Sue and two children and Mildred came. We went out to eat at a local restaurant, did a little shopping and went to my home on Mulberry. I had not seen my good neighbors for many months. It was fun to go around and see June Vice next door, Miss Nancy Talbert, Mrs. Daisy Huddelson, Bessie Fredrick and Ethel Story.

Herman Shannon has a new great granddaughter. Her name is Diana Shannon Priest. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Shannon.

Herman Conyers must be quite a ladies' man. The wives of the Methodist Men of all the Methodist churches made him a beautiful star quilt, six pointed. The initials of all the ladies were on it. It certainly is beautiful, but I'm afraid it will give Mr. Conyers the big head and he won't sleep much.

Cleatus Ritchie and his big smile delivered it. I can't see how Conyers rates so highly since he isn't even a Methodist.

I received a card from my daughter, Rosalie and family who are vacationing in Florida. The card was from Disney World.

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MYERS

by Mrs. Rena Crawford

Mr. and Mrs. Otha B. Crawford spent a few hours with Mrs. Rena Crawford last Sunday.

Mrs. Meral McCagly spent a week with Mr. and Mrs. Thorlus George recently.

Mrs. Rena Crawford and Mrs. Rosemary Kinder and daughter spent a few hours with Mrs. Shellia Kinder recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flora visited Mr. and Mrs. Oberly Hack of Middletown, Ohio, the past weekend.

Mrs. Rena Crawford and Mrs. Rosalee Watkins spent a few hours with Mrs. Farris Flora one day last week.

Mrs. Audrey Earlywine visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Lowe of Milwaukee the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wood Flora visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Flora on Sunday.

Thomas George was given a birthday dinner Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Trussell.

Republicans meet

Tuesday, April 14, the Republicans of Nicholas County, met at the home of Billy Guthrie on Elm Street. Mr. Guthrie was in charge of the meeting, entitled, "Register Your Beliefs, Register Republican."

Mr. Guthrie urged all precinct chairmen to help re-register not only Republicans, but other political party members as well.

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Local track teams win last week

Jr. High Boys

The Nicholas County Junior High boys track team won a triangular meet with Paris and Camargo at Paris last Wednesday. The Junior High thinclads garnered 41 points, Paris had 30 points and Camargo had 26 points.

Results: Long Jump: 1. Paris, 2. Camargo, 3. Darrell Sexton, Nicholas County. High Jump: 1. Camargo, 2. Mike Tucker, Nicholas County, 3. Ricky Hunt, Nicholas County.

Shot: 1. Camargo 2. Paris 3. Camargo. Discus: 1. Jimmy Smith, Nicholas County, 2. Damon Booth, Nicholas County, 3. Mike Tucker, Nicholas County. 100: 1. (tie) Sexton, Nicholas County and Feeney, Paris.

Mile: 1. Paris, 2. Camargo, 3. Jimmy Caswell, Nicholas County: 880 Yd. Relay: 1. Paris, 2. Nicholas County: 440: 1. Camargo, 2. Bud McLean, Nicholas County, 3. Paris; 880: 1. Mike Anderson, Nicholas County, 2. Cliff Shumate, Nicholas County, 3. Camargo; 220: 1. Paris, 2. Sexton, Nicholas County, 3. Paris; Mile Relay: 1. Nicholas County team of Joe Ruddell, Booth, Mark Tubbs, and McLean.

Varsity Girls

The Nicholas County varsity girls track team followed up an earlier victory over Pendleton County with a 61-53 win over Montgomery County last Tuesday. Carla Pryor led the team with 16½ points followed by Chestina Young with 10½ and Rachel Booth with 10. Debbie Ritchie had 7¼ points.

Nicholas County girls placed as follows: 50 yd. Hurdles: 2nd—Chestina Young; 100 yd. Dash: 2nd—Mona Garrett; 880 yd. Relay: 1st—team of Connie Gates, Mona McLean, Nyiri Price, Debbie Ritchie.

440 yd. Run: 1st—Chestina Young; 80 yd. Hurdles: 1st—Pryor (tie), 3rd—Garrett; 880 yd. Medley Relay: 1st—team of Pryor, Garrett, Sheela McLean, Young.

880 yd. Run: 2nd—Mona McLean; 220 yd. Dash: 1st—Pryor, 3rd—Ritchie; High Jump: 1st—Pryor; Long Jump: 1st—Ritchie, 2nd—Gates, 3rd—Young; Discus: 1st—Booth; Shot Put: 1st—Booth, 3rd—Sheela McLean.

Victory Gala Saturday

Andy Williams will provide the entertainment at the Democratic Victory Gala to be held in Frankfort on Saturday, April 28. Anyone who has contributed to the Fund Raising Drive, either by attending the two fish fries locally, or by monetary contributions, is entitled to a free ticket to the Victory Gala. The free tickets are available from either Avery Mitchell or Jock Conley.

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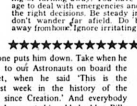
THE PIED TYPER

By Russ Metz

White House bugged about absence of laughter



When a newspaper reports that the White House is short on laughter, it doesn't take much imagination to hear the wheels begin turning immediately for a full investigation.

"It is that true — an absence of laughter — that is cited most frequently as the thread that runs through the record of Mr. Nixon's appointees," said the New York Times in an article on the men closest to the President.

Apparently the Times was not invited the day Sammy Davis Jr. draped an arm around the President and they both yakked it up for the cameras.

But within 24 hours after this accusation was condensed for the President's news digest, totally unreliable sources had reported the administraton will deny everything if the Times tries to hide under the newspaperman's shield law.

At the regular White House news conference came a denial that any laughter was missing. But it was rumored aides had asked the FBI to check its laughter files to see that undignified snickers had been erased and genuine guffaws dubbed in.

From the highest level came a memo to all top aides: "Check into the no-laughter allegations. If they are true, run a complete security check on all personnel and get the pictures on identification badges changed to smiling faces."

First aide: "I think the laughter is there if you listen for it. It is just hard to hear above the knee-slapping ha-de-ha-has coming from the Watergate building."

Second aide, just returning from a martini lunch:

"It is easy enough to smile
With a girl, a glass and a song
But the man worthwhile
Is the man who can smile
When he has brought his old woman along!"

Third aide: "Put that in the paper shredder before Jack Anderson gets it. Maybe you'd rather be in the State Department."

Fourth aide: "Frankly, I don't think this is a laughing matter. Being urbanely cynical is not really being loyal."

Fifth aide: "Yeah, like man we need more loyalty in high places. Even when the President gets people to smile someone puts him down. Take when he spoke to out Astronauts on board the Hornet, when he said 'This is the greatest week in the history of the world since Creation.' And everybody laughed except his old buddy, Billy Graham, who, when he heard about it, asked what about the week of the Resurrection?"

Sixth aide: "Right on, baby. The Chief can lay 'em on you. Take just after Johnny Kennedy's inauguration in 1961, when Presidential aide Ted Sorenson and the Chief met, and the discussion eventually turned to Kennedy's inaugural address.

"'I wish I had said some of those things,' said Mr. Nixon.

"'What part?' asked Sorenson, who was proud of his speech writing. 'You mean that part about: Ask not what your country can do for you ...?'

"'No,' our Chief came back quick as a flash, 'The part that starts: I do solemnly swear . . .'"

Seventh aide: "Jeez, I hope the Democrats don't have this joint bugged!"

Eighth aide: "How long have you guys been with us – up to now. The White House wants our hands clean on this. Not one phony giggle. Besides, everyone still recognizes Martha Mitchell's voice from those old tapes."

Ninth aide: "When you distribute the laughter questionnaire, be sure everyone uses a soft lead pencil to mark the multiple choice questions. If you don't know the right answers, leave it blank so it can be filled in correctly by your superiors."

Tenth aide: "Has our top banana had any requests lately for an appearance on the Johnny Carson Show?"

Eleventh aide: "Yes, we'll accept women's laughter. We don't want Bella Abzug after us, too. A good laugh could shatter her wrinkle pack."

Twelfth aide: "Who says dogs don't laugh. It was a howl when LBJ picked up his Beagles by the ears."

Thirteenth aide: "The boss wants the answers big and black, but keep the message dignified."

Fourteenth aide: "The way I see it, the assignment has trickled down. Now it's our job to trickle something up. As long as it's classified, we can be assured the Times will print it."

Fifteenth aide: "With the President playing the piano, you can't tell me there's no laughter in Washington."

Sixteenth aide: "Maybe if we suggested a nose job for the Chief, he wouldn't get accused of stealing Bob Hope's old jokes."

Seventeenth aide: "Naw, that's like putting a new luggage rack on a '53 DeSoto."

Eighteenth aide: "The instructions get fuzzy when they filter down this far. Maybe the tint has faded from my rose-colored glasses.

Nineteenth aide: "What do you mean, the whole report has to be ready in the morning?"

Twentieth aide: "hahahaha-hohohohoho-he-he-he-he-hawhawhaw . . .! Type that in quadruplicate and send it up through the channels."