Keeping one's identity

Is it a good thing to forget the past? In a recent issue of **Intellectual Digest**, Charles Robbins contends that putting one's past and present together is a key to happy living; and he cites the example of our late President, Harry S. Truman, for one to follow.

Says Mr. Robins; "Some people, including many of those who have retired, try to use the past as an escape from the present; but President Truman used it to put the present in perspective."

In a letter to Mrs. Truman some time after the late president's death, Robbins spoke of the man as he knew him during the summer of 1953. "I was president of the country," he seemed to be saying, "but I don't want to forget I'm also the fellow who went to school (in Independence, Mo.) and plowed a pretty straight furrow on this farm."

Unlike many who retire with plans to use endless leisure time for fishing, golfing and recreation, and who then find themselves bored and disoriented, Truman always seemed to have his bearings. He seemed to know exactly why he was in his position in time, Says Robbins: "I've never met anyone whose idea of his own identity was clearer."

Nearly everyone knows the story of Cinderella and the pumpkin which turned into a golden coach and then into a pumpkin again. President Truman viewed the presidency in a somewhat similar form. It was a "temporary" position where a man, an ordinary citizen, had enough power in his hands to dazzle a foreign dictator or conquer a world, and after the end of his supreme experience he drops back into an everyday life and is expected to carry on as if nothing much had ever happened. This was the essence of democracy as Truman saw it. Or, as he put it, he loved the idea that "anybody can be President and, when he reaches the end of his term, he can become anybody again."

Harry S. Truman found contentment in retired years in the philosophy expressed by Kipling: "If you can walk with Kings and not lose the common touch, yours is the earth and everything that's in it,"—and what's more—"You'll be a man, my son."

AGREE or NOT

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT—Revenue and Finance officials here are getting figures together as the first step in preparing the budget Gov. Wendell H. Ford will present to the 1974 Legislature.

Overall, the revenue report for last fiscal year that ended July 1 has a rosy glow but there are some soft spots that are causing the budget people to arch an apprehensive eyebrow. Income was $20 million above the budget estimate, but the severance tax on coal fell almost $3 million below the $40 million estimate for the first full year of collection.

Meanwhile, Kentucky lost its position as number one coal producer for the nation, but a strong market this fall could vault the state back into that position and strengthen revenue outlook for the state coffers.

Sales and use taxes are the greatest source of state revenue for the general fund, but loss of the five per cent tax on take-home groceries caused collections in this category to drop slightly below the last fiscal year's figures, but was 5.1 per cent over the $301 million estimate.

When the sales tax was eliminated in the 1972 session the estimate was that it would cost the state's general fund about $65 million the first year. The tax wasn't removed until Oct. 1, 1972.

The revenue experts are somewhat apprehensive about revenue for the road fund for the next biennium, particularly for the first year. Two economic factors cloud the picture. Clean air restrictions on automobiles will boost the price of new cars and probably reduce sales below normal growth. The second factor is the threat of shortage of gasoline.

If use of automobiles is reduced, the state also would lose tax revenues for the road fund from tire sales and other equipment that provide income for this fund.

The growth factor estimated has been around eight to 10 per cent for the past few budgets, but that could be scaled down a bit this time because of the cloud on the income horizon—inflation, particularly in the food field. This could reduce the families spendable income for other items and the state doesn't collect the sales tax on take home groceries.

The hope, of course, is that income will grow to meet the rising cost of living.

General fund receipts for the year were $726,286,082 which was 12.3 per cent over the preceding fiscal year.

Personal and corporate income taxes also produced record revenues, but this was partly due, in the corporate area, by eliminating the federal income tax as a deduction when calculating the corporate state income tax.

The $20 million surplus goes into the capital construction fund, and it's a good guess some agencies will be trying to figure out a way to use it, particularly education. State-supported colleges and universities probably would like some of this, but the new set-up for the Council on Higher Education has some control over capital construction for them now.

Increasing costs of government usually eats up the normal growth in the budget each year, and the $20 million may be just a one-time shot surplus.

Preliminary income estimates may be ready for release soon, but the budget people usually are wary in making any projections until the budget is prepared.

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WISH I'D SAID THAT

"Even a woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head."—**Tony Beebe**, The Spencerville (Ohio) Journal News.

"Not every trash basket catches all the stuff that should be thrown into it."—**N. DeVane Williams**, Holmes County (Fla.) Advertiser.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, August 6, 1953

Results of the election Saturday are: A.V. "Doc" Allison over incumbent John Anderson for Tax Commissioner; Kash Ratliff over John G. McCarty for Jailer; Spencer Taylor over Walter Shepherd for County Judge; County Clerk John H. Sugg re-elected, opponent, J. Berry Burnaw; Deputy Sheriff J. Milton Fryman over Jim Williams Sr. for Sheriff; Cassius M. Clay defeated incumbent William W. Blanton for State Representative; Sen. H. Stanley Blake was re-nominated from the 30th District.

Emery Clark, manager of the Nicholas County Stockyards, announced that the first baby beef sale will be held Aug. 18.

Paul Garrett, manager of Lerman Bros. for 16 years, has resigned to manage Modern Furniture Company which he purchased last summer. Ted Insko of Cynthiana will become manager of Lermans.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gates, twins, a daughter, Georgia Ann, and a son Ricky Dan, July 30.—To Mr. and Mrs. James Mynear, Bartersville, a son, Douglas Keith.

MARRIED—Miss Betty Jo Scott, to William Jones, Sharpsburg, Sunday in Sharpsburg.

DIED—Mrs. Josephine Allan, 84, Friday.—Charles H. Jones, 84, Monday in Lexington.—Miss Mahala Florence Hopkins, 72, Friday in Bourbon county.—Leslie Vernon Hagan Jr., 34, July 29 in Paris.—Mrs. Lou Ellen Hedge, 68, Thursday in Owingsville.—James Emory Bowles, 42, of Cisco Road Children's Home, Sunday in Lexington.

Thursday, August 3, 1933

President Roosevelt Saturday names Mrs. Virginia C. Reynolds as Acting Postmaster at Carlisle. Mrs. Reynolds assumed the duties of the office Monday, succeeding George D. Scott who resigned 10 days ago.

Governor Ruby Laffoon Tuesday appointed Albert H. Baker of Cynthiana as Commonwealth's Attorney of the 18th Judicial District.

Great improvement has been noted on the condition of corn and tobacco since the rains of last week and pastures and gardens are much improved.

A.C. "Happy" Graham, who formerly conducted the Carlisle Bakery, has taken a position at the bakery to remain until W.B. Clary, baker, and one of the owners, has recovered from his illness.

George D. Scott, who retired Monday as postmaster at Carlisle, and E.R. Kendall, former Congressman from this district, have formed a partnership for conducting a real estate business and have opened an office in the Graeter building.

Mrs. Dennis Sturgill of Lexington, graduate nurse of the Good Samaritan Hospital, and who was doing supervisory work at the hospital, arrived in Carlisle Tuesday morning to accept a position as superintendent of the Johnson Memorial Hospital, succeeding Mrs. Robert Fisher, who has held this position for three years.

Prof. E.E. Planstiel, superintendent of the Carlisle City Schools, was purchaser of the late W.S. Dudley home on Sycamore Street, Saturday afternoon. The vacant lot adjoining the property was purchased by Dr. W.G. Irvin.

A night blooming cereus at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Frey on Walnut Street attracted much attention Tuesday night. More blooms are expected on Wednesday and Thursday night.

H.B. Bryson brought to the Mercury office Monday an antique which he said, was the forerunner of the fountain pen. The pen was small, handsomely carved piece of walnut inkwell, with a top that screwed down tightly, and small enough to fit in the pocket. Mr. Bryson pursued the antique as a sale of the effects of Johnson Everman, who was a recruiting officer for the Union Army in the Civil War and used the device in his work.

W.C. Clancy, member of the Lexington police department since 1923 was named temporary sergeant of the department Tuesday by the city manager to fill a vacancy caused by a resignation.

An all-day meeting will be held at the Bald Hill Church next Sunday to meet Mrs. Minnie Ogden, formerly of that community, who has recently returned from Tibet, where she and her husband were missionaries for 25 years.

DIED—Lewis Hook, 78, Monday night at his home at Stamping Ground, Scott county, following a long illness.

FARM & HOME

County extension agents
Estil J. Neffsinger
Sara Swango
Mrs. Margie Wilson

Area 4-H Fashion Revue

Nineteen 4-H members and leaders attended the Area 4-H Fashion Revue held at the Blue Grass Fair on Tuesday, July 24. Six Nicholas county girls participated in the all-day event. They received modeling training and they were judged on the basis of their clothing construction and modeling abilities. These girls were awarded the following ribbons. Sandy McDonald—blue on Stitching Fund Unit; Rose Brunker—Blue on Skirt and Selected Blouse Unit; Jewel Shaw—Red on Skirt and Blouse Unit; Ginger Lou Myers—Blue on First Dress Unit; Judy Hunter—Blue on Mix-Match Unit; and Mona Garrett—Red on Advanced Dress Unit.

Bottle Bird Feeder

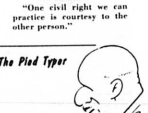
Here's a simple idea Green County, New York 4-H'ers pass along for effectively recycling plastic bleach bottles.

Thoroughly wash an empty bleach bottle. Laying it horizontally, handle facing upwards, cut-a hole in one side with a razor or sharp knife. Make sure the hole is large enough for birds to enter easily. Tie a string or a wire to the handle, and put another through a tiny hole you punch at the opposite end of the bottle. Tie to a tree limb and fill with feed.

Bottle Bookends

Recycle those throwaway bottles into bookends. Use at least one-gallon size bottles because smaller ones tip over too easily. Fill bottles with clean, white, dry sand and recap them by lightly tapping caps with a hammer.

Use the bottles as they are for a rather op-art look or decorate them any way you want like cats, for instance, making heads from styrofoam balls . . . faces, paws and clothes from bits of construction paper. Use your imagination. For instance, the sand-filled, capped bottles may be sprayed any bright color and designs, scenes or abstractions can be painted on.



"One civil right we can practice is courtesy to the other person."

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Never a dull moment

If you have a mini-computer around there's seldom a dull moment.

The machine upon which we depend each week for justified type matter does have a computer built into it.

Nearly every time we have succeeded in fixing it it decides the next week to blow another chip.

Should it continue to act up we are of the opinion that it will be the cause of a decided inferiority complex.

Should our telephone bill be unusually high this month it will be due to the numerous calls to Ronslyn, Va.

Topping things off—trouble arose from another source—the photographic image that was produced by the Compugraphic equipment and developed in a stabilization processor wouldn't last but three days. We house-cleaned, we cleaned the processor, we switched chemicals, we just about gave up and then we read in an Eastman Kodak booklet that the amount of stabilization fluid that remained in the paper controlled its lasting qualities.

It didn't take long to determine that the processor's squeegy rollers weren't pressing out the fluid. You'd think one could just replace two rollers! Nope, you replace the complete rack assembly and you're thankful that you were lucky enough to get your hands on the last one in stock.

The big outfit we're told is running two months behind with repair work. Oh, well, someday we will have a spare rack assembly for an Ektamatic 214-K.

—MV—

The reason some people don't recognize opportunity is because it usually comes disguised as hard work.

—MV—

The old saying don't throw stones at glass houses is passe' at least in Fullerton, Calif. where nine new building materials made from reclaimed bottles and jars have had their first commercial application.

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Russ Metz

If there's any spare pieces laying around, make mine hair

"This thing scares me," said my wife.

We were watching an old Frankenstein movie on television.

"That's what you said 30 years ago," I told her.

"It's different this time," she said. "At first; I had Dr. Frankenstein pegged for a frustrated intern. Now I'm getting the impression he was the real pioneer in modern transplant surgery and the whole thing is frightening."

For once in a blue moon, I had to agree with her. What was filmed as a good horror flicker may very well become a documentary, to be shown to all budding young surgeons before they rush out to carve a name for themselves.

"At least Dr. Frankenstein had the common decency and ethics to wait until his subjects were laid way before borrowing parts," my little bride said. I guess she doesn't approve of medical men begging for pieces of people while they are still attached on and percolating.

Since doctors have recently admitted it is difficult for them to pinpoint exactly when death occurs, all this transplanting of hearts, kidneys and other organs brings forth some apprehensions – particularly if you are the one from whom parts are to be salvaged. At least it isn't going to improve your disposition to see a doctor poised over you with a scalpel waiting for your resistance to dwindle.

"Mind you," she added, "I'm not against saving lives through responsible surgery. But if they ever slice me up prematurely, what's left of me will come back to haunt them."

And you'd better believe it.

About the time Dr. Frankenstein was scaring the britches off'n moviegoers, a Dr. Brinkley was advertising his services over a powerful little radio station at Del Rio, Texas.

Each evening, he'd beam some mood music and his pitch to people all over the country. The doc claimed he could rejuvenate American malehood by the simple surgical feat of implanting goat glands in them. This appealed to a lot of men, who were losing their voltage, but distressed other doctors who were losing their customers to the fast-talking medicine man.

Ethics and lack of imagination being what they were in those days, the hot breath of the law made the doc switch his base of operations. He simply moved it across the Rio Grande, where folks had no objections to him using goat glands because they didn't eat that part of the goat anyway.

And nowadays with sheep and chimpanzee hearts and baboon eyeballs being acceptable substitutes as people parts, the Brinkley era may join the Frankenstein experiment as required reading for young surgeons. After all, how would scientists ever invented space ships and rockets if they hadn't read Buck Rogers in the funny papers?

"You'd never seem the same to me if they put animal parts in you," my wife said.

"You're right," I told her. "I'd probably bite back."

—tpt—

The next time someone calls you on the phone and says, "Hello, you old rascal, know who this is?" answer him with:

"No, why should I?"

It's no disgrace not to remember names. A lot of us can't absorb the names of several people, introduced to us at one dose. This talent is generally reserved for politicians and memory course graduates.

Which is one of the many reasons I hate family reunions. It never fails that some little insignificant third cousin a couple of times removed will pounce on you with that "remember me" routine. It took you a year to forget the varmint and now you have him under your skin again.

Barbers are usually good at remembering names. Maybe they have a memory for bumps and when you climb into the chair they simply take a quick Braille reading and address you like a brother. On baldheaded guys, I suspect they carve your name with sharp-pointed scissors.

As founder of SPFRA (Society for the Prevention of Family Reunions in America), I submit the name-knowing requirement as a primary reason for stamping out gatherings of the clan. The tribe, I suppose, has been as illustrious as the next one. It has as many shiftless horseshoe pitchers, bootleggers, horse traders and guitar pickers as common. A few of them have been downright respectable.

Could be these reunions might be a little more tolerable if I had kept in practice dropping knives, playing baseball and telling whoppers. But somewhere in my affluent living, I've lost my touch with those fine diversions. And because of it, my relatives look upon me as a rank outsider, a black sheep without appreciation of family traits and tradition.

The Divine Providence picks your relatives, but it's certainly your own privilege to pick your friends.

Onward, upward.

The Pied Typer