Good luck, Mr. McBrayer

[Ashland Daily Independent]

Congratulations to State Rep. Terry McBrayer of Greenup for again sponsoring a bill in the Legislature that would require governmental agencies of all kinds to hold open meetings.

Representative McBrayer presented his bill at a recent meeting in Frankfort of the Interim Committee on State Government, chaired by Sen. Wilson Palmer. Also offered for consideration was a similar bill sponsored by the Kentucky Press Association and supported by Sigma Delta Chi journalistic society, Associated Press editors of Kentucky, Kentucky Broadcasters Association and others.

The bills were referred to a subcommittee headed by McBrayer and including Sen. Carroll Hubbard of Mayfield, who lived here for a few years and attended Ashland schools while his father was pastor of the First Baptist Church.

We hope they are successful in preparing a composite version that would be fair and acceptable to all parties concerned, and could win the unified support needed to become law.

Representative McBrayer deserves special credit because he has previously championed the people's right to know, both by sponsoring legislation and by opening sessions of the House standing committees to the public. We wish him every success.

Here is the statement he made in presenting his bill before the Interim Committee:

"I would like to discuss with you this morning the subject of a legislative proposal which would provide that meetings of all public bodies be open to the public.

"I ask that you consider this issue in the light of recent events in our national political life that place the prestige of government in general at an all-time low. Those of us in public life must now address ourselves to the question of what we can do to restore the people's confidence in their elected and appointed representatives.

"An important first step, in my view, is to affirm and uphold the taxpayer's right to know how his money is being spent. This means admitting the public (and its representative, the press) to all meetings at which public business is discussed and conducted. Closed doors breed distrust—and more distrust is something that, at this point in history, we don't need, and can't afford.

"I solicit, therefore, your support of the bill I am sponsoring to correct this problem. There will be opposition to it, I know, because in some cases it will mean a change in the old ways of doing things. I believe in this instance change is necessary and justified.

"It is my intention to make only such innovations as are necessary to protect the public's right to know, without unduly restricting government's right and ability to govern.

"I will look forward to discussing these issues with any of you who may be interested, and to working with others who may be appearing before this committee to offer similarly intended proposals."

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WHEN FIXING A TURKEY— KEEP IT SAFE

There's nothing like a beautifully done turkey with stuffing and cranberries and all the other trimmings for festive family gatherings during the holidays.

Some pointers on keeping turkey safe are:

Thaw the turkey in the refrigerator. If you must thaw it more quickly, put it in a waterproof plastic bag, seal tightly and defrost in cold water. Thawing frozen turkey at room temperature gives bacteria a chance to grow. This is especially true with large birds because of the time it takes them to completely thaw.

Never place either foods on a surface where you have had raw meat or poultry until you have thoroughly cleaned it. Scrub the surface—as well as dishes, knives and other utensils you've used—with soap and hot water. This keeps harmful bacteria from spreading to cooked foods and salads.

Cook stuffing thoroughly. If turkey is stuffed, cook until thermometer inserted into stuffing reaches at least 165 degrees F. Better than that, cook stuffing separately. Bacteria grow rapidly in lukewarm stuffing. Do not thaw commercially frozen stuffed poultry before baking. Put it right into the oven.

Cook turkey completely, to an internal temperature of 185 degrees F. Never partially cook it and finish cooking later. Bacteria can survive in partially cooked poultry. Also "Staph" bacteria may produce toxins which are not destroyed by cooking.

PROTECT YOUR FOODS

You wouldn't buy groceries and then let them spoil would you? Some shoppers do! They don't do it deliberately but often times through carelessness or thoughtlessness we lower the quality and even the safeness of food through improper handling.

Perishable food should never be left in a hot car while one does other errands. We probably are careful about this if we have ice cream or other frozen foods in our grocery bags but think it is less urgent to get milk, meat, eggs, cheese, chicken or other highly perishable food quickly into the refrigerator.

Perishable foods quickly become unsafe foods when they are permitted to warm up before being refrigerated. Bacteria begin to grow as the food warms. This type of food handling often causes a food poisoning, as well as loss or lowering of quality or nutrients. Let's recognize there are many degrees of food spoilage which we want to avoid.

For good health as well as economy we should shop carefully for our food and then store it properly as quickly as we can in the refrigerator.

Growing energy needs

Those working in the energy industries who are familiar with population trends and the increasing variety of uses for energy have no illusions about the growth in energy demand that future years will bring. A long-term study of natural gas demand released by the American Gas Association reveals that consumer demand for natural gas will more than double by 1990. Supply, it is expected, will fall approximately 22 percent short of potential sales demand. The head of the AGA comments, "It is obvious that the sales potential for gas is much greater than the current projection for supply." Also, the demand may turn out to be even greater than indicated. To meet 1990 projected sales of natural gas, the industry will have to depend heavily on new supplemental sources such as Alaskan and Canadian supplies, coal and oil gasification and imported liquefied natural gas.

Far-reaching efforts are now underway in such areas as coal gasification. A group of U.S. companies has established a demonstration plant in Scotland. It is said that this plant " . . . may help American housewives across the U.S. cook their evening dinners in years to come." Its purpose is to prove the commercial feasibility of upgrading the heat content of gas produced from coal to roughly the equivalent of natural gas. If successful, the project will provide the only missing link in the commercial chain of processes necessary to convert America's immense coal reserves to gas. These reserves are estimated to be about 150 billion tons—a 250-year supply at the current rate of consumption.

Overall, America's energy situation, while serious, gives no reason for despair. This country is still rich in resources. More important, it is rich in expanding energy technology, and those who recognize that the continued progress of civilization rests upon energy are preparing for the inevitable.

National Award-Winning Syndicated Hometown Column

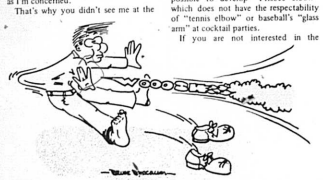
Russ Metz

Frisbee freaks are frustrated flat rock flingers

Show me a kid on a river bank and I'll show you a kid looking for a flat rock.

But skipping a rock across the top of the water and standing in the backyard flipping a silly little plastic disc called a Frisbee are worlds apart in meaningfulness and satisfaction, as far as I'm concerned.

That's why you didn't see me at the National Junior Championships on Thanksgiving Day in Baltimore or at the International Championships at Copper Harbor, Mich. I'm too old for this "first space-age sport," as some of the playground nuts are calling it.



When the thing first came out, I thought the purpose was to provide you with year-round snowballs. You caught a dude walking past in a new fancy hat and you tried to slice if off his head without taking any hair or hide. It seemed to have good possibilities that way.

It has since been taken out of the meaningful class and put into the hands of dullards, who get their jollies out of simply throwing it too hard for someone to catch.

A Frisbee is a slightly cupped plastic plate a foot across which takes on strange aeronautical characteristics like a boomerang or flying saucer, according to the way you toss it. One champion is famous for his overhand reverse wrist flip which apparently concede makes the Frisbee virtually uncatchable. Another has an "unbelievably vicious left-handed backward release" that reportedly spins a Frisbee up to 50 mph.

I think the Frisbee shootout calls for a duel at 15 yards where two guys line up and try to outthrow, outcatch and outgroan each other. It has developed into a team sport, much like the shootout at O.K. Corral and making about as much sense.

Naturally, all this fooling around results in "Frisbee fingers" for some unlucky chucks—an injury not unlike "catcher's thumb" in baseball. It is also possible to develop "Frisbee elbow" which does not have the respectability of "tennis elbow" or baseball's "glass arm" at cocktail parties.

If you are not interested in the sadistic sport of Zorroing your opponents with nasty gashes to the stomach, you can always try out for the distance or fancy flying teams. You might get 200 feet distance, or spin your Frisbee around pylons and make them fly backwards and make Your mark as a specialist. I could say that's better than hanging around poolrooms, but it isn't.

Frisbee freaks trace their sport's origin to George Washington, who gets the blame for about anything fashionable these days. He got a lot of mileage out of throwing the silver dollar across the Potomac for no particular reason other than to prove King George's dollar would not float on the American money market. Or it may have started from a Methodist circuit rider, who collected only 31 cents from a five-hour ride and a two-hour fire-and-brimstone sermon, and hurled the plate out the window.

I'm too timid to take part in this modern dueling. It would be hard for me to throw down on a fellow. I tend to throw up.

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A bird-hunting buddy of mine, who once owned two bird dogs named Dewey and Truman, has two new ones which he is considering naming Teddy and Dickie.

His first two dogs were born while Harry Truman and Tom Dewey were battling it out and my buddy, sensing this as some kind of an omen immediately pinned those monickers on the pooches.

Truman was sold to a red hot Republican, who blew his stack when he learned the dog's name and that he couldn't play the piano. Last we heard of him, the man was putting him out to pasture in Missouri because he snapped at generals and music critics.

Dewey fared somewhat better. He was sold to a reformed Democrat, who didn't expect too much of him and was rewarded accordingly. He would put up a good point but never quite caught up with what he was after. Finally, he quit chasing rainbows and developed second doghoodness and started chasing girl dogs again.

Teddy whines a lot and has to be fished out of creeks but comes from good Irish Setter stock and may lead the pack after he grows up a little. Dickie is headstrong, growls at newspapermen and chases plumbers. That's the trouble with naming dogs after politicians. You get to seeing so much resemblance, you are tempted to shoot the dogs instead of the birds.

Some politicos will never have to worry about becoming a namesake for a bird dog. Whoever heard of naming a dog Jaworski or Ruckelshaus or Abzug?

Westbrook Pegler once wrote: "For the fifth year in succession I have pored over the catalogue of dogs in the show at Madison Square Gardens without finding a dog named Rover, Towser, Sport, Spot or Fido.

"Who is the man who can call from his back door at night: 'Here, Champion Alexander of Clane 'o Wind-Holme! Here, Champion Alexander of Clane 'o Wind-Holme!!!"

I'd say he could -- just before they put him away.

I had a little dog. I called him August. August was very fond of jumping at conclusions, especially the wrong conclusions. One day he jumped at a mule's conclusion.

The next day was the first of September.

Arf, arf and away.

Agree or Not

By S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—The under current running through the official pre-legislative conference at Kentucky Dam Village was Democrat politics.

The business hours of the conference were devoted to legislative matters, but when the business sessions ended, it was all politics.

Separate divisions of the Democratic Party played the old Alfonse-Gaston game again after it had appeared to be buried for a month.

The word we got from Jefferson County legislators Saturday afternoon was that Jefferson County Judge ("Baby Blue Eyes") Hollenbach would be at the sessions Monday, or at least be in Monday. The Jefferson Democrats were boastful of their November victory over the Republicans and spoke almost in reverent tones when Hollenbach was mentioned.

"He's running for U.S. Senator to replace Republican Marlow Cook," was the repeated expression we got from Jefferson County members. They preached this theme all Saturday night, all day Sunday, and into Monday. As it turned out, Hollenbach got there late Monday afternoon just in time for the Monday night legislative banquet. Also in the entourage from Jefferson with Hollenbach was newly-elected Democrat Mayor Dr. Harvey Sloan.

Dinner time came and Fayette County Judge Robert Stephens was seated at the head table along with Hollenbach and Sloan. This was interpreted to mean a display of Democrat strength throughout the state for Stephens also had a commanding victory in his November race.

As head of the Legislative Research Commission, by virtue of his office of Lieutenant Governor, Julian Carroll opened the meeting to introduce Hollenbach. He spoke briefly, and was followed by Mayor Sloan. Both asked legislative cooperation for Jefferson County and the metropolitan area.

But this was not for Stephens. He didn't get one minute of time to speak. He got introduced along with others at the head table.

The political winds changed after the dinner. Tuesday morning Hollenbach was parroting the line that has been used by former State Party Chairman J.H. Miller and Gov. Ford in recent weeks—"Lt. Gov. Julian Carroll will make an excellent candidate for the U.S. Senate."

Apparently Hollenbach hadn't properly informed the Democratic legislative delegation from Jefferson County, where unity in politics is a dedicated way of life, or he was persuaded to change his mind after he got to Kentucky Dam Village.

Carroll has very frankly told newsmen he will not be a candidate for lieutenant governor, but he expects to be a candidate for governor in 1975. Miller, Ford and their faction of the party have been trying to push Carroll into the U.S. Senate race next year.

But this wasn't all of the politics flying around the meeting. State Senator Carroll Hubbard of Mayfield has indicated he will be a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1974 to oppose veteran Frank Albert Stubblefield in the first district.

His brother, Kyle Hubbard of Jefferson County is also touted to take on Republican Gene Synder of the fourth district next year.

Senator Dee Huddleston

REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

GERALD FORD, DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

I was among the 92 members of the Senate who voted for confirmation of Gerald Ford as the new Vice President. I felt that it was extremely important for this country to fill the Vice Presidential vacancy—and with a man of high integrity that would help restore dignity to the office.

As I stated on the floor of the Senate, my votes in the upper chamber have differed significantly from those of Mr. Ford on both foreign and domestic policies. His stand on the very important issue of war powers and a variety of health and education matters are not the same as mine.

But I felt the President had a right to choose someone whose philosophical and political views are similar to his. President Nixon was re-elected last year by an overwhelming majority of the voters. Yet, under the current situation, with a Vice Presidential vacancy, should the President become disabled or unable to carry out his duties, the Presidency would fall to a member of the other political party. I believe it would be unfair to those who voted for Mr. Nixon either because of his views or his party to allow this to happen. Therefore, I supported Mr. Ford's nomination.

I am pleased that after a most thorough investigation, Mr. Ford proved to have a "clean" record. At a time when questions have been raised about honesty, integrity and fairness in government, Mr. Ford should help restore dignity to the Vice Presidency.

I also hope and believe he will bring some badly needed ingredients to the White House—namely candor, openness and an appreciation for the views of Congress and those who happen to oppose the administration. I think he will view Congressional and national political debates as contests between opposing points of view, not between "enemies" to destroy each other.

. . . . .

I think we must be careful during the current energy crisis not to enact any and everything presented in the name of saving energy. A case in point is daylight saving time.

I strongly opposed the bill to impose year-round daylight saving time because I do not believe the proponents have proven that it will indeed save energy. In areas like Kentucky, the energy saved by extra daylight in the evening will be offset by the necessity of using even greater amounts of light and heat in the early morning hours. And the inconvenience to school children, who will have to meet the school bus in the dark, and farmers, who will have their work schedules disrupted, will be great.

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20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, December 17, 1953

Edwin E. Wasson, native of Carlisle, who has completed 40 years of service with the Interstate Oil Pipe Line Co., was honored at a special luncheon in Shreveport, La., recently.

Two Carlisle High School students, Gordon Moreland and Mary Catherine Allison, have been selected for the All-State Orchestra which will meet Feb. 22-24 at the University of Kentucky.

Second Lt. Frank R. Guthrie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.F. Guthrie, Barterville, graduated from Officer's Basic Course at Ft. Monouth, N.J., Dec. 10.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. John D. Faulkner, Flemingsburg, a daughter, Dec. 8 in Paris.—To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mitchell, a daughter, Wanda Lynn, Dec. 10.

MARRIED—Miss Eleanor Yates, Ashland, to Robert Taylor McCowan, Cincinnati and Lexington, Dec. 6 in Ashland.—Mrs. Mary Pauline Farris to W.H. Buntin Sr., Saturday in Paris.

DIED—Elizabeth Ann Harding, three-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harding, Flemingsburg, Dec. 7.—J.R. Kerns, 88, Thursday, at his home in Clark county.—Samuel Thomas Morris, 90, Thursday.—S. Floyd Mattox, 80, Friday.—Mrs. Lina Elizabeth Storms Judy, 78, Tuesday at her home in North Middletown.

Thursday, December 14, 1933

Local farmers are pleased with sales as Carlisle tobacco market opens with $12.60 average. High basket bringing $26.50.

Albert Bell of Paris, formerly of Carlisle, who dislocated his shoulder about two months ago, had the misfortune to fall while climbing to his barn loft recently, again dislocating the same shoulder.

The thermometer reached the lowest point of the winter Monday night, reaching 17 degrees.

The Carlisle High School Musketeers and the second team took a double header basketball game here Tuesday night from Clintonville.

There has been an "egg famine" in Carlisle the past week with all grocers failing to supply the demand. Yesterday the local produce company was paying 22 cents per dozen.

The Scott-Kendall Sales Co. sold for the estate of the late Granville George a house and lot on Dorsey Avenue to Mrs. Phantley Stone at a private price.

DIED—Robert T. Fuller, 47, youngest son of the late James L. and Susan Tune Fuller, in an automobile accident in Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 25.—Samuel Myers, 81, at Norwood, Ohio, on Saturday.—Mrs. Mollie Darnall, 81, died at midnight Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M.C. Blair, on Locust Street, following several years illness.

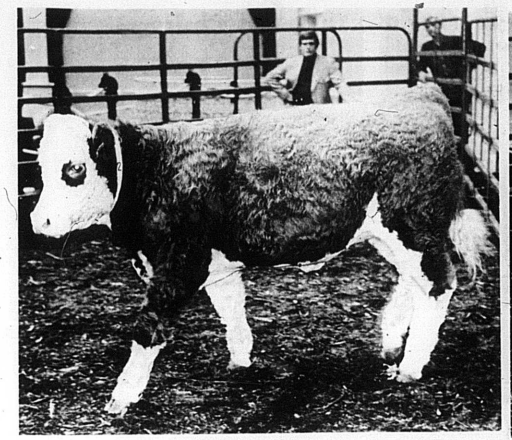
LETTERS from our readers

Enclosed is a check for the dear old Mercury for another year. I canhardly wait for Thursday's mail to come. I get to read of so many ones i Know.

Thanks for keeping the good work up.

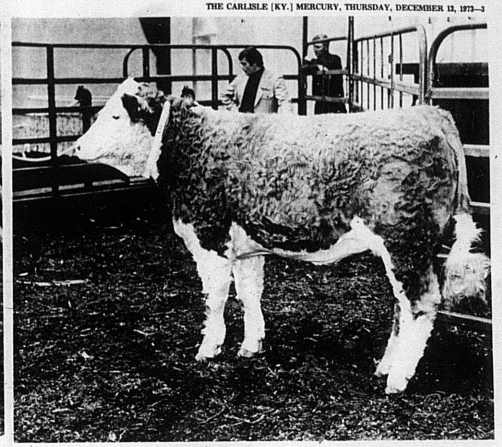
Merry Christmas to you and your staff.

Mrs. Christine Sears



Lot 2

Lot 2, a ¾ blood Simmental female, bred to Galant, and consigned by Kay and Wayne Shumate's WindStone Farm, was sold to the Diamond C. Ranch, Stephenville, Tex. for $8,200 on Dec. 3.



Lot 3

Lot 3, also a ¾ blood Simmental female, bred to Florian, was sold to Seayway Farm, Paris, for $6,000 on Dec. 3.

Nicholas defeats Deming 82-62 on December 4

By Jimmy Smith

The Nicholas County Bluejackets made it two in a row Tuesday night by defeating the Deming Black Devils. The Jackets jumped out to a six to nothing lead early in the ballgame, but the Devils weren't to go that easily. By the end of the first quarter they had tightened things up to within three points. The Jackets led 17 to 14.

Early in the second quarter the score became tied at 20-20, but then the Jacket defense tightened up and their offense began to roll. Despite early foul trouble they built a 41 to 25 lead at the half.

The third quarter was again dominated by Nicholas County. It was followed by a super well played quarter to tinish the game with the Jackets soundly on top, 82 to 62.

The Jackets were led in scoring by Gerald Thompson with 17 points, followed by Doug Darbro with 14; Doug Jones, 13; Victor Bromagen, 12; Ricky Hicks and Doug Fryman, 8 each; Raymond Compton 6; and Wallace Edwards, 4. Doug Jones also pulled off six rebounds, followed by Fryman, Compton, and Thompson, each with four.

Deming's Gifford piled up 21 points to lead his team. He was followed by Victor Dryden with 12; K. Dryden, 9; McCord, 7; and Chandler, 3.

Pitman on T. V.

J.B. Pitman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Pitman of Lexington was one of 32 ninth grade students from The Jesse Clark Junior High School who presented a program entitled, "Commitment to Excellence." The program was shown on Channel 62, Lexington, Dec. 1.

J.B. is the grandson of Mrs. J.M. Pitman, Sycamore Street, Carlisle.

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