So be it

It is time to rid Capital Hill of the "deficit-spending" monster before it destroys us all. As Sam Steiger writes in the Sun City, Arizona, "Citizen", "If your income has increased 35 per cent in the past seven years, you will have less than you started with." Why? Because Congress is never content to leave the ceiling on the national debt where it is. Twenty times they have raised it since 1961 to its present astronomical level of $475.7 billion. Interest alone on the debt gobbles up 25 cents of every federal income tax dollar. Thus, taxes to fuel the congressional spending spree have had to surge upward so that current wage increases are really no more than temporary measures to stave off financial disaster for the average workingman or woman.

Obiviously, we cannot tolerate the ravenous appetite of the deficit-spending monster any more. And if that means abandoning some of the more grandiose schemes of Congress—aimed at winning votes and influencing people — so be it.

Wasteful and inappropriate

Thermal pollution has become a convenient term used by environmental extremists to impose needless restrictions on the discharge of warm water into bays and rivers by utility companies — restrictions that are both wasteful and costly. "Nation's Business" describes a prime example of thermal pollution extremism.

The example involves a $16.4 million expenditure by a Florida electric utility company in its effort to conform to a decree of pollution control regulations governing warm water discharged by the company in Tampa Bay. Scientific studies costing nearly $1 million have shown no significant adverse effects on marine life from the heat discharge of the company's plants. Notwithstanding this, statewide pollution control rules were adopted which required that discharged water at new power units should not be more than 2 degrees above bay or river water, with a maximum of 92 degrees in summer. The fact was disregarded that Tampa Bay changes by as much as 50 degrees from winter to summer and by as much as 10 degrees from night to day. It has been calculated that the new environmental standards for heated water in Florida between now and the year 2000 will utilize or effect 400,000 acres of land in connection with the use of cooling ponds. This contrasts with only 10,000 to 20,000 acres of Florida's three million acres of coastal waters which would be affected by as much as five degrees if power plants made no attempt to cool warm water discharges. The increased fuel requirements to compensate for the loss in efficiency would be equal to two billion barrels of fuel oil or 10 million railroad tank cars of oil.

As "Nation's Business" concludes, "That's the dark picture of waste and ecological injury in the future if environmental regulators have their way."

COMING IN COLD

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, December 31, 1953

Christmas decoration winners chosen by judges Saturday night were county exterior, first, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Darrell, $3.50; second, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Reeves, $2.50. Carlisle, first, Billy Buntin, $3.50; second, R. L. Norton, $2.50.

Monday the Nicholas County Blue Jackets defeated the Fleming Panthers 72-56 in the opening round of play of the first annual Pioneer County Athletic Conference being held at the Bourbon Vocational gym at Paris.

The Nicholas County F.F.A. took part in a seven-county tobacco show and sale at Cynthiana, Friday, Dec. 18. Nicholas County F.F.A. members sold seven crops weighing 7,684 pounds for $3,885.87.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ray Darrell, a daughter Doris Ray, Dec. 24.—To Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Giffin, a daughter Jane Lynn, Dec. 28.—To Mr. and Mrs. James W. Platt, a daughter Mary Elizabeth, Dec. 19.

DIED—Robert W. Darnall, 84, Sunday night at his home in Flemingsburg.—Mrs. Eva Tubbs, 82, Monday at her son's home in Cynthiana.—Henry Thomas McKenzie, 72, last Thursday at his home in Fleming County.—Russell Lawrence, 59, suffered a heart attack Tuesday on his way home from work in Cincinnati.—William F. Campbell, 77, Monday in Lexington.

Thursday, December 28, 1922

Fire destroys the store and residence of Mr. and Mrs. L. Wagoner on the Maysville Road near Blue Licks Friday night. Origin of the fire is unknown.

Approximately 600 sacks of candy, fruits, and nuts were distributed among the unfortunate children of the county Saturday afternoon at the Christmas tree at the court house by the American Legion and the Liona club.

The first snow of the season fell early Tuesday morning and covered the ground. However, it melted before children had an opportunity to get out their Christmas sleds.

Fire originating in the roof from an unknown cause resulted in slight damage at the home of B. T. Henry on Tureman avenue Monday afternoon.

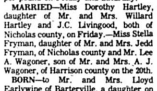
Saturday was the hottest December 23 in this section in history, according to records in the Lexington weather bureau office.

The few persons who held their turkeys for the late Christmas market were rewarded with an increase of three cents in price. Dealers were paying 15 cents per pound on Friday and Saturday.

MARRIED—Miss Dorothy Hartley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hartley and J.C. Livingood, both of Nicholas county, on Friday.—Miss Stella Fryman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jedd Fryman, of Nicholas county and Mr. Lee A. Wagoner, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wagoner, of Harrison county on the 20th.

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Earlywine of Bartersville, a daughter on Tuesday morning at the Johnson Memorial Hospital.

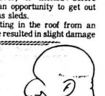
DIED—Raymond Dooley, of Bloomfield, Ill., Saturday.


"Most people are willing to change not because they see the light but because they feel the heat."

National Award-Winning Syndicated Hometown Column

Russ Metz

Take my advise and don't take my advice



It comes as no great shock to us in the business that a recent revelation showed a handful of syndicated heartbalm columnists may be having more effect on mixed-up people than the country's whole batch of more than 3,000 bonafide, diploma-decked shrinks.

I mentioned this to a UK professor of psychiatry at a party one night, hoping to get an argument, but he wasn't the least bit irritated at the suggestion. As a matter of fact, he pointed out, it has been learned in the fuzzy fog of mind-probing that many people with mental disturbances can be helped as much by someone they respect and trust, such as their minister, family physician or attorney, as by a competent psychiatrist.

This could account for the popularity to lovelorn columns. Or maybe misery loves company. Anyway, writing questions to a newspaper columnist is a lot cheaper than taking the couch treatment. And the clever writers' answers are a lot more entertaining and understandable than those frightening, strange medical terms handed down by the 50-buck-a-listen shrinks, who insist on knowing if you had unusual toilet habits as a child.

The "Dear Abbie" type columnists are the most read in newspapers, much to the disgust of the legitimate reporters and copy writers, most of whom have spent a lifetime developing their craft. It's hard to compete with gossip when it is dressed in Sunday duds. It was, however, inevitable that the woo-and-worry business should move from the backyard fences into radio, movie houses, television and finally the newspaper columns.

Up to now, we have kept the love racket out of our community newspapers, on the assumption that folks around here don't have that kind of problem. Not that we couldn't advise them if they did.

Move over, Abbie baby, and let an expert advise:

Q: My wife is very beautiful, has welfare money and a mule of her own and refuses to stay home nights with me. What should I do?

A: Nothing. She'll soon tire of that hobby of moonlight muleback riding.

Q: My husband insists on eating fried bowl sandwiches in bed. Should I take this?

A: It isn't half bad with a leaf of lettuce and a dash of mayonnaise.

Q: Lately my boy friend has taken up chewing cut plug. Isn't that a dirty habit?

A: Yup, until he learns to spit over his feet.

Q: I wash and scrub my fingers to the bone over a washtub and yet my husband refuses to change his clothes oftener than once a month.

A: Just whose britches are you scrubbing?

Q: I am a poor widow with 10 hungry children. Where can I get food?

A: At almost any grocery store.

Q: My husband is 80 years old and has begun to eyeball the girls. What should I do?

A: Don't knock it, honey. You got a live one there.

Q: My neighbor has been visiting my house a lot lately to borrow my coon dog. But I suspect he has been flirting with my wife. What should I do?

A: Run the shiftless skunk off'n your property. A fellow like this can ruin a good coon dog.

Q: My wife's uncle, who has been living off us for the past three years, has built a still up in the woods. Does that make me liable?

A: Uh-huh. You're liable to become a poor nephew.

Q: My husband is a handsome gent except he is almost bald. Is there anything I can do?

A: Certainly. Stir up a mixture of alum and green persimmons and rub it on his scalp. Won't grow any hair but will shrink his head so small what hair he has will cover it.

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Then there's the one about one weatherman asking another:

"Do you know what will the weather be tomorrow?"

"No, but if you'll hum a few bars, I think I can fake it."

In his new book, "The B.S. Factor: The Theory and Technique of Faking it in America," Arthur Herzog concludes we are a people all but hopelessly mired in our own rhetoric.

And one of the best examples of the B.S. Factor in practice is the daily television weather report. No one I ever talked with understands it.-I doubt that even the reporter understands it. Still for so many minutes a day he must talk about the weather, which is about as dull and overused as soap commercials.

I always thought a warm front came from standing too close to a hot stove. And who cares if a cold front meets a warm front and they get married and have little clouds all over the skies. It happens every day down here on the ground.

It irks me a little that a weatherman, talking with great authority, stands there and tells you tomorrow will be a great day for golf and you wake up needing a row boat. With never an apology for busting up your day. Instead, he will try to explain with doodles and doubletalk until you begin to believe it was either you, or the artic ice flow, nuclear tests, an earthquake in Bulgaria, or Grandpap's corns that laid it on you.

Unless you are a pilot coming in for a landing, or it is a hurricane about to mangle your cottage, the speed and direction of the wind means little to the average listener. Barometric pressure and humidity is about as exciting as whittling with a dull knife.

Still, I must admit those little gizz-whizzes that flicker like rain and snow they stick on the board does sort of jazz up the scene. I keep hoping one of them will spring a leak and soak down the dude giving us the snow job.

A demagogue
Creates a fog
By monologue.

Onward, upward.

FARM & HOME

County extension agents
Estil J. Noffsinger
Sara Elmer
Mrs. Margie Wilson

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:
Be A Happymaker!

There are many kinds of ambition, wise and otherwise, some that will be achieved and many that won't. But the wisest ambition of all, the one that almost always meets with success, is the worthy ambition to "be somebody's Happymaker."

It's so easy to find someone worthy of being made happy. First, of course, there are those right under your own roof. If you're young, they may be your parents, or your brothers or sisters. If you're a little older it might be your husband or wife and your children. If you're still older it might be your grandchildren. Those under your own roof are the first you should try to serve as Happymaker.

But then there is your neighbor and your co-worker or someone else out there in the big world all around.

To some degree, you can try to be a Happymaker for everyone around you. But don't try too hard at that. You can look silly or become a nuisance, or simply wear yourself out and get spread too thin. No. Primarily, just determine who has the greatest right to your services as a Happymaker, or the greatest need. Don't try to handle too big a clientele. Just concentrate on that one or those few main customers, because Happymaking requires great dedication and concentration, and much attention to detail. Happymaking is one of the few small proprietary enterprises left. Big companies and organizations won't bother with it. You've got the field right around you, and you're equal to the competition.

Go to it. It's the world's most rewarding occupation.—"The Scrap Book".

AREA 4-H TALK MEET

Twelve 4-H members and leaders attended the Area 4-H Talk Meet and Banquet which was held recently at the Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond.

These 4-H participants received the following ribbon awards on their speeches: Michelle George, Blue on "Nicholas, My Home County"; Deanna Darrell, Blue and Division Champion on "Call Him Red Man"; Kenesatha Hardwick, Red on "Kentucky—A Beautiful State"; Chuck McDonald, Red on "Give Your Calf Proper Care"; May Ann Harper, Blue on "Cancer"; and Rachel Booth, Red on "Life".

Deanna Darrell, 11 year old Division Champion, will attend the State 4-H Talk Meet, which will be held June 28 at the University of Kentucky.

The 4-H Talk Program helps the 4-H member develop skills in organizing a speech and speaking before an audience.

GRASSROOTS OPINION

PAINTSVILLE, KY., HERALD: "All the confusion about Phase IV evaporated . . . with the issuance of a 165-page booklet of questions and answers. Let the following quote suffice: 'In cases where the adjusted price freeze is in excess of the base price, a price in excess of the adjusted freeze price of an item may be charged only if the full extent of the price charged above the base price, including all incremental price increases charged after the last day of the base price period, is cost-justified in accordance with paragraph (e) of this section and the requirements of 150.74, 150.75, 150.77 and 150.11 have been met.' At last someone has been able to make the whole thing perfectly clear. Now if someone would just clarify the clarification, the problems would simply disappear."

REINBECK, IOWA, COURIER: "It seems to us that if we are to straighten out some of the nation's problems we need a new set of 'regulations' to 'regulate' the 'regulators' and a dedicated group of 'checkers' to 'check' the 'checkers.'"

PORT GIBSON, MISS., REVEILLE: "The Watergate hearings bring out much about a 'cover-up'—and while this show is going on Congress is quietly going through the process of raising the salaries of Senators and Representatives, as if they are not already getting well paid, considering their base salaries, plus all sorts of fringe benefits. Doesn't this process show another 'cover-up' is going on?"

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Agree or Not

By S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—The energy crisis may be a blessing in disguise to Kentucky and its coal industry since electric generating plants that have been using oil for fuel are now trying to convert to coal.

Gov. Wendell Ford is so optimistic he announced the other day he will seek $7 million from the 1974 General Assembly to establish a coal research laboratory at Lexington to explore gassification and liquefication of coal. He is optimistic about the federal government joining in the project because of his conference with President Richard Nixon recently. Already two state firms, Ashland Oil and Texas Gas Transmission, have agreed to help finance the research project.

Kentucky has large coal deposits with much of it of high quality, but the best is too high in sulfur to meet recent clean air standards set by the federal government. Governor Ford thinks the research laboratory may help solve this problem.

Much of Kentucky's coal is purchased on long-term contract by the Tennessee Valley Authority for fueling its steam generating plants in Kentucky and Tennessee, but those contracts have escalating clauses to cover increased costs of operation.

Last week Detroit Edison negotiated a long-term contract with Falcon Coal Company of Hazard for large coal tonnage, and if conversion continues by the utility companies, Kentucky can expect to be called upon to furnish much of the increased coal demand.

A coal company executive said last week coal used by utility companies is bringing from $12 to $14 on the spot (open) market, but contract coal has been going for some less. Oil treated stoker coal for home and business use in Harlan county is bringing $20 a ton delivered there, but it would be higher elsewhere because of freight costs.

The domestic market has about evaporated from the coal business, but electric generating plants have more than made up for the loss of this market and the former market for railroad steam engines in years past.

A spokesman for one of Kentucky's largest coal producers said last week that many generating plants in the Midwest are trying to convert from fuel oil to coal if they can find the coal supply. The coal industry suffered one of its most depressing periods in the middle 1950s when electric generating plants, particularly along the east coast, converted from coal to oil, but the Mid-East embargo on oil shipments to the United States is putting these companies in a squeeze.

A coal company spokesman said the quickest way to meet demand for coal is to open more strip mines, but the ecologists frown on this and some effort may be made in the 1974 legislature to make strip mining regulations more strict to the point it could eliminate strip mining in much of Eastern Kentucky where the richest coal veins are to be found.

The spokesman said it will take from one to three years to get a deep mine into profitable production and that the 1969 Health and Safety Act makes mining extremely expensive. Coal interests have been in Washington trying to get these regulations amended for the non-gassy mines in Kentucky.

Another problem facing the coal industry is a shortage of railroad cars. The coal industry always has been one of feast or famine. When the companies have large coal orders, they can't get the cars and when they have cars they are short of orders.

Ford hopes the energy crisis may create an industrial revolution for coal in the state with many by-product plants near gassification and liquefication plants.

LETTERS from our readers

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

We enjoy The Mercury very much. Reading the news from our home town is almost like being there. Thanks for printing our Santa Letters. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

Mrs. Mildred Flora Joly
Laurel, Ind.

MERCURY WATCHERS

by Warren R. Fisher

The issue of Dec. 20, was the largest we've done in many years and may even set a record since it was all in one piece and totaled 18 pages.

—MV—

I had just managed to get the above on paper when I was asked to make several halftones of children at kindergarten that Janie Duncan had taken several nights ago. (For the Dec. 27 issue).

Knowing full well that the halftones would take more time than I felt I had to spare—I decided to use the PMT halftone process. So if the pictures are not up to par, it just goes to prove the old saying that haste makes waste.

—MV—

Since I couldn't do this column at the same time I did the PMTees, I asked several in the office to do a bit for me. As is usual ask a silly question and get those kind of answers.

—MV—

NOT SCROOGE

Since Christmas this year was on Tuesday, and it was doubtful that we would have found any skilled help for that day and because we also wanted to give our employees and ourselves an extra day or two—what we would normally do on Monday and Tuesday had to be done on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Not that the publisher won't have to do a bit on Christmas Eve and might even be caught in the office on Christmas Day. So if all works according to plan we'll be able to put this edition (Dec. 27) into the postoffice as usual on Wednesday.

'73 HIGHLIGHTS JAN. 4.

a new year

We greet the New Year hopefully and optimistically, envisioning great strides in the future.

Nicholas County Bar Association

'73 HIGHLIGHTS FEB. 22

Greet the New Year with a cheer and see it through with happiness!

Ishmael & Morris Cleaners

May it be bright with joy, peace and prosperity.

Kathy's Beauty Boutique

Time for good resolutions! Our entire staff pledges you their every effort to give you their best service and help in the year to come.

Hopkins Drug Co.

'73 HIGHLIGHTS FEB. 22

Jaycees get $200 grant for local clean-up project

Bern Gentry, Executive Director of Project Mainstream at the U.S. Jaycee Headquarters in Tulsa, Okla., announced recently the award of a federal grant in the amount of $200 to the Carlisle Jaycees for a neighborhood cleanup and property improvement project. The Carlisle project was one of 67 funded in the United States at the National Coordinating Council Meeting in Tulsa, Oct. 27-28.

Under the leadership of Chapter president William Donovan and Project chairman Joseph H. Conley the chapter applied for funds through Project Mainstream. Project Mainstream is a program created through a U.S. Jaycee partnership with the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity. Project Mainstream was designed to encourage a working relationship between Community Action Agencies (CAA) and Jaycee chapters to take advantage of the resources of 6,000 U.S. Jaycee chapters. With these resources it is believed that improvements can be made in the lives of Community Action Agency clients—economically disadvantaged Americans and in community attitudes toward them.

Working with William M. Perkins Jr., Director of Licking Valley Community Action Agency, the Carlisle Jaycees chose a project the CAA felt would improve the lives and neighborhood of Henryville residents. The grant is part of a $1000 budget to be spent on researching titles on abandoned property; then obtaining clearance to clean up said properties and demolish abandoned dwellings. An estimated 300 Volunteer man hours are planned for the project which is scheduled to extend through the summer.

This is the second grant received by the local Jaycees for these purposes.

'73 HIGHLIGHTS FEB. 8

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New directors elected by the membership for a two-year term are David Zachary, Henry Peters Jr., Dr. Andrew Hatton, Andy Dudley, John Allison, Morris Whiteley and Marion Sims.

Officers of the Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce have been elected by its Board of Directors. They are president, David Zachary; vice-president, Andy Dudley; secretary, Joe W. Crouch; and treasurer, Morris Whiteley.

Last year's directors who will serve for the coming year are Jimmy Hall, Taylor Mathers, Joe W. Crouch, G.C. Myers and Lloyd Wells.

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Ready with a smile

Something new for Carlisle, "The Sewing Basket," located in the old Tureman Building. Mrs. Baine Hall at desk, owner, and Mrs. Betty Mathers ready to help you with your sewing needs. The shop will handle mater' novelties, accessories, and Gibson Cards.

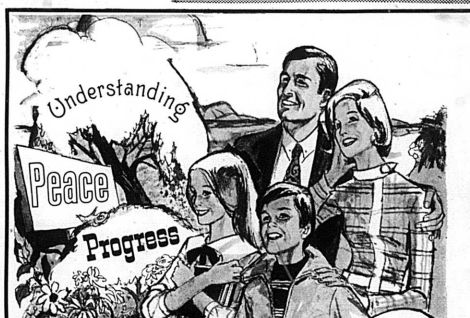
May the New Year bring day after day of good fortune and much happiness to you and your loved ones. Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Small's Greenhouses

PEACE in 1974

To our loyal patrons. We wish you a New Year full of happiness, prosperity, good health and all the things that make life good. We hope to serve you in our best manner in the new year.

Ratliff Bros.



Looking Ahead to a Bright New Year

At the dawn of the New Year we dedicate ourselves to fulfillment of our ideals, and to work together with all of you to keep our community and our country growing and strong. May the signposts on the road ahead show the way to continued progress and achievement as we reach the threshold of a new decade. We are happy to wish our many friends and neighbors the very best of everything for the New Year.

Mathers - Shearer