MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Being an ex-service man, we sort of like this story about the Army in the good old days:

A colonel issued the following directive to executive officer:

"Tomorrow evening at approximately 2000 hours, Halley's Comet will be visible in the area, an event which occurs only once every 76 years. Have the men fall out in the battalion area in fatigues and I will explain this rare phenomenon to them. In case of rain we will not be able to see anything, so assemble the men in the theatre and I will show a film of this."

Executive officer to the company commander:

"By order of the Colonel, tomorrow at 2000 hours Halley's Comet will appear above the battalion area. If it rains, fall the men out in fatigues, then march them to the theatre where the rare phenomenon will take place, something which occurs only every 76 years."

Company commander to lieutenant:

"By order of the colonel, in fatigues at 2000 hours tomorrow evening the phenomenal Halley's Comet will appear in the theatre. In case of rain in the battalion area, the colonel will give another order, one which occurs every 76 years."

Sergeant to the squad:

"When it rains tomorrow at 2000 hours, the phenomenal 76-year-old General Halley, accompanied by the colonel, will drive his comet through the battalion area theatre in his fatigues."

The above appeared in the About Town column in the Dawson Springs Progress.

—MV—

We've heard of the "Weight Watchers", but now a major Northwest electric utility company has a booklet entitled, "The Watt Watchers' Guide." A how to that gives tips on conserving electricity.

—MV—

"Nuclear power is proving to be a reliable source of electrical energy on the moon. Five lunar experiment stations deployed by Apollo astronauts are in operation there. The oldest was set up by Apollo 12 astronauts more than three years ago on Nov. 20, 1969. The electric generator, fueled with plutonium, is still producing 69 watts of power, compared to the 73 watts it produced when set up," so says a public service company publication in Colorado.

—MV—

We are quite positive the ground hog saw his shadow in this area, but if Sunday and Monday's weather is a sample of his prediction, then we're hoping for more of the same.

—MV—

John K. Ryans, of Flemingsburg, sent us a clipping he'd received from a Florida friend which he thought might be

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Crime Prevention Week

Crime fighting should not be confined to the police department. It is the duty of every U.S. citizen—as National Crime Prevention Week (Feb. 11-17) emphasizes.

The growing menace and cost of crime becomes more serious with every passing year, and the need for grass roots support of year-round crime prevention programs is urgent. Now, as never before, each individual must do some soul-searching to discover if he has been guilty of disregarding the rights and property of others. Or has he been hesitant to get "involved" when his aid might have helped solve or prevent a crime? If the answer to any of these is "Yes", a shifting of personal priorities is in order.

Every crime from vandalism and shoplifting to bank robbery and murder should be of concern to all citizens—if we don't care, no one else will. Moral degeneration and destruction of organized, law-abiding society is the penalty for condoning lawlessness. Crime prevention is the business of police and law enforcement agencies. They need the support of a concerned citizenry everyday of every week in the year.

AGREE or NOT

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT—Spindletop Research is in financial trouble again and the state is going to bail out the Lexington-based organization that was formed in 1961 and always has depended on state government for the major portion of its income.

But there are strings attached in the proposal that Gov. Wendell Ford offered, and Spindletop directors aren't liking it because the request is that Spindletop will give the state fee simple title to the land and buildings on Iron Works Pike in Lexington.

The governor has offered to give Spindletop $40,000 a month for six months

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DOWN MEMORY LANE
20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, February 12, 1953

A $15,000 fire Monday morning leveled the home of Mrs. S.T. Barlow of Headquarters. Hampton Faulconer and Floyd McDonald carried Mrs. Barlow, 79, an invalid to safety.

Kenneth Stephenson was elected chairman; Raymond J. Wesley, vice-chairman, and Miss Lucy Fleet Allison, secretary of the newly formed Nicholas County Committee on Educational Policy.

National Boy Scout Week is being observed as local scouts take over city and county governmental offices for the day. Mayor, Billy Pugh; Billy Vanlandingham, county judge; Donnie Joe Dampier and Wayne Berry, county clerks; Virgil Vaughn, sheriff; Kelly Kennett and George Gaffin, deputy sheriffs; Bobby Anderson and Tommy Ring, tax commissioners; James Beckett and Jackie Clinkenbeard, circuit clerks; Kenneth Booth, superintendent of schools;

Billy Straw, county attorney; David Hardin, jailer; Billy Berry, city attorney; Bobby Henry, water commissioner; Jimmy Allen, Ronnie King and Jimmy Lawrence, police chiefs; Joe Blount, police judge; Leory Hawkins and Johnnie Johnson, city clerks.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Homer Lathern, Millersburg, a son, Feb. 10.—To Rev. and Mrs. David A. Seamands of India, a daughter, Deborah Lee, Sunday.

MARRIED—Mrs. Berenice Secrest Norton, St. Louis, Mo., to Harvey C. Norton, Saturday, in Lexington.—Allan Frances Riggs, To...William David Earlywine, both of Millersburg, Feb. 7.—Miss Phyllis Grieve, Flexiton, England, to William Woodall, Jan. 10 in England.

DIED—Mrs. Mary Williams Waugh, 79, Tuesday in Paris.—Miss Nell Hardwick, 78, Sunday in Brooksville.—Mrs. Ella Fuller Jones, 84, Monday in Lexington.—Charles Kenton, 82, Thursday in Lexington.

Thursday, February 9, 1933

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smith narrowly escaped death last Friday morning when their home in Taylor's Creek section was completely destroyed by fire.

The Carlisle tobacco market will close with sales to be held Friday, according to Jack Day, manager.

Judge Paul D. Darnall appoints the following as supervisors for county assessments: W.T. Richey, George C. Rafferty, John Wilson, C.C. Shrout and Ernest Hamilton.

The fire department was called to the home of Hubert Blount on Dorsey Avenue Monday to extinguish a small blaze on the roof of the porch.

The State Highway Commission has started a survey of the road from the Hinkston bridge to Moorefield in the county by way of East Union. The road is approximately six miles in length.

Forest Dalzell of this county has been appointed a member of the inaugural parade and reception committee for the Kentucky delegation which will attend the inauguration of President Roosevelt.

As the Mercury went to press Wednesday afternoon several inches of snow covered and ground and was still falling.

Ben Pumphrey purchased last week from the Bank of Maysville the property on East Main Street known as the Reed property.

Mrs. Sallie Mason purchased last week from H.W. Smith the Hillock residence on Maple Street.

Claude Fields has purchased from L.B. Barton a part of Mr. Barton's farm on the Carlisle and Flemingsburg Road, three miles from Carlisle.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Wade Bishop of the county, a daughter, Wednesday night at the Johnson Memorial Hospital.

DIED—Thomas Henry Mitchell, 51, at his home in the Mexico section, Jan. 31.—John W. Kennedy, 75, Monday night at the Johnson Memorial Hospital.—Robert Barr, 67, Sunday night at his home in the East Union section.—Rev. E.V. Fryman, in Ashland last week.—David W. Adams, 89, Monday morning at his home.—Mrs. Elizabeth Barnett Martin, 82, near Paris last Tuesday.—Hiram Galbraith, Nicholas native, in California last Thursday.—Mrs. Mary Emma Hornback Garrison, 55, in Paris, Sunday.

FARM & HOME

County Extension Agents
Kasil J. Naffsinger,
Sara Swango, Mrs. Margie Wilson

4-H Record Judging

43 county 4-H project records were completed and submitted for judging. The county project champions were selected and the junior and senior winners are as follows: Junior Division: Clothing—Ginger Lou Myers; Dairy Foods—Benita Dampier; Dog—Deborah Jones; Electric—Bonnie Gates; Food—Nutrition—Kim Smoot; Horse and Pony—Darlene Hardwick; Speech—Nyiri Price.

Senior Division: Clothing—Mary Platt; Dairy—Rachel Booth; Field Crops—Mary Platt; Foods—Nutrition—Beverly Herrin; Food Preservation—Beverly Herrin; Home Environment—Jenny Hunt; Horse and Pony—Rachel Booth; Horticulture—Rickie Gates; Poultry—Rachel Booth; Swine—Rachel Booth; Woodcraft—Rachel Booth.

4-H Secretary Tips

4-H Club secretaries have the important responsibility of keeping their club's records. Here are some tips for writing good minutes:

Keep the minutes short and to the point.

Make them complete, neat and accurate.

Include exact wording of motions, name of person who introduced the motion and whether the motion carried.

Write minutes in secretary's book soon after the meeting while it is fresh in your mind.

It is better just to take notes during the meeting so that you don't miss anything.

Record what was done, not just said.

Sign the minutes.

Hogs Good Teachers for 4-H'ers

Did you know that hogs are good teachers? That they aren't the unclean, stupid, fattening animals we've thought? In reality hogs are clean animals, among the smartest, according to researchers, and produce pork that is consistently lower in fat content.*

In addition, the hog has been cast in a new role. . . that of an excellent teacher to over 110,000 4-H'ers. Members and hogs together go through the proper methods of feeding, breeding and caring for hogs, for fun, profit and recognition, by their participation in the national 4-H swine program, supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

4-H'ers enrolled in the swine program learn about hog raising, by actually going through the experience of raising their own animals. In this way they learn success, sometimes failure, and always a lesson in practical economics.

To encourage the 4-H students, incentive and recognition awards are offered by a national company. Four medals of honor are given to winners in each county. State winners in the 4-H swine program are given an all-expense paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, Nov. 26-30, and six scholarships of $700 each are given to the national winners in the program.

Yes, hogs can be teachers. The 4-H members enrolled in the—4-H swine program have learned a lot from their projects.

For information about the 4-H swine program, contact your county extension office.

"The political pot never boils much. The old applesauce is only warmed over."

Our readers speak

Editor, The Carlisle Mercury:

Enclosed is check for one year renewal for Mrs. Retta Barbee. She will be 89 years old Feb. 4, 1973 and enjoys reading the news from Nicholas County. Also renew one year for Mrs. Garrel Pugh of Berry, Ky. who also enjoys The Mercury very much. Thank you.

Mrs. Christine Vice

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT

"I'm glad you were able to come for dinner. Reverend! What kind of TV dinner would you like?"

FOR WEEK AHEAD—DAY-BY-DAY HOROSCOPE

By Clay Pullen

Locate your birthdate, note your astrological symbol, then read your message below.

ARIES	TAURUS	GEMINI	CANCER	LEO	VIRGO	LIBRA	SCORP.	SAGIT.	CAP'CN	AQUAR	PISCES
MAR. 21 - APRIL 19	APRIL 20 - MAY 20	MAY 21 - JUNE 20	JUNE 21 - JULY 22	JULY 23 - AUG. 22	AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22	SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22	OCT. 23 - NOV. 21	NOV. 22 - DEC. 21	DEC. 22 - JAN. 19	JAN. 20 - FEB. 18	FEB. 19 - MAR. 20

FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1973

ARIES Wait till the afternoon to arrange a date.
TAURUS It's best to leave initiative to others.
GEMINI Worst thing you can do is to hesitate.
CANCER The evening should have a romantic touch.
LEO You can take steps that put you ahead.
VIRGO Need for rest and relaxation indicated.
LIBRA Jealousy and trickery lurk close to you.
SCORP. Fine money opportunity likely. Be prepared.
SAGIT. Much uncertainty apparent. Make new plans.
CAP'CN It's bad to assume a dictatorial attitude.
AQUAR Money outlook's bright, if you plan, analyze.
PISCES Taurus individual seeks your confidence.

FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1973

ARIES People you depend upon deliver the goods.
TAURUS Sidestep new methods for the time being.
GEMINI Bad news or delays fail to materialize.
CANCER Make decisions but leave options open.
LEO Day's chores should be easier to handle.
VIRGO Don't sacrifice ethics to meet emergency.
LIBRA Don't expect applause for work well done.
SCORP. Express yourself positively and frankly.
SAGIT. Changes are unwise. Stick to routine.
CAP'CN If pernlexed, consult a sympathetic person.
AQUAR Indecision could stymie your progress.
PISCES Money news may be cheering, encouraging.

FOR SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1973

ARIES Newcomers are impressed with your charisma.
TAURUS Love message could come from a Capricorn.
GEMINI Unexpected demand may be made upon you.
CANCER Friends offer happy solution to problems.
LEO Obstacles are made worse by undue fear.
VIRGO A stranger tries to please you. Be careful.
LIBRA Don't tolerate someone's phony excuses.
SCORP. Good money day, also expect good news.
SAGIT. Quiet day. Don't plan anything different.
CAP'CN Watch your step. May be some temptations.
AQUAR Focus attention on matters in money dept.
PISCES Give your imaginative ideas an honest try.

FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1973

ARIES If cooperation is needed, contact Libra.
TAURUS Today's stars favor fun and love-making.
GEMINI Show compassion to a poor aged person.
CANCER Ask no favors and start no arguments.
LEO Errors not corrected now may plague later.
VIRGO Your mind will be sharp along money lines.
LIBRA Someone important is willing to help you.
SCORP. Sidestep problems that are not yours.
SAGIT. A nearby young person reveals secrets.
CAP'CN Don't be coaxed into issues you're against.
AQUAR You are asked to carry an extra load.
PISCES Act along lines that'll please officials.

FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1973

ARIES You learn today what you need to know.
TAURUS It's smart to check over old accounts.
GEMINI Reject an offer of a stranger to join you.
CANCER Active day. You should be busy, contented.
LEO Friends give support to your pet projects.
VIRGO It's a wide world. Explore. Travel more.
LIBRA You won't get something for nothing.
SCORP. Good day to see professional people.
SAGIT. Well-meaning friend could be a nuisance.
CAP'CN Lucky day. Romance, love-making favored.
AQUAR You'll be in a gay, light-hearted mood.
PISCES Don't give away more than you can afford.

FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1973

ARIES Good money day. Investigate property values.
TAURUS Be true to yourself. Act in good faith.
GEMINI Take special care in legal documents.
CANCER You'll impress important people favorably.
LEO Someone has your best interests at heart.
VIRGO Subdue personal desires. Don't be selfish.
LIBRA Good opportunity available. Don't ignore it.
SCORP. Smile. You're "tops" with those who count.
SAGIT. One in place of authority makes demands.
CAP'CN Your charm attracts the nicest people.
AQUAR Tests of ability bear fruit. Go ahead.
PISCES Be willing to concede some minor point.

FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1973

ARIES Occult subject may be pursued. Investigate!
TAURUS Make home improvements. Do little at a time.
GEMINI Organize a bargain hunt. Go with friends.
CANCER Scorpio may offer you a good proposition.
LEO You should welcome new work activities.
VIRGO Today's on lazy side made for relaxing.
LIBRA No need for inner fears. Have faith.
SCORP. Everybody loves a winner. It can be you!
SAGIT. Make concessions to restore harmony.
CAP'CN Someone hides something. Don't be fooled.
AQUAR A time to be in the social swim of things.
PISCES Opposite sex may thrill to your advances.

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Snow White Mushrooms lb. 99¢
Fresh Turnips 3 lbs. 49¢
Sweet Fresh Yams 3 lbs. 69¢
Florida Zipper Skin Temple Oranges 12 for 69¢

Fresh Green Broccoli lrg. bch. 39¢

Pink and White Grapefruit ea. 10¢ 10 for 99¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — One Quarter Pork Loin Sliced into chops FREE lb. 89¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — U.S. Inspected Fresh Country Cut-Up Mixed Fryer Parts lb. 39¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — Whole Smoked Semi-Boneless Ham lb. 89¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — Fischer's Mellwood Bacon lb. $1.09

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — Fischer's Skinless Wieners 12-oz. pkg. 59¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — Sliced Fischer's Bologna 1-lb. pkg. 83¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — U.S. Gov't. Graded Choice Sirloin Tip Round Steak lb. $1.39

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — Lean & Meaty Pork Steak lb. 79¢

VALENTINE FLOWERS
Multi-Bloom Mums 5-in. pot $1.99
5-Bloom Tulips 6-in. pot $2.29
Beautiful Hyacinths 4-in. pot 79¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — U.S. Inspected Fresh Whole Fryers lb. 37¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — U.S. Gov't Graded Choice Center Cut Chuck Steak lb. 99¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — U.S. Gov't Graded Choice Center Cut Chuck Roast lb. 87¢

EVERYDAY DISCOUNT PRICE — Edward's Whole Hog Sausage 2-lb. pkg. $1.79 1-lb. pkg... 99¢

Kroger 100% Pure Orange Juice gal. btl. 99

Salad Size Vine Ripe Tomatoes 3 lbs. 99

Discount Special Kleenex Thick & Thirsty Paper Towels 3 Rolls $1

Discount Special Frozen Banquet Pies Apple, Cherry, Peach or Cocoanut Custard 20-oz. pies 25¢

Discount Special New Sweden Frozen French Fries 5 lb. bag 77¢

Discount Special Sungold White Bread 5 16-oz. loaves 95¢

Discount Special—Sliced American or Pimento Kraft Cheese 8-oz. pkg. 39¢
Discount Special—Kroger Fudge Brownie Mix 2 22½-oz. boxes 88¢
Discount Special — Four Varieties Avondale Beans 7 16-oz. cans $1
Discount Special — Farm Style White or Wheat Kroger Variety Bread 3 loaves $1

Discount Special — Buttermilk or Homestyle Kroger Biscuits 12-oz. can 10¢
Discount Special—Kroger Refrigerated Cookies 3 14-oz. pkgs. $1
Discount Special—Plain and All Flavors Yubi Yogurt 8-oz. pkg. 19¢
Discount Special—Kroger Grade "A" Cottage Cheese 30-oz. pkg. 68¢

Discount Special Refreshing R.C. Cola 8 16-oz. btls. 79¢ Plus Btl. Dep.

Discount Special Detergent Cindy Liquid 3 32-oz. btls. $1

Discount Special White Rain Hair Spray $1.49 Size 3 13-oz. btls. 69¢

Discount Special Country Club Ice Cream ½-gal. ctn. 59¢

Discount Special Imperial Whipped Margarine 1-lb. pkg. 39¢

Discount Special Kroger Sherbet 2 ½-gal. ctns. $1
Discount Special—Freezer Pleezer Ice Milk Bars 2 pkgs. of 12 $1
Discount Special—Moor Frozen Onion Rings 1½-lb. pkg. 89¢
Discount Special — Tropical Frozen Orange Juice 12-oz. can 39¢

Everyday Discount Price — Stokely Tomato Juice 46-oz. can 35¢
Everyday Discount Price—Campbell's Tomato Soup 10¾-oz. can 11¢
Everyday Discount Price Rinso Detergent 49-oz. pkg. 69¢
Everyday Discount Price—Gillette Rapid Shave can 98¢

VALUABLE COUPON — Betty Crocker Hamburger Helper 2 pkgs. $1 — D-24

VALUABLE COUPON — Detergent Oxydol 84-oz. box $1.00 — D-24

VALUABLE COUPON — Fabric Softener Downy 64-oz. btl. $1.09 — D-24

VALUABLE COUPON — Borden's Breakfast Orange Drink 21-oz. pkg. 79¢ — D-24

VALUABLE COUPON — Cat Food Puss 'N Boots 6 6½-oz. cans 69¢ — D-24

VALUABLE COUPON — 10¢ OFF Toward the purchase of Four Reg. Size packages Kroger Pudding — D-24

VALUABLE COUPON — 25¢ OFF toward the purchase of Oscar Mayer Jubilee Canned Ham — D-24

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VALUABLE COUPON — 40¢ OFF Toward purchase of one pkg. of any Ugly Duckling Hosiery — D-24

Russ Metz

If you're a Newton, don't hide your apple under a basket

Being the smartest one in a family is not too hard when you have burned all your old report cards and can lick anyone who challenges your intelligence.

And, if your kids don't quite measure up to your expectations, you can always blame it onto your wife. Studies show that people tend to have children in about their own range of intelligence. So you pick the smart ones and claim the dummies in your family take after your wife.

How many people are there in the U.S. right now who have a genius level IQ? Besides you and me. That's hard to say because the whole population has never been tested. And not every scientist agrees that our methods of IQ testing accurately measures your smarts.

One psychologist has made a stab at counting up all the people in this country who are as smart as a government mule. He comes up with something like this:

IQ 190-top geniuses of a caliber of Archimedes and Isaac Newton. Probably not even one American person at present. Such intelligences come along at the rate of only about one every 500 years. And only during the season when apples are falling off trees hitting dreamers on the head.

IQ 180-men of the caliber of Darwin and Freud. Both a couple of nuts, who have probably stirred up more stink than any of the other eggheads. Maybe a dozen. If you can think of 11 other sharpies, this is your neighborhood, baby.

IQ 170-About 300, most barbers and bartenders.

IQ 160-5,000, of whom at least half are unemployed McGovern campaign advisers.

IQ 150-100,000, most of whom can be found sitting around potbellied stoves in country stores. They are the spitting images of geniuses.

IQ 140-1,000,000 including Henry Kissinger and Bowater, our office cat. This means that there are quite a mess of "geniuses" in the country because scores above 140 are technically labeled "genius level."

IQ's of 120 to 140 are termed "very superior," but not quite ready to walk on water. Football coaches, Blue Tick hounds and third generation welfare drones can be lumped together on this plateau.

IQ's of 90 to 120-Second lieutenants, 90-day garden variety; government bureaucrats, earth worms, mothers-in-law, psychologists who draw up IQ tests, hoping they can make one simple enough to rate themselves as geniuses.

IQ's of 0 to 90-newspaper columnists and lichen.

One group of experts contends hotly that the general level of IQ is going down, by at least one or two points a generation. They cite such evidence as the Armed Forces Qualification Test, which indicates that "the number of youths with relatively low mental equipment is rising rapidly." This is not a very accurate intelligence test and, besides, they always give it to you at 8 in the morning after you've spent the night on KP.

I fell asleep twice in the middle of the round peg section and still managed a rousing 37, the highest in our company, next to our outfit's mascot, an erotic billygoat.

Those who argue IQ is going down point to studies that "families with the dullest children average 2½ times the size of families with the brightest children." The two are smart enough. It's those half-wits who bring the average down. These gloom peddlers argue the world is being overrun with the less intelligent. I personally resent this because most of my best friends are not uncommonly bright.

This view does not alarm proponents of the opposite viewpoint, who claim that IQ is not proven to be a matter of heredity, but rather of early cultural stimulation and environment. You can shoot this theory to pieces by looking at my kids. You give them the smartest parents in town, the choicest steaks and clean sheets and they bring home report cards that would warp a turtle's shell.

One scientist says there is hope. He thinks we're going to "have more brains at the top" as a result of our strong intellectual selection in marriage. Whatever that means. I think he infers the smartest 10 per cent of the young people, the 120's and 130's, are being thrown together at the most susceptible age for romance. Studies show, he claims, that these people tend to have children in about their own range of intelligence.

"This means that these marriages are now producing five to ten times the number of 150's we would get from the perfectly random marriages of the average population," he says. I don't know who is arranging these marriages in order to produce brainier kids, but it sounds like a winner. I'd be willing to settle for less. Like a kid with enough intelligence to know when to pick up his dirty socks.

"We may not have to wait centuries for the next Newton," the scientist says. "We may have a dozen Newtons within the next 20 years."

The genuine article, I hope. Right now we're up to our armpits in fig newtons.

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It suddenly dawns that you are getting old when you realize there is a generation today who never heard of Hoot Gibson or a rumble seat, who never tasted homemade root beer or a corn-silk cigarette, never heard of Tarawa or Normandy Beach, cannot imagine gas or meat rationing, or spats, care little about digging Maypole root or making rabbit traps, do not remember the time before television, when kerosene lamps were used, never chased an ice wagon for the chips, never had a haircut with hand-powered clippers, never wore a mustard poultice on the chest, or safety pins to hang around the neck, never cranked an automobile, or enjoyed a moonlight excursion boatride, cannot remember penny postcards or silent movies, never hitched up a horse, carried a bucket of coal, never chewed roofing tar or sassafras bark, never felt a depression or a shuck-tick bed, used an outhouse, bought loose crackers, rolled their own cigarettes, went to a husking bee or charivari, played mumbly peg, walked to stores, picked a chicken, never drank homebrew or spring water or tied two cats together and threw them over a clothesline.

Ain't God been good to us oldtimers?

Semper fidelis.