New drug threatens youths

A new drug, a sedative-hypnotic pill, has made its appearance among young people of the nation, all the way from Berkeley, Calif. to the campuses of the East. It is called methaqualone. It is a dreadful thing that causes users to believe they have control over their bodies when in fact they have lost control. It is addictive and progressively dangerous. A single overdose can be fatal.

The Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs warns, "Methaqualone produces a severe physical dependence characteristic of the barbiturate-alcohol type." The withdrawal symptoms can be rigorous, causing the user to increase the dosage. Some students take up to twelve 300-milligram pills a day, which cost from $6 to $12, so that the old monetary toll will set in.

This glamour drug has the reputation of being a love potion. It started out as a sleeping pill, and has now become a wacky input that produces an addictive euphoria that robs the user of his or her senses and will. The production of the pill has grown from 8 million in 1968 to 147 million in 1972, in spite of its evil nature. A number of States have now moved to put the drug under stricter control.

Hazardous and often deadly drugs are among nature's barbs—a peril thrown into the paths of youths, who would be well advised to sidestep it.

Keep gasoline in the tank!

National Transportation Safety Board Chairman John H. Reed has focused attention upon a growing, if not entirely new, hazard to motorists. The combination of summer travel and gasoline shortages has induced a great increase in the practice of stashing away an extra, "emergency" supply of gasoline in automobile trunks. Too often, the extra gas is poured into any container that happens to be handy; a glass bottle, a plastic jug, a gallon metal can, or whatever. Such a practice, Mr. Reed reminds us, is extremely hazardous. "Even cars which are designed for gasoline," says Chairman Reed, can be dangerous.

If involved in an accident, or if the gasoline leaks from a faulty container and seeps through the floor, the red-hot tailpipe carrying the motor's exhaust is more than enough to ignite the fluid. And it doesn't take liquid gas to cause a death-dealing conflagration. The fumes alone—evaporated gasoline mixed with air—coming into contact with a lighted cigarette or even an electrical spark, can cause a violent, powerful explosion.

Safety Board Chairman Reed is right when he says, "Keep gasoline in your car's tank." If you are concerned with running out, try to keep your tank more than half full (rather than letting it run down to zero); make more frequent stops at service stations; don't drive when you don't have to; and drive at slower speeds.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

STIRRING UP THE GRAY MATTER

They were busy. I was waiting for the society page so that I could finish shooting the negatives for the July 12 issue. Then I found out why they were so busy—Marvine, Joanie and Janie, there was this little variant place on the page and they asked Marvine to set several lines to fill with each line centered. The Compuwriter just balked, I suppose at the words and commands keyed to its various memory systems. I asked the trouble and upon seeing what had happened suggested they put the machine on manual line ending and again attempt to center each line. Well that worked, but it must have been too much for the old chip.

• About 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 10, the Compuwriter went off the deep end and began failing to justify the right hand margin.

A call to Rosslyn, Va. brought these suggestions: pull chips F-14, F-15, F-16. Then try F-17. H-17, J-1, 2, 3, 4 29 5. On chip J-5, number 55024 it was thought trouble was solved. Some of the copy set was justifying. (It was necessary to set copy after each chip was removed and a good one put in its place). Following several hours of this and the time nearing 6 p.m. I again called Rosslyn only to find my service technician had gone home. That being the case, I went home also.

Taking a fresh start about 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 11, I retraced my steps making certain all chips were in their proper sockets. Then I tried a few inches of copy, and although nine out of ten lines justified I knew the trouble was not solved. Going back to copy set earlier in the week or maybe last week I chose a line and put the machine on calculate line setting in this mode I noticed that the count was 377 units when the line length was supposed to be 365 or under. Working with this line or its five words I noticed that widths assigned various letters were not the same each time, like a lower case (i) would be seven units one time and in the next usage 6 units. That space bands had a unit count of 6 in one place and four in another. So another call to Rosslyn was in order (since they hadn't returned my call).

This time, after I had explained about the unit counts of the letters, it was suggested that chips J-1 or J-4 (they had already been checked), L-8 and L-11, P-15, P-14 and M-14 and N-14. I took time out to address the Mercury on the mailing machine. Then back to the old chip routine. After changing P-14 and checking the short bit of copy it looked like justification had been achieved. Then some 15 inches of matter was keyboarded and so far the machine is justifying correctly. Chip P-14, number 55007 must have been the culprit.

But back up the way when I pulled chip L-11, a logic chip I'm told, I noticed one of its many pins, 16 to be exact was badly bent. Mashed might be a better word and I can only assume it had been that way since the previous time when chip number 55003 was found bad by the serviceman. I wouldn't want to say that the serviceman was responsible for its bent condition, but I do know that pulling a chip out of the socket will not mash the pins.

I suppose it is just as well that I do not have a schematic of this machine, just the chip chart is enough to stir-up the gray matter. The pin on logic chip L-11 was straightened as best I knew how, and after a check with a new chip, the old one was returned to its socket.

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Thursday, July 23, 1953

The spraying of Carlisle and vicinity to eliminate flies, mosquitoes, and other insects has been set for Thursday evening. The work will be done by Perma-Fog Service of Lexington.

Bobby Gene Wagoner, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wagoner of Route 2, escaped serious injury when struck by an auto in Paris on Sunday afternoon.

Miss Juanita Caswell, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Smith, has accepted a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ring, a son, Charles Alyette, July 16.—To Mr. and Mrs. Josie Smith, North Middletown, a son, Bobby Lee, July 17.

MARRIED—Miss Norma Louise Mynear to Donald Wayne Jolly, July 17 at the First Church of God, Pleasant Valley.—Mrs. Minnie Hoagland, Springfield, Ohio to Leslie Martin, Paris, Thursday by Rev. G.A. McNeely.—Miss Ellen Louise Vice to Gary Lee Reister, in Carlisle.

DIED—Bruce E. Hughes, well-known farmer, died Sunday night.—Mrs. Virginia Hughes Flanagan, July 21, in Cincinnati.—Joe Anderson, 69, Middletown, Ohio, Thursday.—Mrs. Miranda B. Merimee, 82, Wednesday in Bourbon county.—Mrs. Pearl Mae Green Mitchell, 36, Ripley, Ohio,—Wednesday.—Miss Gladys C. Booth, 53, Tullahoma, Tenn., Wednesday in Shelbyville, Tenn.—Prof. Cambridge F. Martin, 85, former Owingsville mayor and city schools superintendent.

Thursday, July 20, 1933

Julian Atkinson and Glenn Booth, both of Carlisle, were among the 18 Future Farmers of the state who were honored at the annual convention with the degree of "State Farmer" in Lexington last week.

George Hull Jr., 16, Fayette county, suffered a fracture of the jaw and skull late Friday afternoon when he dived from the bridge at Blue Licks into the shallow water of Licking River."

A crew of men have been engaged during the past week cleaning Brushy Fork creek under the bridges where the steam shovel could not reach.

Local dealers Wednesday were offering 12 cents per dozen for eggs, an increase of five cents per dozen within the past month.

Charles Cox brought to the Mercury office Wednesday morning a wild sweet potato which weighed six pounds. The tuber was grown on the farm of Joe Hughes of the Licking section and brought to town by young Cox Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Alice Rooney suffered a badly sprained back when she fell last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Lillie Wood on West Main Street, where she makes her home.

The explosion of a coal oil stove in the rear room of Gatewood confectionary Saturday morning ignited the building and caused the fire department to respond to the call. The blaze was extinguished with slight damage.

H. Stanley Blake, Carlisle, Herbert Moore, Cynthiana, and Burgess Berry of Kentontown have a tobacco sales warehouse at Moultrie, Ga., and left last week for that place to arrange the opening.

Mrs. Eda S. Taylor, county superintendent, suffered a fracture of the right arm in the elbow, a painful cut on her forehead and other bruises Tuesday morning when she fell down a flight of stairs at her home on West Main Street.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Hubbard Hughes at their home near Carlisle on July 8, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Otis R. Conrad at the home of her parents near Barterville, on July 9, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harper of Lexington at the St. Joseph's Hospital on July 15, a son.

MARRIED—Miss Sue Allison and Melvin Sampson, both of the county, in Cynthiana, Saturday.

DIED—Walter D. Young, 68, well-known farmer, suddenly Monday night at his home on the Moorefield Road.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hedges, 77, Thursday morning at her home in the Stoney Creek section following a short illness.—Wilson Baugus, eight, Monday morning at the home of his parents on Morgan Street, after a short illness.

FARM & HOME

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Make a list of the kinds and amounts of food you plan to can. Plan on canning foods of superior quality. Fruits and vegetables should be ripe, fresh, and sound.

PROCEDURE

1. Before starting to can, read the recipe and review the manufacturer's instructions for filling and sealing the jars. If you're not familiar with directions for the safe and successful operation of your steam-pressure canner.

2. Assemble all the necessary equipment and any clean clothes you'll need.

3. Wash jars and fittings (except self-sealing lids) in warm sudsy water; rise well. Self-sealing lids should be washed according to manufacturer's directions. Or, place them in a pan and pour boiling water over them. Allow jars to sit in fresh hot water until ready to fill.

4. Prepare at one time only enough produce for a canner load. Consult your recipe for proper preparation of food. Pack jars according to type and the manufacturer's instructions. Add liquid according to recipe.

5. To remove air bubbles in filled jars, slide a table knife inside the jar and around the sides. This step helps prevent the liquid from falling below the level of the food during processing. Food tends to darken if not covered with liquid. After this step it may be necessary to add more liquid to cover the food.

6. Wipe mouths of jars with a clean, damp cloth to remove any food spilled on them.

7. Seal jars. Process them at once by the recommended method and for the correct length of time. See canning book.

8 After processing, cool jars by setting them upright on a board, rack or folded cloth—never on a cold surface. Place them far enough apart to allow air circulation. Don't expose them to a cold draft, and do not cover them.

9. After about 12 hours, test jars for sealing. If self-sealing lids are used, the center of the lid should be down (drawn in). Or, lid should remain down when pressed. Check jars with other kinds of closures by turning them partly over and examining for leakage. If a jar is imperfectly sealed, repack the food using a new lid and reprocess it for the full length of time. Or refrigerate the food and use it as soon as possible.

10. Wipe jars clean, label with food processed, and date. Store the jars in a cool, dry place away from danger of freezing, which may cause jar to crack or lids to break. Choose a dark area; exposed to light, food tends to lose natural color.

Free booklets on canning fruits and vegetable, making jellies and jams, pickles and relishes and freezing are available at the Nicholas County Extension Office located in the basement of the Post Office.

AGREE or NOT

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT—Problems continue to pile up for Gov. Wendell H. Ford, the last being a suit filed in Marshall County contesting the letting of a contract without bids for replacement of a boatdock at Kentucky Dam Village.

The first problem to erupt in the Ford administration, overcharging for moving state agencies into the new office building in Capital Plaza, is scheduled to come before a grand jury here late this month.

Circuit Judge Henry Meigs has advised the July Grand Jury, now in session, to hold open two days at the end of the month for special prosecutor Woodson T. Wood of Maysville to hear evidence in the moving case.

Jim Creech of All American Movers, Inc. of Frankfort, has been accused by the Finance Department of collecting $135,000 from the state for work not performed, but billed.

Attorney General Ed Hancock has said the figure may run higher than this.

Creech was a campaign aide to both Ford and Senator Dee Huddleston in the recent campaign.

Newsmen also have brought to light two land purchase deals with money from the governor's emergency fund. The state paid $175,000 for a gun club at Owensboro, the governor's hometown, and then leased back to the club for one dollar a year. The state also paid State Party Chairman J.R. Miller, and party counsel Tommy Carroll $30,000 for some land in Western Kentucky and turned it over to the Fish and Wildlife Department.

On the heels of revelations in the moving case came a charge that H.K. Taylor in Democrat headquarters had asked holders of personal service contracts, land appraisers, for a kick-back on their fees for party headquarters. This has been denied and little evidence has been produced on the charge made by a Glasgow man who lost his contract.

The secretary of the U.S. Senate has called on Party Chairman Miller to report the source of funds received in the recent fund-raising drive conducted by the party. Miller has assured newsmen a complete accounting will be given.

When Ford was lieutenant governor he

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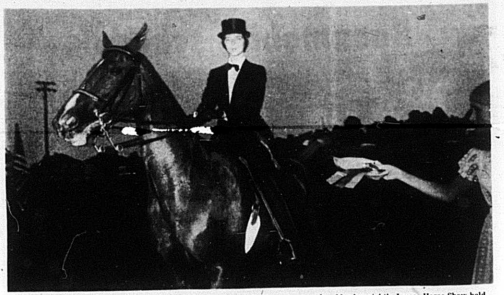

Equitation

Jo Ellen Calmes of Irvine, owner and rider of Desire's Fancy, captured first place in Class No. 4, Equitation, in Monday night's Jaycee Horse Show held at Nicholas County High School ballfield. —Mercury photo

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Western applications due August 1

The deadline for residents of Kentucky who wish to apply for admission to Western Kentucky University is Wednesday, Aug. 1, officials at the University have announced.

Incoming students are asked to adhere to the Aug. 1 deadline, "in order that maximum consideration and assistance can be given to each applicant," says Dr. Thomas L. Updike, interim director of admissions at Western.

Dormitories will open at the University for the fall semester Saturday, Aug. 25 and registration and orientation activities will take place Monday, Aug. 27 - Wednesday, Aug. 29.

Classes for the fall semester are scheduled to begin Thursday, Aug. 30.

Agree or not..

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complained that Republican Gov. Louie B. Nunn's administration had purchased insurance for state employees without putting the contract up for competitive bids. But when Ford's administration purchased insurance for state public school teachers, the same thing was done and the insurance was purchased from an Owensboro firm.

The moving scandal here is the first major one to erupt in state government since the truck purchase scandal that hit early in the administration of Gov. Bert T. Combs.

There have been suggestions around Frankfort that Gov. Ford ought to spend more time in Frankfort instead of spending a lot of time with National Democratic Party affairs and other trips out of the state. A check by newsmen showed Ford spent more time out of state last year than Nunn had in any year while he was in office.

The thinking is that the governor would be better off politically to spend more time here if he aspires to run for the U.S. Senate, the vice presidency or become chairman of the national Democrat Party. Some feel the governor's image has been damaged, but the final results are not in on the moving and other deals these facts are likely to become political campaign fodder if the governor runs for office.

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The Plod Type

And may the bird of Col. Sanders fly up your nose . . .

Russ Metz

I'd leave home in a minute, but I'm afraid I'll miss something.

At the supper table last night, my wife, a patron of the physicians, announced with some pride that she had again mystified the medical profession.

"That's nice," I said. Nothing particularly new about this. She has been mystifying doctors and me for years. Too bad I can't charge an astonishing fee like doctors do.

"You know my trick knee," she went on. She never told me she played linbacker for Green Bay.

"My doctor X-rayed it today and I have a UFO - unidentified floating object."

"That's nice," I said.

"He said it looks like a rock, or rather a gravel and wanted to know about my accident," she went on.

"You probably picked it up when you proposed to me down at the gravel pit and that was no accident," was my matter of fact answer.

"You got no sensitivity," she accused.

"Doctors have known for years that the knee is the weakest link in your body . . ."

"Not in yours it isn't honey," I said before I thought.

All this time, our son had been reading a motorcycle book and poking pieces of chicken into his face at 1,000 rpm's when he suddenly let out a yelp and dropped everything. He never purposely drops food out of his mouth, unless struck by earthquake, a nest of hornets or struck smartly on the rump with a keen switch, so we asked what was ailing him.

"One of Col. Sanders' chickens just stuck me in the nose with a bone, that's what he did," young son whimpered, "when I wasn't looking."

Now this is sensitivity that I can relate to. Next to a bat, which navigates in the dark with a delicate radar system, a young boy has the most accurate built-in guidance network in the world. His hands move between plate and his mouth with such speed, accuracy and duration that it has astounded parents for generations. It lasts only a short time, however, just until they have to start buying their own groceries, so science has never felt it particularly injurious to their health so no serious studies have been made on it.

"Maybe you can sell the Colonel on a new slogan," I said, "like it's finger-lickin' and nose-pickin' good."

"Super, dad," said wounded son, "we'll hire a hall and cut a record . . ."

"You both can cut out of here, I'm getting ill," his mother growled.

And while we are talking about women, it seems to us there's less to a beautiful woman than there used to be — or anyway, it's distributed differently.

The world standard of female beauty is something like 37-23-37, which if you don't know what that means you might as well get back to hoeing the taters and leave the finer aspects of life to those of us who appreciate them.

If a gal competing for Miss America or Miss World or Miss Compone doesn't

have dimensions in this neighborhood, she's out of her neighborhood and this must irritate hell out of the ordinary woman.

Of course she can always claim she's a perfect Venus deMilo without telling anyone this ideal Greek beauty was a "perfect 36" around the girth. This ideal originated a long time ago before diet drinks when it was fashionable for beauties to lay around the king's romper room and soak up grape juice.

The wonder is that the modern girl's supposed figure-shrinking appetite is never exhibited when you expose her to a menu in a fancy restaurant.

That's because women are sneakier than men. I do not use this as my opinion, unless asked to. The evidence is furnished by William J. Colihan, a vice-president of Young & Rubicam, Inc., who did one of those sophisticated jobs for which advertising agencies are famous.

The little matter of who wears the pants came out, I can tell you, in our favor. When they think they can get away with it, wives claim they make all sorts of family decisions that they don't. And that's a fact.

During interviews when husbands were absent, women claimed authority for making 26 per cent of certain decisions. When the same questions were asked with husbands present, the wife's authority suddenly dropped to 12 per cent. Even that is too high and is something all husbands should work on.

If a man can't afford a new car he's likely to say so frankly. Women are more likely to say that they just love the old car, or anything to give the impression that money has nothing to do with it. We men decide what kind of car to buy, but we're often generous enough to let the wife pick the color. Women talk a lot about dieting (and everything else, men use fewer words in stating facts) but when it comes to diets, it's men who stick to them without making a production out of it.

Unfortunately, a couple of male weak spots, attributable to our soft-heartedness, showed up in Colihan's research. Half the men in the country wash dishes and two-thirds of them wash windows. This is the inevitable consequence of doing something competently just once, a natural temptation to newly-wed husbands but one to be resisted by fair or foul means.

Too many men don't learn the priceless value of domestic incompetence until it is too late. Every bridegroom should be told that it is vital not merely to profess incompetence but to demonstrate it forcefully, else a lifetime of servitude hanging cuphooks, polishing silver and washing cupboards lies ahead.

An excellent start for a happy marriage is for the groom to break a cup the first time he helps with the dishes, to shatter a platter the next time, and a saucer the next, until his wife boots him out of the kitchen.

The cost of replacing busted crockery is nothing compared to the lifetime value of having your wife think of you as a helpless butterfingers, whose only place in the home is in the easy chair in front of the television set.

Dr. Beverley T. Mead, the Creighton University shrink, who wowed cold-fisted bankers at an IBAA meeting recently with his "Marriage and Other Risky Investments" talk, had some reasonable advice for husbands, too. "I know you kiss your wife goodbye when you leave for work in the morning," he said, "but that's kind of like rubbing a rabbit's foot. It's more of a lucky charm. If you don't do that, you may get hit by a taxicab on the way to work." Or a flying skillet.

"Most husbands can say 'I love you' in the dark, but find it very difficult to say right out in broad daylight. Their jaws creak and they begin to stammer," he advised. That's because you see it like it is in the daylight, doc.

Fight constructively, he also advises, and do it verbally. You can fight in front of your kids a little bit. Maybe this is to show kids they don't have it made. When you square off with the wife, no low blows. Never attack her femininity. If a child does something you do not like, it is perfectly all right to speak against this action, but not against the actor.

I got it, doc.

Peace, honey. That could be a gold nugget in your knee, picked up when you were panning at Placerville in '97. On the European money market, you could be worth a fortune right now. I'll love, honor and protect my investment.

Young man, the next time the kid of Col. Sanders flies up your nose, you just call your old dad and he'll charge across the table with salad fork and help you flush the thing out.