Opinions

The apprehension of human dignity

In an address delivered recently, Dr. John A. Howard, president of Rockford College in Rockford, Ill., pointed to the sorry state of liberal arts studies in the field of higher education. Partly because of the demand for vocational and technical training and partly because many students seem to be attracted to campus life free of requirements set by any authority other than their own judgment, the disciplined demands of traditional liberal arts studies have been on the decline.

"Among the casualties," declared Dr. Howard, "have been obligatory studies in classics, foreign languages, philosophy, history and rhetoric. Indeed, in the case of rhetoric, even the meaning of the term is now somewhat obscure. Previously that study served to develop the student's skill in expressing his thoughts with logic and sequence, with precision and grace. It seems that not only has the word become archaic, but the skills with which it was concerned are also becoming a rarity."

What is to be done? Dr. Howard suggests that what is needed is a change in goals. "If the destination we choose should turn out to be human dignity, then our endeavors would certainly embrace, but also transcend, the acquisition of knowledge and skills and techniques . . ."

"Among the obligations of the liberal arts are those designed to touch people and touch them beneficially, to test our knowledge in the reality of human life, to engage in an emphasis upon man's noblest motives and acts and creative work . . . If the overall college experience should be characterized by a continuing effort toward a true apprehension of human dignity, the result, I am confident, would be a unity and a vitality and a cumulative satisfaction which have been conspicuously absent in higher education for many years."

What is more important, Dr. Howard declared, is that if the academic community were to "seriously engage in apprehending human dignity—apprehending not only in the sense of understanding but also of achieving . . . it would be sending out into the adventure of the world confident people of disciplined imagination prepared to grapple with even the most difficult problems of society."

Dr. Howard has issued a clarion call for the return of traditional liberal arts studies in our schools. Let us hope that the academic community will respond. Never was the need more urgent than today.

Good omen

According to a Gallup Poll, 77 percent of the American people name the high cost of living as the most important problem facing the nation. Most interesting of all the facts turned up by the Gallup survey is the point that some 64 percent of the American people apparently plan to reduce their spending in order to counter rising prices, and 44 per cent blame the federal government as the chief instigator of the inflationary process.

If enough people act in accordance with these convictions, half the battle of controlling inflation would be won. It is demand for scarce goods and services that fuels the fires of rising prices, and it is public demand for government services that boosts the level of federal spending and contributes to uncontrollable budget deficits and inflation. If the public mood is to cut its own high living habits and if public opinion forces the federal bureaucracy to do the same, there is little question but what the future of the United States, economically speaking, will be a lot brighter than many people now expect.

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

The purpose of this letter is twofold. First, I would like the attached letter to be printed in the paper. I feel at times there are people that do for the community withoiit recognition. I want to point out Mr. Perkins was very instrumental in the acquisition of the cannon for the courthouse yard.

Honorable Carl D. Perkins
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Perkins:

"I am writing to let you know the project of the acquisition of a cannon for the courthouse lawn in Nicholas County has been completed.

"We were able to acquire a Howitzer, M115, towed, 8 in. barrell, in size. It is in excellent shape and very impressive.

"We will probably have to wait until April of 1975 before placing it on the lawn. A concrete footer will have to be installed and the weather is a little cold for that type of work, at this time.

"On behalf of those interested organizations, the VFW Post #8666, the American Legion Post #17, the City of Carlisle, and the County of Nicholas for the donation of $125 each.

I would like to provide a more detailed story after the cannon is placed on the courthouse lawn, which will be in April 1975.

I thank for you publishing these letters.

Respectfully yours,
Bobby G. Anderson
Property Valuation Administrator
Nicholas County

"Snobs talk as if they had begotten their own ancestors."

project. I hope the cannon is in place on your next visit to Carlisle."

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Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

WINTER, 1974

Who can ever forget the warm glow of a winter fire upon the hearth or the lonesome sigh of the wind on a crisp, moonlit night? The official arrival of Winter this Dec. 22 will bring back many such familiar sights, from icicles and skiers to Christmas decorations and children clamoring for a steaming hot cup of cocoa and cookies. It will be a time to retreat indoors with books and television, a time to re-evaluate yet another passing year in terms of what we have accomplished—or have not, as the case may be.

Hopefully, we will be able to face the new season with confidence and the knowledge that problems of energy scarcity, inflation, community improvement and the like can be solved if each of us will but dedicate himself to the task. "United we stand, divided we fall" has never been a more appropriate rallying cry, and one that should come easy for Kentuckians, since it is the state motto.

—MV—

"Money won't buy happiness, it'll rent the misery of your choice."—McNaught syndicate

—MV—

A gram of silver (.03527 ounces) can be stretched into a wire more than a mile long.

—MV—

Mention the word silver and I immediately think of pictures. When I think of photographs I think of half tones. Now that we've mentioned the negative that produces the planagraph plate for printing by the offset lithographic method we're back to silver again.

I seldom go into a doctor's office that has an x-ray device or for that matter into any x-ray room that I don't ask, "Do you save the silver?"

If I had kept track of all the negative answers and had I been able to confiscate all the hypo that was silver-rich from the x-ray films, very probably I wouldn't have to bother with typing this column.

All of which leads me to the thought, that we Americans are a wasteful lot, whether it be silver, gold, oil or food.

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—It's a scramble time in state government here and the game of musical chairs is beginning to pick up with interest being focused on the minor constitutional offices.

Since no constitutional officer may succeed himself in state government, present officials are searching out another place to land for the next four years.

Thelma Stovall, secretary of state, made it a lot easier for the present minor office holders when she announced for lieutenant governor, thereby leaving the state treasurer's office open for others. State Treasurer Drex Davis promptly announced for secretary of state, and office Court of Appeals Clerk Frances Jones Mills had her eye on, but apparently she and Drex got together and Mrs. Mills decided to run for Treasurer and not oppose Drex for secretary of state.

State Auditor Mary Louise Foust has announced in opposition to Lt. Gov. Julian Carroll for the Democratic nomination for governor next year.

Going begging so far by incumbent constitutional officers are the offices of Clerk of the Court of Appeals, Agriculture Commissioner, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Attorney General and State Auditor.

A flock of Democratic hopefuls are expected to announce for these minor constitutional offices that pay an annual salary of $22,500. The candidates have to depend upon the familiarity of their names and their broad acquaintance in the Democratic Party across the state, for there is no way they can develop a platform for these offices where the duties are purely administrative.

At least five had filed for the lieutenant governor's job at midweek although Carroll has said he will not slate anyone for lieutenant governor or any of the other minor offices.

Those who have announced are Senator Tom Ward of Versailles; Thelma Stovall, Atty. General Ed Hancock, James O. Day, a retired army colonel from Morehead; and perennial runner Lyle Willis of Corbin.

Also being mentioned are State Senator Billy Sullivan of Henderson; County Judge Bob Stephens of Lexington; Jefferson County Judge Todd Hollenbach; Louisville Mayor Harvey Sloane; County Judge Wayne Rutherford of Pikeville; and Public Service Commissioner Barkley Sturgill of Prestonsburg.

Mrs. Stovall has the most popular name with the voters of anyone who have announced so far.

Others who have announced for the minor offices are Jim P. Robinson of McCracken county for Attorney General Kenneth Boone, 33, a former state government employe for 13 years, has announced for commissioner of agriculture. John Stevenson of Northern Kentucky has also announced for this post.

Boone has worked in the agriculture department here, for the Kentucky State Police, and for the Department of Public Safety as assistant director of the Driver Licensing Bureau. He is presently farming in his native Lewis county. He is a graduate of the University of Kentucky in agriculture and is a former teacher of agriculture in high school and was one of the strong supporters of Governor Bert T. Combs. His name is familiar in political circles around the state.

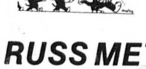
George Glenn Hatcher of Frankfort, a former secretary of State and a former employe to the Clerk of Court of Appeals has announced for the court position.

George Herman Kendall, a City Commissioner of Lexington and a realtor, but unknown in statewide races, has announced for the position of State Auditor. There is no requirement that a candidate for this office must be a licensed Certified Public Accountant. For that matter, there is no requirement that he know anything about accounting.

No one has announced for Superintendent of Public Instruction although observers here are expecting Agriculture Commissioner Wendell D. Butler to announce for that office. He has held that office at least twice before and is in his second term as Commissioner of Agriculture. He has been bouncing between the two offices since 1960.

No Republican has announced as a candidate for any of the state positions to appear on the ballot next year although state Representative Larry Hopkins of Lexington has said he will make up his mind soon whether he will be a candidate for governor or lieutenant governor.

Observers here expect a host of candidates to file for minor state offices, particularly those where no present office holder is making a bid.



RUSS METZ

Hot water will freeze faster? It does when Erasto Mpemba is added to it.

I think it is nice that scientists are getting almost as smart as common folks. It will be good for their image down at the country store.

We have known that hot water will freeze faster than cold water ever since Hector was a pup. It's an old wives tale and if those scientist fellows had been home listening to their old wives instead of loafing around their laboratories, they'd have known about it, too.

When water freezes near zero C., it forms ice which is hexagonal. When supercooled at least a few degrees before freezing, it produces ice which is rhombohedral. This is the best kind for making Bloody Marys because the ice is compatible to the rhombo in your head.

Current interest was aroused from an unusual source. Erasto Mpemba, pronounced by putting a big wad of tobacco in your mouth, sloshing it around until it floats freely and then squirting the gob over a rail fence, started the fast-freeze thing.

He and his classmates at Tanzania's Magamba Secondary School were making ice cream and when Erasto got more brownie points because he was always first to serve the teacher, the kids wanted to know how come.

What Erasto would do was put his boiled milk and sugar mixture in the freezer while it was still hot and the other kids were letting their stuff come down to room temperature before cranking up the ice cream machines.

His teacher didn't for one minute believe this nonsense because it was against the laws of physics. Probably figured Erasto was getting the whammy put on his mix by a friendly witch doctor. Then a Dar es Salaam University professor got wind of it and found out it works that way. He has handed the ball to other scientists and they are acting like kids with a new toy.

New, my foot. People who have never thawed out pipes or a bird bath know about it. Canadians believe skating rinks freeze faster when flooded with hot water. Even back in 1620, F. Bacon wrote "Water slightly warm is more easily frozen than quite cold." You couldn't exactly call it the world's best-kept secret, unless you are a scientist type.

And now that a little African ice cream maker has pulled the plug on an old theory, a lot of educated people are flooded with embarrassment. And the public is tickled those eggheads are getting their comeuppance.

Generally, though, the characteristics of heat and cold remain the same. Things expand in heat and contract in cold. That's why, in summer the days are long and in winter the days are short.

—RM—

When people have sinus trouble they tend to run together. Not literally, they simply seek each other's miserable company to compare notes.

After a recent bout with the stuff, I got any amount of useless advice from people who have it worse than I do. The usual worthless remedies: take aspirin, quit smoking, sniff bay leaf tea, sleep without a pillow, move to Florida, stay out of ragweed patches, chop off your afflicted head.

Most fellow suffers advise me that I am undoubtedly allergic to something and I ought to find out what it is. I already know. It's people.

It's the humidity, they used to tell me when we lived along the Ohio River. You'll never get any better until you leave this dismal land, they said. So I left. So now I need a new reason like Russian crabgrass, or cockleburr pollen, or the plain fact that I got a big nose and any little disturbance erupts into volcanic proportions at the slightest excuse.

A good buddy of mine is a druggist, who can give me a dozen different cures for sinus on other people. Most I have tried with two-fold results: the druggist is a bit more flushed around the hip and the nasal passages in my medicine cabinet are blocked.

Sinus trouble is an invention of recent years. When I was young, they referred to us as runny-nosed kids. Now our kids never have runny noses, only blocked sinuses.

It is an affliction that won't kill you. Neither is it anything to be sneezed at.

—RM—

At the risk of sounding like Ralph Nader, I'd like to gripe a spell about a product that hasn't done much for me lately. That's the nylon bristle improved toothbrush.

Nylon is supposed to be an advancement over the old hog bristle and cost-wise it probably is. You can't hardly find anyone who will shear a hog when he's bristled up anymore.

Your bathroom mirror looks like it has come down with the pox after you use a nylon bristle and brush vigorously across your teeth. I know you are supposed to brush up and down, but when I do that the bristles come off between my teeth and I have to trim them to match my mustache.

With this modern plastic toothpaste and nylon bristle, you can stipple a bathroom wall in one session when you have picketfence teeth like mine. You could chalk up a tongue full of toothbrush quills to another pitfall of an affluent society, because it could be worse. You could be using an electric scrubber and getting your tongue nailed to the roof of your mouth.

At the moment, I have gone back to the slippery elm toothbrush. This is a live switch of elm, one end of which is chewed into fibers and bristle-like size. Grab the handle end and scrub your teeth until they squeak. To give the whole thing a little character, try dipping the frayed end into some Old Grandad, Garrett snuff, or just plain salt.

Personally, I'd just as soon the toothbrush makers went back to hog hair. There was something about it that soaked up the paste and let you have it gradually so you didn't run out of froth before you run out of teeth.

Admittedly, my teeth have been worn very sharp on the edges from gnawing on an occasional bone thrown off by a benevolent American society, but I never had any trouble until they went hog-wild with toothbrushes.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, December 16, 1954

Miss Judy Galbraith won first place in the Soil Conservation Essay Contest, and a $25 U.S. Savings Bond; Joe Conley placed second, receiving $5.00; Sidney Crouch, third; Edward Wayne McKenzie, fourth; Jewel Vice, fifth; and Billy Shrout, sixth.

A three-act play directed by Miss Ernestine Eads and Rev. Gerald McHenry will be presented Dec. 19 by the Carlisle Baptist Church. Leading characters are Janette Hughes, Ray Snapp Jr., Bill Mann, Mrs. John Walters, Wilma Roe, Dr. G.T. Cowan, Willard Sandidge and Frank Stone.

The Ashland Oil Service Station located at the corner of Main and Sycamore, has been leased by the Ashland Company to David and Kenneth Baker.

The Carlisle P.T.A. met Wednesday, Dec. 8 and enjoyed a Christmas program by students of the fourth grade under the direction of Miss Nell Brayfield. Parents who helped with the program are Mrs. Clyde Snelling, Mrs. Charles Shrout, Mrs. Paul Bishop, Mrs. Charles Hopkins, Mrs. Jimmy Galbraith, H.C. Galbraith, Joe Frank Conley, Walter Shepherd and Charles Cox.

Lee "Red" Osborne, clerk at the Carlisle Post Office for the past 21 years, will retire Dec. 31 due to ill health.

Col. and Mrs. C.B. Morford of Washington, D.C. will arrive Monday for a Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morford in Ewing, and Mrs. Morford's mother, Mrs. L.G. Robbins.

Thursday, December 13, 1934

The first real snow of the season fell Sunday and Monday. Streets and highways were rendered almost impassible Monday and several minor accidents were reported.

Arthur Allison has been appointed as government agent to inspect marketing cards during the tobacco season and has been assigned to the Cynthiana market.

For the first time since it was established here several years ago the Nicholas County Health Department now has four full-time employes.

Floyd Kerns has taken a position as assistant bookkeeper at the Growers Warehouse in Maysville for the tobacco season.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Grimes, of near Jackstown, a son on Saturday evening.

MARRIED—Miss Freda Turner and Mr. James Albert Guy, both of Blue Lick, Friday by County Judge D.M. Curry.

DIED—Mr. Dee Dray, 50, at Hazelwood Sanitorium in Louisville following a long illness—Mrs. Jennie McDaniel McIlvain Huff, 64, Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Owings on the Upper Jackstown road following an illness of several months.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ray Humphries, a son, Tuesday in Paris.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Workman, a daughter, Deborah Mae, Dec. 9.

Farm and home

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

This is the season which requires extra caution when driving, walking, working outside and also calls for care inside the house. The National Safety Council and the U.S. Department of Agriculture offers these safety reminders to help you safely through the holidays and winter months ahead:

—Drive with extreme care on wet, icy or snowy roads.

—Keep vehicle windows clean and clear of fog, ice, etc.

—Keep wipers, lights, tires, brakes and battery A-OK.

—Have footwear with skid-resistant soles on slippery surfaces and walk with care.

—Dress for the weather.

—Watch long scarves, heavy gloves and clothing around machinery.

—Maintain heating and electrical systems and devices to avoid fire and shock.

—Keep steps and walks free of snow.

—Secure your Christmas tree so it won't tip. Check all light strings. Turn tree lights off before leaving the house or retiring.

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On Oct. 1 of this year, the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) banned any further production of aldrin or dieldrin for most farm uses, citing the chemicals as cancer hazards. The two insecticides have been in widespread use for the past 24 years, with more than 10.5 million pounds sold last year in the United States.

Existing supplies of the two materials may still be sold and used, but as they are depleted from channels of trade, farmers will have to use substitute insecticides or methods for controlling crop pests.

The two materials have been used mostly for controlling soil insects in fields used for growing corn and tobacco. Such use of the chemicals is now banned by the EPA ruling.

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