

Flag Day, 1974

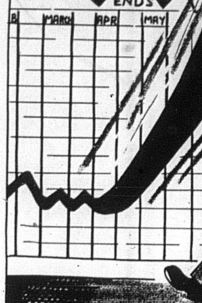
At first glance, it is only a bright piece of cloth, yet men and women die for it, immigrants cry at the sight of it, and millions revere it as the symbol of justice and freedom. To those who love life and the opportunity to carve their own destiny, it offers a representative form of government based on the dignity of the individual. To the dictator, it is an unbearable thorn in his side. In short, it is the flag of the United States.

On Flag Day, June 14, we Americans have a chance to show our appreciation of "The Stars and Stripes" and all it stands for by displaying it from our homes and businesses. The

nation behind the flag has its share of problems. But we have attained and held a status of world leadership, enhanced by the highest of living standards, without resorting to authoritarian measures. Basic to America's success has been a tremendous undercurrent of goodwill and compassion, the kind of spirit that brings a tear to the eye at the sight of a school children solemnly laying their wreath through the White House or a flag gently ripping against a pale blue sky. If that spirit could just be harnessed and directed into the proper channels on a global basis, mankind would never again have to fear the future.

GEE — THE DEATH RATE REALLY DROPPED AT 55 M.P.H.

GAS SHORTAGE ENDS

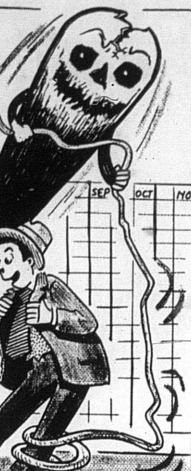


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MERCURY

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Head Starters perform at Parents' Night



The "Bumble Bee Song" is being sung by Melina Cox, Ann Tabbs, Darrell Miller, and other children at the Parents' Night at the Elementary School...

Singers



"You put your left foot in... you take your left foot out" is the Binky Polky dance number May 18, which was part of the Head Start Parents' Night program...

Swingers



Photo at right—Jon Dampier is swinging his partner, Anita Watkins, to and fro in a square dance number Thursday night...

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, June 2, 1954

Kentucky's First One Night Horse Show played before a near-capacity audience at the Nicholas County athletic field Thursday night...

Thursday, May 21, 1954

Hoot Astbury has been appointed supervisor for Nicholas county for the wheat acreage control.

Miss Jane Ross will be appointed as one of the alternate judges for the 1974 Centennial Celebration...

Twenty-four members of the 1944 class of Carlisle High School attended a banquet at Rock Haven Monday night...

Joe Lovell Campbell, son of J.W. Campbell of Carlisle and a candidate for the degree of Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering...

Dr. Stanley F. Hutchings, Carlisle dentist, was elected president of the Blue River Dental Society at a dinner meeting of the organization held at the Lafayette Hotel in Lexington Saturday night...

Peaches, apples, plums, grapes and other fruit will be short in Central Kentucky this year, according to a report from the University of Kentucky...

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BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Cross, Lexington, a son, Mark Windsor...

DEED—Mrs. Russ Buckner Patterson, 75, wife of William F. Patterson at her home in Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Patterson was a native of Carlisle and was the daughter of the late David and Olive Mann.

DEED—Ray Argo, 46, Monday at his home in Irving, Sherry D. Blumstein, 27, Sunday in Lexington—Edward Parks, 37, Friday in Lexington—John Horace Sapp, 74, Tuesday at his home.

Neither rain or snow or gloom of night, but maybe a box of snakes...

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There are some postmen on the West Coast who are a bit nervous in these days...

Using the excuse of raising the consciousness of postmen and postal employees about job safety and about being alert for packages that might contain explosives and bombs, the head franchises came up with a grand idea.

Each postman was sent a box containing several hundred, though long rubber snakes. It turned out to be the greatest invention in putting post office people on their toes since the biting dog. A screaming success.

Some women postal employees were so unimpressed that the rubber snakes had to be cut up and thrown away, while they were on a three-day pad sack recovering from shock. In Phoenix one secretary nearly had a heart attack when she opened one of the boxes. Another woman said her shock was akin to paralysis, a condition some of us associate with the post system.

The project also called for painting snakes on the floors and stair landings and for holding a "name the snake" contest. Awards were passed out for such winning names as "Apathy Ape," "The Ripper," "Wild Viper," and "Hairy Hazard." What, no "Parasit Python" or "Cardboard Constrictor" or "Copperhead Cancellation"?

The snake kick is over and post office employees can go back to licking stamps and blowing their noses. Now, certificates of merit are awarded for accident prevention ideas turned by the workers.

Other than busting your toe kicking a perfect post package across the room or having the postman get a picture fall on you while resting against the wall, how many accidents can you have around a post office?

Unless you count the hernias contracted from hauling over your drinking fountain.

I should like to know about those nice post office folks I so love.

Several years ago when my St. Louis, Mo. friend, Fred, was in the business of frog raising and was having a hard time...

My dream as the cricketer king until I read about Sterling Davis and his Texas Frog Farm hazing for the want of a freckling program in five may be kept me from going bonkers.

I got the idea of raising crickets for both retail and wholesale. Fred Fishman along should have made me independently flushed because fish will wiggle your boat after crickets, if you don't mind lying like a fisherman on your pommies. Then I

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"My daily has the flu", says Sheila Miller in the photo at right. She is preparing to cure the flu, in a salt performed during the Head Start Parents' Night program May 18 at the Nicholas County Elementary. They are students of Mrs. Walter Shepherd.

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