We salute big dailies and hometown papers

"No news is good news."

You've heard it many times. It means that when you are expecting bad news, not getting it is a happy circumstance—a happy non-event.

It doesn't mean that the ideal circumstance is never to get any news at all. In the short run many find it pleasant to escape occasionally into a newsless void. That's often what a vacation turns out to be. But most of us get a little uneasy wondering what might have happened that will affect our lives. We may even have the newspapers saved so we can scan them when we get home.

Consciously or unconsciously we want to be reassured that nothing too calamitous has happened while we were out of touch.

We complain about the amount of "bad" news we read and hear. We may even be moved occasionally to condemn the press for printing and broadcasting so much of it. Yet if we think about it, in this country with its free press the "bad" news is actually reassuring.

Why? Because since we can be pretty confident the news media are going to give us all the bad news around, we can also be pretty sure nothing worse than what we read and hear is going on.

For example, we know that, tragic as they are, all U.S. air crashes are reported by the nation's press. So we know they happen. But by the same token, we know they don't occur often and we can find confidence from having this realistic appreciation of their rarity.

In contrast, the Soviet press does not give coverage to airline accidents within the U.S.S.R. How then is a Soviet citizen, when he boards an Aeroflot jet, how often they go down?

The same applies to all manner of events. Deplorable as snipings, embezzlements, tornadoes and purse snatchings are, we Americans have a pretty realistic idea of how often they actually occur, and therefore how unlikely it is that one of these calamities is likely to befall us or one of our loved ones. You can have that confidence only where the press is free to tell the worst—and does.

In short we know there aren't bogabolins because if there were, we'd read about them in the newspapers.

The Carlisle Mercury visits 95% of the homes in Nicholas county—and many others all over the United States and several other countries. It's special feature is local news about people you know personally. The big dailies cannot provide you these personal tidbits you want to read.

Therefore, we salute the big dailies and the hometown newspapers during this Newspaper Week, Oct. 6-12. We don't think you would want to have to do without either of them.

National Newspaper Week Oct. 6-12

We salute national and local 4-H teams

The Nicholas County 4-H Council is participating in National 4-H Week, Oct. 6-12.

The theme for this year's observance "We Can Make It Happen" is imprinted on the 300 place mats which will be distributed to local restaurants. Mrs. Sara Elmer, Nicholas County 4-H Extension Agent, has prepared an insert on 4-H to be used in the churches on Sunday.

Last year over 500 Nicholas county students participated in 4-H. There were a total of 12 4-H clubs in the schools. Mrs. Elmer will show slides of 4-H activities in the schools during October as 4-H'ers again organize for another year.

The Birthday Calendars are already being sold by county 4-H'ers. Other big activities during the year include 4-H Talent Show and the Style Review. We are very fortunate to have the 27 county North Central 4-H Camp right here in our own county.

Although we often think of 4-H projects as dealing with crops or livestock, there are many others including sewing, cooking, electricity, bicycle, woodworking, private enterprise system, crocheting, etc.

Regardless of whether the member is participating in an individual project, or a club project, we think he or she will probably be a better citizen for having had the experience of being a 4-H club member.

Many leaders, adult and teen, who love to spend their time teaching and working with boys and girls, do so. Without these unselfish volunteers 4-H would not be possible.

We salute you—the 4-H team—students and leaders—working together for a better world. Yes, you "Can Make It Happen!"

Your Hand can be one of the H's

National 4-H Week Oct. 6-12

Farm and home

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

Toll of 58,000 Farm Fires is $183 Million Annually

This is Fire Prevention Week, a good time to take a serious look at rural fires, their cost and their causes. Each year, fire damages or destroys buildings on nearly 36,000 American farms, according to figures compiled by the national Fire Protection Association (NFPA). Crops in the field are lost in another 22,000 fires annually.

About half of the farm building fires occur in barns and stables; the others in grain elevators, sheds and storage buildings. Cost of this property destruction is estimated at $154 million a year. Losses to crops from fire total an additional $29 million annually.

Not included in these grim figures are the tens of thousands of farm homes lost nor—more importantly—the thousands of injuries and deaths resulting from rural fires each year.

In the barns and stables, NFPA statistics show, leading cause of fire is faulty and unused heating equipment, accounting for 23 per cent of all fires in these buildings. Other major causes of barn and stable fires are: electrical wiring and appliances, 18 per cent; smoking materials, 18 per cent; incendiary actions, 11 per cent; children playing with matches, 6 per cent; spontaneous ignition (usually in stored crops and feed), 5 per cent; lightning, 5 per cent; and other miscellaneous causes, 14 per cent.

Use these facts to pinpoint areas on your farm where fires could—and often do—get their start. Begin now during Fire Prevention Week to reduce the fire hazards on your property. Then work every week throughout the year to keep your farm and the people on it as safe from fire as possible.

Limestone, Good Foundation

Agricultural limestone has often been referred to as the foundation for a good soil fertility program. And a good, solid foundation is as essential in a soil fertility program as it is in a major building. If the foundation is weak, everything that follows will also be weak.

Agricultural limestone works in various ways in your soil and in your crops. It slows down erosion, leaching and deterioration of the soil, and helps you produce bigger yields of better quality crops.

In the soil, agricultural limestone starts by promoting a good soil structure. This is especially important on the heavy clay soils found in many areas of the nation. Agricultural limestone also helps stimulate the activity of various organisms in the soil. Different strains of bacteria are responsible for such processes as nitrification, nitrogen fixation and mineralization. These processes are most important in the total nutrient cycle. The fall is a good time to test your soil, determine if lime is needed and apply it now in time for crops next year.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, October 14, 1954

Harold Letton was elected president of the Nicholas County Farm Bureau at their 20th annual meeting Oct. 7. R.L. Hatton was elected vice president and J.E. Soper Jr., secretary.

The Lyric Theatre will begin use of a 22-foot screen Sunday with the showing of "Living It Up" starring Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

Plans are being made by members of the Blue Lick Christian Church to dedicate the new building Oct. 31.

Franklin M. Hughes began duties as a teller at the Deposit Bank Oct. 1. Hughes, since his discharge from the Army, has been the apprentice printer at The Carlisle Mercury.

Mrs. Clara Kaufman of Lexington, representing the International Ladies' Garment Workers Union was told by Sheriff J. Milton Fryman she could not use the courthouse yard for a meeting Tuesday night. Mrs. Kaufman has been attempting to organize workers at Giffin Manufacturing Plant. Her plea was instead made from the post office steps.

Mrs. Everett Pfanstiel will entertain with a luncheon for members of the Minerva Garden Club.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Vice of Moorefield, a daughter Deborah Lynn Oct. 10.—To Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Livingood, a daughter Stella Jane, Oct. 11.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Medley, a son, Sunday in Lexington.—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gene Hall, a son Michael David, Oct. 8 at Ft. Knox.

MARRIED—Miss Jewell Hughes, Norwood, Ohio, to Norman L. Estes, Carthage, Ohio, Aug. 28 in Norwood.

DIED—W.P. Young, 84, at his home in Cynthiana.—Mrs. Sudie Forest Soper, 84, Monday.—Richard Lyons, 72, Sunday at his home in Mayslick.—Buford Bramblett, Sunday in Tucson, Ariz.—James Shirley Eads, 71, Monday in Paris.—Dr. J.A. Butler of Algood, Tenn.

Thursday, October 11, 1934

Charles Perrin, 54, was killed instantly about 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by the afternoon passenger train on a curve near the home of Forrest Dalzell, about two miles from Carlisle.

Howard K. Veach has been appointed as substitute clerk in the local post office.

A buzzard with a large bell around its neck was observed by Mrs. Homer Hillock of the Headquarters Pike, flying with a flock of other buzzards on the Hillock farm last week. The buzzard attracted considerable attention, Mrs. Hillock said.

Frank C. Henry was elected commander of Nicholas Post No. 17, American Legion Post No. 17, American Legion at the annual election of officers last Friday night.

Billy Dorsey, member of the Junior class at Centre College, has been appointed assistant makeup man for the Centre College players during the 1934-35 season.

Mrs. A.F. Ogden, aged resident of the Bald Hill section of the county suffered a fractured shoulder in a fall in her yard Tuesday morning. Mrs. Ogden was brought to the Johnson Memorial Hospital for treatment and later removed to the home of her daughter, Mrs. W.E. Miller.

Weather permitting the Wilmore Construction Company will finish the concrete paving on the Carlisle-Millersburg Road by Friday night.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Curry of Bethel, Route 1, a son Wednesday.—To Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Ewell, a daughter Barbara Ewell, Oct. 6.

MARRIED—Miss Janice Kennedy and Floyd Kerns at Morehead last Thursday. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. J.B. McIntire, and Mr. Kerns is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kerns of Carlisle.—Miss Thelma Workman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Workman, and Elmer Harney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Harney on Saturday.

RUSS METZ

1,000 years is a long time to wait for a handsome man

If you happen to notice the mustache cups raised on high this week and wonder what it's all about, I'm here to tell you.

Exactly 10 years ago Tailor & Cutter magazine had the unmitigated gall to predict doom for the last great masculine stronghold, the wonderful cookie duster.

Tailor & Cutter is a British magazine on the garment industry and ought to stick to tweed suits and the double-decker bus and leave the hair-growing to us.

"That it is currently out and shows no sign of returning among the smooth faces of Britain's younger generation is quite clear," it said. "Mustaches today are invariable and the property of the over '40's. Even the beard, when it is worn by younger men, is often worn sans mustache."

The magazine said the real reason for the mustache is the vanity of the wearer which, right there shows the editors ought to stick to their knitting and leave the mustache to those who fully understand and appreciate it. Vanity is only a beneficial by-product of the mustache. It is a true badge of male supremacy, perhaps the only one left in the world today.

Women have so invaded the man's domain until it is now hard to tell the hen from the rooster without a mustache. Women dress like men, take over their jobs and even try to turn into men by surgery and would no doubt take over their shaving mugs had not nature played a dirty trick on them by not putting hair on their faces. It's not nice to fool Mother Nature. Gloria Steinem just wouldn't look good in a mustache.

Actually, the menfolks themselves are guilty of underrating the value of a mustache. It has even been suggested that Thomas Dewey lost all those elections because he wore a mustache. Not so. Tom Dewey looked like a penguin and FDR was promising a chicken in every pot, which sounded a lot more appetizing than a penguin in every skillet.

It is true you are not likely to see a man wearing a mustache getting elected President of the United States. That is because men with mustaches are too smart to be sucked into the undercurrent of politics and lose their individuality and freedoms. Not to mention their uncommonly handsome appearances.

You can bet it is not a coincidence that the greatest lovers of history wore mustaches. Clark Gable would have looked like a thunder mug and gotten kicked under the bed by Scarlet O'Hara instead of lured under the weeping willows without his gorgeous lip arrangement.

Taylor & Cutter predicted the gloom settling on the mustache may not lift for a thousand years and advised its readers to "enjoy them whilst ye may." The English invented the four-and-twenty blackbirds baked in a pie recipe, so I guess they don't mind eating crow.

Sometimes a mustache can mean a whole change of personality to a fellow as it did for the great Winston Churchill when he switched over from the Conservative to the Liberal side of the House. One of his erstwhile adherents was sorely offended and she said to Winnie one day.

"There are two things I don't like about you, Mr. Churchill."

"Yes?" he inquired.

"Your new politics and your mustache."

"My dear Madam," said Churchill coldly, "You should not be too offended. You are not likely to come into much contact with either."

The last mustached President we had was William Howard Taft, who wore one hoping people might mistake him for Teddy Roosevelt, after Teddy got a lot of mileage from it. Unfortunately, Taft's handlebars obstructed his view when he sighted his rifle and he couldn't hit a barndoor at the Chicago stockyards and everyone soon found out he was not the genuine Teddy Bear.

Taft was a big man, who demanded steaks for breakfast, which he could do on his budget because he saved on his grocery bill by his famous dollar diplomacy. That was hiring dollar-a-year men and handing out doggy bags to take home the scraps Taft left laying around Washington.

When the Republican party was split, Taft was not too concerned. He felt there was enough of himself to go around and decided on a middle of the road policy against the Democrats. He was run over by a steam roller driven by a smooth-shaven dude on a top hat named Woody Wilson and no mustache has been seen in the White House since.

Not that fathers besides Tom Dewey haven't tried. Blackjack Pershing might have made it if he hadn't gotten tangled up with a booger sporting a tortilla-stained mustache trying to get elected president of Mexico, and let another general named Eisenhower beat him to the punch.

Then there was Kaiser Bill and Adolf Hitler, a couple of German velour shnitzels, who tried to make it to Washington but were rejected by the American people as wearers of Trojan mustaches. They could see the saber slashes on their lips and knew any man so careless with his mustache could never be trusted to keep accurate White House tapes.

The time has come, the walrus said, to think of many things, of sailing ships, and mustache wax, of cabbages and kings. It is time for BROOM (Benevolent and Regal Order of Mustaches) to take its place along with the other male chauvinistic organizations of our country.

Be kind to your mustached friends. A thousand years is a long time to wait for a handsome man to come into your life.

Onward, upward.

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—The Court of Appeals may get a chance to decide whether it really meant what it said in its 1965 opinion that property in Kentucky must be assessed at 100 per cent of fair cash value.

The chance will come on appeal from a decision handed down last week by Franklin County Circuit Judge Henry Meigs on a case filed in his court by school people. Judge Meigs ruled that 85 per cent, which the Revenue Department has been accepting, is not in compliance with the 1965 Court of Appeals decision. Kentucky's Constitution says property must be assessed at 100 per cent.

Judge Meigs first order said it must be assessed at 100 per cent of fair cash value, but he amended the order last week to say "fair cash value."

Before the 1965 court opinion, property in Kentucky was assessed at about one third of its fair cash value. After the court opinion, Governor Edward T. Breathitt called a special legislative session and passed a law that just about negated the court's ruling. The compensating tax rate bill that passed said in effect that a branch of government couldn't get any more money from property than it had received in the 1965 tax year. The inequity of assessments was transferred to inequity in rates across the state. Later legislative acts have amended this somewhat and all growth or increases in values are allowed as additional tax sources, hence more money for the taxing districts.

Escalating values in property have kept property evaluation administrators busy trying to keep their assessments up to fair cash value. There seems to be a feeling among some property owners that some persons are getting a better deal than others, and the only way they can check this is to go to the property evaluation administrator's office. This would be physically impossible for all property owners to do.

Since this is National Newspaper Week, it seems fitting to say this is an area where newspapers could provide a very valuable service to their readers, and particularly property owners. All property assessments should be published in the newspaper just as the delinquent tax list is published. The property owner could sit in his home or office and compare his assessments with others. Public opinion will do more than anything else to keep property assessments equitable in a county.

Kentucky's open meetings bill, passed in the 1974 session of the General Assembly, is rated second in the nation. An open records bill failed, but there is a chance that it can pass in the 1976 session.

Publishing the property assessments would be a real chore, and there are counties where a newspaper couldn't get them all in one issue, but it could be done in a period of two or more weeks. Since most newspapers are printed by the offset method now, type composition wouldn't be a real big problem, for assessments in all counties are now on computers. The tax evaluation administrator could give the newspaper a computer-print out and the newspapers could reduce this by camera and make their printing plates.

True, it might be expensive, but it would be well worth the cost to virtually guarantee equity in assessments. The people would see to that.

Revenue Commissioner John McD. Ross says most of the counties in Kentucky have average assessments around 85 per cent of fair cash value, and the Revenue Department has been accepting this, but is trying to get them nearer 100 per cent through re-evaluations every year. He said increasing values of property have made the assessment job difficult and it is hard to keep values at 100 per cent.

Judge Meigs decision may cause a new round of increasing assessments. It is effective Jan. 1 for the 1975 taxing year.

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Almost anything is fair in political campaigns in Kentucky these days.

Forces for both Wendell Ford and Marlow Cook are coming forth with charges that seem not to be gut issues of a campaign, but are designed to play on the emotions of the people. Ford's forces are pointing to information that most of Cook's campaign funds are coming from outside of Kentucky and Cook's forces are pointing to special interest groups in Kentucky who are contributing to Ford's campaign.

The average voter is smart enough to understand that a U.S. Senator in Washington is going to attract more out-of-state contributions than a man sitting in the governor's chair in

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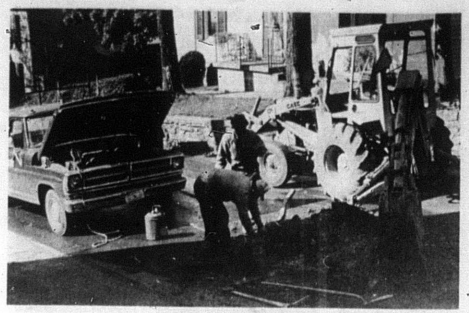

Liquid gold

Repair is being done Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 2 on a water line which burst that morning under Chestnut Street, beside the Christian Church. Oliver Vice, city maintenance manager, and city employee Frankie Price operating the backhoe are doing the repair work.—Duncan photo

Parkes Homemakers

The Parks Homemakers Club met Thursday, Oct. 3, at the home of Mrs. Kash Grimes. Miss Ernestine Eads was devotional leader using as her subject "Age of Challenge." Scripture was John 4:35, after which all members joined in a few minutes of silent prayer for Mrs. Warner Lowe who was unable to attend meeting because of eye surgery a few days before.

Readings were given by the following chairmen, Mrs. Eula Carter, Family Life, Mrs. Sherman Hollar, Issues and Concerns, and Miss Ernestine Eads, Cultural Arts. Lesson for evening was pertaining to Food Labels given by Mrs. Mildred Clark.

Mrs. Clark impressed on members the importance of knowing "The Story Told by Food Labels." Such subjects as unit pricing, code and open dating, and nutrition information were discussed.

Mrs. Francis Wasson, club president, presided during business session. Eight members answered roll call telling something they liked about October. Minutes were read by secretary. Dues for year were paid, and collection of "Pennies for Friendship" was taken. Club voted to make Mrs. Warner Lowe an honorary member of club. Mrs. Lowe was a charter member. At close of meeting "Secret Pals" were revealed and refreshments were served.

Meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Russell Williams in November.

Singing Shepperds in sacred concert

The Singing Shepperds will present a contemporary service of sacred music and drama at the Carlisle United Methodist Church, this Sunday, Oct. 13, at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Shepperd of Wilmore, have traveled extensively in their presentations of sacred concerts and music for evangelistic crusades in the United States as well as many foreign countries. The concert is free to the public and all are invited to attend according the the church pastor, Richard Chamberlin.

21 students at University

The following Nicholas county students are enrolled at the University of Kentucky for the fall semester.

Owen Barkley Barnes, Sph.; George S. Brannock, Jr.; Elaine S. Broderick, Grd.; Gary Blaine Broderick, Grd.; Joe Hamilton Burdon, Grd.; Mary Letitia Burden, Jr.; Pamela Joan Russell, Grd.; Patrick Carter Conley, Jr.; Oliver Kash Curry Jr., Sr.; Bernard Alphonse Elmer, Sph.; Byron George Hughes, Jr.

Rebecca Barlow Lewis, Sr.; Gary Clyde McCord, Sr.; Douglas Keith Mynear, Sr.; Laura Nell Pumphrey, Sph.; Annetta Burden Stewart, Sr.; Gary Keith Stone, Jr.; Carolyn Tolson, Sr.; Joseph Harvey Wilson, Fr.; Sandra Kay Wilson, Jr.; William Nathan Young, Jr.

Baler twine supplies situation improves

"The baler twine situation facing U.S. farmers has improved and probably will stabilize through the end of the year," said Paul E. Hall. "Twine should be adequate though hardly abundant."

Hall cited three reasons for the improved twine situation: Hay production may fall 11 percent under last year's crop because a lack of early moisture reduced yields throughout wide areas. The nation's hay fields will yield 1.98 tons per acre, compared with 2.16 tons per acre in 1973. Acreage devoted to hay also fell from last year's 62.2 million to 60.5 million.

Our imports of baler twine, from October 1973 to July 1974 hit 238 million pounds, a 21 percent rise from a year earlier.

U.S. production of sisal and plastic twines rose in response to higher twine prices.

Hospital Notes

Visiting hours are 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Sept. 25 to Oct. 1.

ADMITTED: Catherine Ritchie, Thelma Caswell, Thelma Shaw, Jane Tackett, Paula Jean Garrett, Shirley Barlow, Thomas Edgar Darrell, Mary Hamilton, Pansy Barnett, Anna Baddell, Thomas Gaunce, Sharon Fogleman, Velma Greene, Jeffery Sue Tolson, Lisa Fuller; Jane Herndon, Forrect Harrison, Ewing; Irene Mitchell, Millersburg; Mary Carr Jett, Mt. Olivet; Karelia Gose, Sharpsburg; Geneva Barnett, Elizaville; Juanita Curtis, Brooksville.

DISMISSED: Lollie Caswell, G. C. Grover, Helen McVey, Howard Warner Sr., Eugene Gilvin, Jane Tackett, Abbie Cundiff, Billy Mac Gaunce, Thelma Caswell, Jason Coffey, Katherine Allison, Celestine Jones, Paula Garrett, Thomas Gaunce, Thelma Shaw, Bertie Allen, Myrtle Whaley, Anna Baddell, Carlisle; Sophia Barnett, Forest Harrison, Ewing; James Fryman, Sharpsburg; Jane Herndon, Ewing; Mary Carr Jett and baby girl, Mt. Olivet; Irene Mitchell, Millersburg.

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