Opinions

Time to turn off monster mash

[THE FRANKLIN FAVORITE]

About the quickest way we know to ruin a going business is to let the government get hold of it. The reason we suppose is that the party in power perpetuates bureaucracy in a bid to buy votes with jobs.

TVA—the Tennessee Valley Authority—is such an odd monster, an ever-growing conglomernate that was born in purity, but has suffered much in virtue as the years roll on.

In short, the TVA covers 40,910 square miles in seven states, an area four-fifths the size of England, and it furnishes power to an area covering 80,000 square miles.

Created by National Defense Acts in 1916 and 1933, TVA was born to furnish hydro-electric power while at the same time providing flood control, conservation and utilization of mineral resources with emphasis on agriculture and shipping lanes.

Well and good, but oddly enough the TVA monster is controlled by a board answerable only to the Congress and the President and, until only recently under tremendous pressure, has the public been allowed access to board meetings. In other words, the only thing the taxpayers knew about "their" growing monster was what TVA wanted them to know.

Recently TVA proposed buying the Peabody Coal Co. for a reported $1 billion, creating a possible paradox beyond recall. You see, the Federal Trade Commission ordered, on anti-trust grounds, that the Kennecott Copper Corp. get rid of Peabody as a wholly-owned subsidiary. The government said that Kennecott was too big; yet, as one federal agency decreed the divestiture of Peabody, another federal agency proposed to buy it; a move which would combine the nation's largest power supplier with the nation's largest coal producer.

Since TVA's rationale is that it needs the coal, does that mean that any government operation could acquire any company on the premise that it needs its production. What comes next . . .nationalized railroads and trucks to move the coal and then etc., etc.?

It's time for the public through its representatives in Congress to put a creeching halt to this monkey business.

TVA—which pays no federal, state or local taxes and has a generous Congress standing by to feed it money and cancel its debts—has no business invading any sector of private business.

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

For patrons of the Greyhound Bus Lines from the Carlisle area being abandoned by the big hound became a near reality with the close of 1974. J.K. Huet of the Greyhound Company advised that the company was not covering its cost on the Maysville to Lexington run. Like any public utility the Bus Company must show at least a balance or retire from service. By the end of December, Greyhound had announced that the Maysville run would be terminated by mid January. Only the quick action of the City Council and the determination of Carlisle's Mayor, William Power, along with letters from interested citizens and special interest groups, prevented the loss of service.

Why all the concern over Greyhound service to a community where most families own at least one car? This is a good question and deserves an answer. Passenger service is a very important function at present. Did you ever wonder how the retired person who no longer drives is able to shop or keep doctor appointments in Lexington, Paris, or other towns.

Freight? Yes, Greyhound handles thousands of pounds of freight every day of the year. Did you know that your local hospital depends upon the Greyhound for quick delivery of blood and other daily needs? Or how about the drug store, market and many other local business that count on the Greyhound daily for quick dependable service?

Daily passenger and freight service form only part of Greyhound's duty to the community. With the ever increasing cost of driving, wage earners take home pay has been and will be strongly effected.

Could an extra run be established to serve factory and office workers to and from work? Yes, by contacting your local Greyhound agent at the bus station, 108 Broadway, you will have made the first move toward such improved service. You will find your agent willing to assist you in making arrangements for a vacation trip, a work bus, that package you would like to send to a friend, mail, or one of many other services at your finger tips.

Remember, the new address is 108 Broadway with service starting Jan. 22. For your convenience a comfortable waiting area has been provided. For travel information call 289-5347. Watch for the Greyhound square each week in the Carlisle Mercury for information about Greyhound rates and time schedules.

Lawrence Lucas

To The Carlisle Mercury:

The natural gas curtailment situation in Central Kentucky is far more serious than most people think. There are 36 industries employing 19,247 people in the Central Kentucky area which have each had their natural gas supplies curtailed by 85 percent beginning Jan. 1. Those industries who can convert to other energy sources are doing so. Some, however, cannot. Many industrial jobs are threatened. In a real sense, however, energy is interrelated and the rush for alternate energy sources could cause shortages in those forms of energy—further compounding the problem.

The point is that in 1975 energy conservation is (or should be) the theme for all. Presently energy conservation by residential and commercial customers is voluntary.

Here is how you can help.

1. Turn your thermostat to 67 degrees during the day and 62 degrees F or lower at night.
2. Add insulation as necessary and use energy wisely.

Your energy supplier will have lots of ideas as to how you can save energy (for local industry to save jobs) and save money. In the Bicentennial of our country, let's show our patriotism as we conserve our energy. Much depends on your help.

Sincerely,
Guy F. Ormsby, Chairman
Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Advisory Committee
Bluegrass Area Development District

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, January 27, 1955

Everett M. Smith, local business man, was elected president of the Nicholas County Building and Loan Association Monday. Allen Hopkins was named vice president; Nathan Young Jr., secretary, and Nathan Young Sr., treasurer. Other directors are James W. Parker, Sterling Blake, Dr. Stanley Hutchings, Cleary Fightmaster, M.C. Blair Jr., G.E. Duncan, George Gaffin and J. Berry Burnaw.

Two hundred and sixty-six Department of Highways veterans were presented with gold service pins and award certificates at the Eighth Annual meeting in Frankfort Monday. Those from Nicholas county who received awards for 10 years are, Buck Wasson and James Hughes; 20 years, Robert O. Henry.

For the first time in many years the general expense fund of the Nicholas Fiscal Court is out of debt, according to Charles M. Cox, county attorney.

Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henry and Miss Stella Booth motored to Wilmore Sunday to attend the 60th wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. John Banta.

BORN—To Rev. and Mrs. Hugh Elton Nichols of Eagle Rock, Va., a daughter, Sherrie Lynn, Jan. 20.—To Mr. and Mrs. Meredith Evans, a daughter, Deborah Sue, Jan. 20.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Richey, of Ewing, a daughter, Jan. 25.

MARRIED—Miss Ruby Lee Kenney to Jimmy Dale Hunt, Saturday by Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED—Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Garrison Dennis, 62, Paris, Tuesday. —James W. Smoot, 78, Monday at his home.—Mrs. Bettie Donahue, 90, Sunday in Cynthiana.—William H. Strawther, 82, Lexington, Monday. —Charles (Tessie) Thomas, Indianapolis, Ind., Monday in Dayton, Ohio.—Mrs. Mary Fleming Gray, 85, Sunday.—Miss Henrietta (Hetta) Stephens, 66, Bath county, last Wednesday in a Lexington hospital.—Mrs. Carl Long, Hoodtown, last Wednesday in Cynthiana.—Oscar Ford, 74, Thursday in Versailles.—Hiram Newton Hughes, 62, Lexington, at his home Saturday. —Mrs. Mary E. McCord, 78, Flemingsburg, Saturday in Norwood, Ohio. —Thomas Yancy Wasson, 75, Jackstown, Sunday in Paris.

Thursday, January 24, 1935

Cap Fulton's dog, "Dee", a familiar fixture of his barber shop for 12 years, died Sunday night. Cap always claimed the dog was a thoroughbred and eligible to register, but could never decide whether she was a greyhound, whippet, English bulldog, bull terrier or what not.

Everett E. Potts of Lexington, formerly of Carlisle, was elected assistant secretary-treasurer of the Southeastern Greyhound Bus Lines, Inc.

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

A better subject

I was just airing one of my pet gripes last week, but I don't believe, had I tried, could I have picked a better subject.

If I have had one telephone call lauding the article—there must be dozens. Some persons identify themselves, others don't. Some hail me from their cars to add their two cents worth and still others stop me on the street saying, you sure hit the nail on the head.

Now the only trouble is, my daily newspaper delivery has improved 100 per cent. How long the good service will last is anybody's guess, but judging from the "soreness" of the subject, there is plenty of room for improvement all over town.

—MV—

Editor's note

An old clipping notes that the Monroe County Sun, a weekly in Clarendon, Ark. published half of one page blank with only a small notice in the center which read:

"Don't laugh; we had a h- - - - of a time filling the rest of it."

—MV—

For every minute of hating, you lose 60 seconds of happiness.

Farm and home

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

The cost of producing crops in 1975 is going to be extremely high. Fertilizers are going to be more expensive and in many cases not available. The three State Soils Specialists from the Extension Service, University of Kentucky, have given the following suggestions for increasing fertilizer efficiency.

SOILS VARY
IN FERTILITY LEVELS

A proper balance of the essential plant nutrients is necessary for high production. Soil test results along with past fertilization and cropping history is the best guide to follow in planning a balanced fertility program.

CORRECT SOIL ACIDITY

Limestone applications on strongly acid soils will increase the efficiency of applied fertilizer. With the abundant and relatively low cost of ground limestone, correcting soil acidity should give top priority in planning a sound fertilization program. However, applications of limestone where it isn't needed will increase production costs and may result in lower yields. Soil test results are most helpful in planning a sound liming program.

LEGUME CROPS

Properly inoculated legume crops will produce high yields without nitrogen fertilization. With the higher cost and short supply of nitrogen, establishment and management legume crops should be given serious consideration in planning the cropping system. In addition to reducing the nitrogen fertilizer requirements, quality of the forage will be improved if legumes are included in the seeding mixtures.

FARM MANURE
AND TOBACCO STALKS

As fertilizer costs increase, the value of nutrients in farm manure and tobacco stalks should be given more serious consideration. For the nutrient content of these by-products see University of Kentucky publications Circular 903 "Farm Manure" and AGR-23 "Tobacco Stalks and Stems". These are available at the Extension Office. Proper utilization of these products will reduce the amount of commercial fertilizer required.

CONTROL EROSION

Most of the residual phosphorus and potassium from past fertilization remains in the surface layer of soil. By practicing conservation measures to prevent loss of the surface soil, any reserve build-up of these nutrients can be utilized and will reduce the amount of fertilizer that is required.

FERTILIZER SUBSTITUTES

In view of the present fertilizer situation, products may be offered for sale with the claim that they will take the place of fertilizer. The Kentucky Fertilizer Law requires that the nutrient content claimed by the manufacturer of any product offered for sale as a fertilizer be shown and guaranteed. The value of any such product, except those sold as fertilizers with guaranteed amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus and/or potassium, as being beneficial in correcting deficiencies of these nutrients when applied to the soil or seed is highly questionable.

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—Pike County Judge Wayne Rutherford is gearing up a double barreled campaign in his bid for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor.

In an interview here last week, Rutherford said he believes Eastern Kentucky is entitled to one of the elective positions in state government. He said Eastern Kentucky hasn't been represented in one of the top positions since Gov. Bert T. Combs was here in Frankfort.

The other barrel of his campaign gun is aimed at getting more of the coal severance tax returned to the counties where the coal is produced. He has been the driving force in forming a coalition of county judges of the 43 coal-producing counties in the state and is sponsoring a move to get a bill introduced in the 1976 legislature to return a share of the severance tax to counties on a permanent basis.

The present law, that returns half of the severance tax surplus above the budget estimate, expires in mid-year 1976. Rutherford and the coal county judges want it on a permanent basis without the qualifying portion that calls for "half the surplus above the budget estimate." The next governor could draft his budget bill, with the severance tax estimate so high that the coal producing counties would not receive anything.

Rutherford also wants the tax money returned to the county with no strings attached. Present law says that projects must be approved by a special committee set up under the severance tax section of the budget bill.

Rutherford claims the coal producing counties can muster only a very slim budget because property taxes, their chief source of revenue, just doesn't produce enough money, particularly in Eastern Kentucky where land values are low for the mountainous terrain. He

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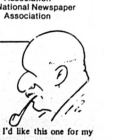
Cocktail parties alive and well when boilermakers with erector sets banned



Before a couple of college types go off half cocked and do their thing on cocktail parties, I wish they would consult someone with tenure on the booze and blab circuit.

It wasn't that it's such a big deal for the coeds to dabble in this great American institution. They've tried everything else. But because they did represent a university and did it in the name of research and did get their stupid findings published in a big national magazine that makes it authentic. Which it is not.

First hand, they report the American cocktail party is alive and well. That's news? Then, they say it isn't the booze that makes it go. It is the togetherness. And right there is where you separate the college-types from the belly-up types if you want to know about cocktail parties.

What they did was take 284 college students, half of them young men and the other half young women, and let them mingle. Some were in small groups, say four people; others were larger, up to 16. In each case, the group was either all-male, all-female or coed.

Then they worked together on their assignments, some working the crowd and others working the smaller groups. Some of their subjects were allowed only four square feet per student to moving around in. Others got 17 feet.

Finally, they asked the students how they liked it. Men's first choice: a large crowded group with lots of women. Women's first choice: a large crowded group with lots of men.

And from this, the two researchers came to an earth-shaking conclusion: if the boss wants to boost employee morale, have a fairly large, crowded group of men and women do the work together. But don't serve drinks.

Now what kind of a crazy conclusion do you call that? Is that supposed to mean bosses ought to run their businesses with one continuous cocktailless cocktail party? That may be the way they run colleges, but it is a little kinky way to run a railroad.

Having just drifted away from a genuine American cocktail party a few headaches ago, I'm here to tell you that is no way to run a cocktail party. In the first place, you don't use college students for guinea pigs and expect to come up with graduate answers. You have to use seasoned veterans and seasoned punch to get any kind of answer why the cocktail party is alive and well while the people there may not be.

It might have been a good idea to study the footwork of cocktail party-goers. At least those feet that remain parallel with the floor. Four square feet is plenty of space when the occupant is located next to the shrimp bowl. Swingers require 17 feet or more, and those with weak kidneys can seldom be confined to any given square footage.

If you think it is the togetherness and not the booze that makes the cocktail party go, the next time you throw a bash like that announce a ban on juice and see how many show up. Lotsa luck.

At the risk of getting frowned at by some of the good folks in my church, I'd like to say something in favor of the cocktail party. Where else can a fellow go and see how loose people can get without coming apart, learn why we should give $2.2 billion worth of arms to Israel or how to clean the lampreys out of Lake Erie?

Did you know you can take off your vest without taking your arms out of it? I wish I'd been wearing a vest that night so this dude could have showed me how it was done. He was going to explain it and then another chap took me away to tell me Martin Luther was an agnostic. I didn't even know he was sick.

"You know what," a buddy of mine whispered in my ear at this party, "I haven't sang 'Minnie The Moocher' in 15 years."

"Does that mean it's time again?" I asked. "Have another drink, and maybe the thought will go away." It did and I did.

Except during the rutting season, the ratio of male-to-female has very little effect on the cocktail party. Women, I suppose, are necessary to the overall concept of the thing, otherwise the men would be wiping their mouths on their sleeves instead of cocktail napkins, and cocktail parties would soon lose their class.

To make a cocktail party go, it takes a diversified crowd, livewire individuals with a little sand in their craws. I'd recommend these be invited to your next hospitality hour:

Earl Butz–he tells such funny ethnic jokes.

Idi Amin Dada, president of Uganda–he divorced three of his four wives and then had two of them arrested. A man for all seasons.

Hunter Thompson–so he can write a book on Fear and Loathing at the Hors d'oeuvres.

My buddy who knows how to take off your vest while leaving your hands in the chip dip and fondue pot.

James Randi–who spent 44 minutes enclosed in an ice block in Boston. He'd be great at the bar for all on-the-rocks orders.

Shirley Cothran, Miss America–she doesn't smoke or drink. There's one in every crowd. I'd like this one for my crowd.

Larry Csonka–a good man to send to the bar to get you a refill, if he doesn't get sidetracked with a better offer.

My other buddy, who wants to lay Minnie The Moocher on anyone who will listen. For those who need a reason to drink.

Annabella Battistella–if someone is going to fall into the swimming pool, let it be her. She will come out smelling like a rose.

Dave Roberts of the San Diego Padres–with a .167 season batting average, he needs some cheering up.

I know I'm not going to any cocktail party at Purdue University where that research was conducted. You walk into a hospitality oasis there and ask for a boilermaker and 10,000 eager beavers would trample you to death before you could lay a finger on the bar.

Onward, bottomupward.

Senator Tom Ward blasts Corps of Engineers over Dam Project

"The Red River Dam Project should be stopped once and for all," said State Senator Tom Ward, Democrat of Versailles, in a prepared statement recently. Ward, who is also a candidate for Lieutenant Governor in the May Primary, said "If a project of this magnitude with all of its disruptive effects, is to be carried out, the burden of proof is on the Army Corps of Engineers to prove conclusively that the benefits of the project are greater than its damage to the environment and that it is worth the enormous cost. The Corps has not been able to demonstrate the benefits of this project and now, just this past week, we learn that the Federal Environmental Protection Agency has conclided that it has "severe environmental reservations" about the proposed dam. It was only late last month we learned that a preliminary report on an investigation by the federal General Accounting office turned up significant flaws in the Corps of Engineers environmental impact statement."

"Also, this week, the new district chief of the corps, Colonel James N. Ellis, gave us one of the most curious distortions of logic I have heard in a long time. Colonel Ellis is quoted as saying that if Governor Carroll opposes the dam, one thing he will do is contact Senator Ford who backed the dam as governor. Does he mean that the Army Corps of Engineers is going to strip Governor Carroll of his rank and re-assign Senator Ford to the Governor's chair? In any event, he seems to be saying that last year when the Governor was for the project and a United States Senator was against it, the Governor's word was the law. Now this year, if the Governor decides to be against it, the Senator's word is law. That's the "dam-best" logic I have ever heard," said Ward, "that is, if you have already decided to build a dam and are now trying to justify it."

"Another point of grave concern to me] is that the people of Kentucky appear to be at the mercy of a monstrous federal bureaucracy. Do we really want the Corps of Engineers deciding environmental policy for the Commonwealth of Kentucky? Does it make sense for the agency that will actually construct a project to be the one to decide on whether it should be built? That's like asking Peabody Coal Company to set our policy on strip mining. I fear that the Corps of Engineers has lived out of the pork barrel for so long that it cannot determine the meat from the fat."

1975 burley quota discussed at meeting

Burley producers, manufacturers and warehousemen from the eight-state Burley Belt met recently in Lexington with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) officials to discuss problems in the tobacco industry and make proposals for the 1975 burley tobacco marketing quota.

Burley crops for the past three years have been short of quotas set for those years and have not matched the rate of disappearance, or domestic use and exports combined.

Producers fear that underproduction, which has averaged 120 million pounds a year, will cause manufacturers to seek more foreign burley, shift to other blends, or begin producing and marketing a tobacco synthetic.

Eighty-eight million pounds of foreign leaf is presently in stock on hand and imports have jumped 1,000 per cent in seven years. Also cigarettes containing 25 to 30 per cent synthetic tobacco are already being test marketed in England and West Germany by foreign manufacturers.

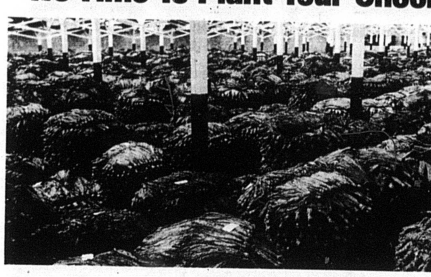
The problem for burley farmers in heading off these threats is to produce more burley, but at an equitable price.

Suggestions for expanding production were increasing price supports to burley growers, restructuring the system of grading tobacco, increasing the tobacco allotment figure and reevaluating and revising the present system of setting quotas, which is based on the disappearance rate.

The quota for the coming year's crop of burley, which will be announced Feb. 1, should be around 780 million pounds according to USDA officials. This figure is based on 85 per cent of the expected need for burley.

Proposals for the percentage increase in this year's quota ranged from five to 20 per cent above the quota set for the 1974 crop.

When You Sell Your Tobacco It's Time To Plant Your Check



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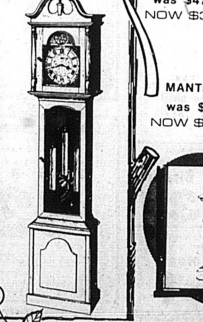

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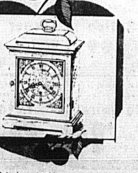

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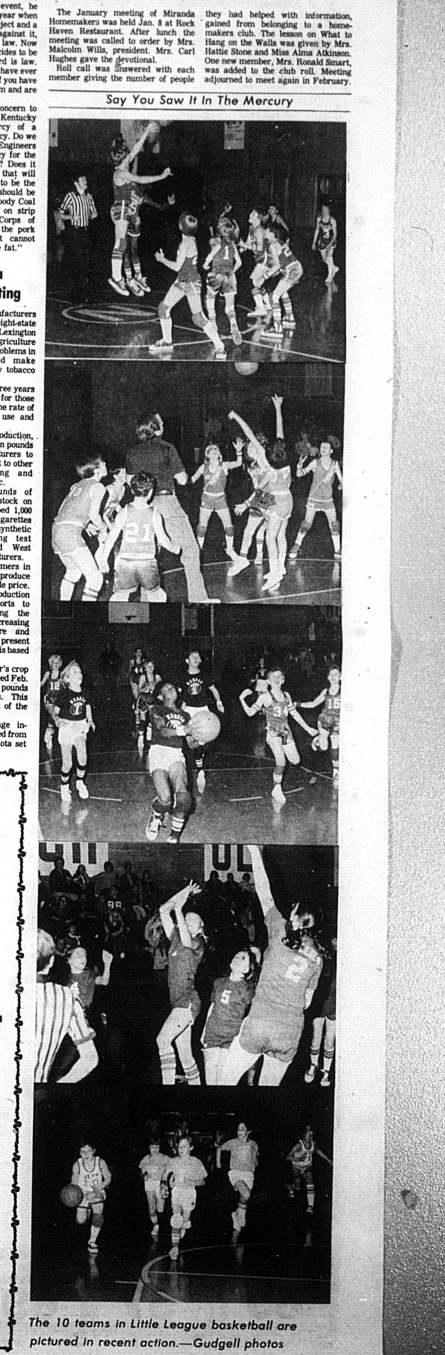
'What to hang on walls' was topic of recent Homemakers meet

The January meeting of Miranda Homemakers was held Jan. 8 at Rock Haven Restaurant. After lunch the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Malcolm Wills, president. Mrs. Carl Hughes gave the devotional.

Roll call was answered with each member giving the number of people they had helped with information, gained from belonging to a homemakers club. The lesson on What to Hang on the Walls was given by Mrs. Hattie Stone and Miss Alma Atkinson. One new member, Mrs. Ronald Smart, was added to the club roll. Meeting adjourned to meet again in February.

Say You Saw It In The Mercury



The 10 teams in Little League basketball are pictured in recent action.—Gudgell photos

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