Opinion

Why crime increases

There are, of course, many reasons why the quarterly FBI crime statistics show a steady rise in the crime rate. The Honorable Charles Malik of Lebanon recently cited the "moral crash throughout the world," and it doesn't require 20-20 vision to see the moral decline taking place in America. Certainly the rejection of moral values in our society is a major factor.

But it must be said that one important reason for skyrocketing crime figures comes from within the law enforcement agencies themselves—including courts, prosecutors and prisons.

Janet Chusmir, writing in the Miami Herald, cites a case in point. At a law seminar held in Miami, an Assistant Attorney General for the State of Florida "warned his audience, mostly law enforcement officers, about making arrests outside of their own municipalities—specifically when they are not on duty and when not backed up by the municipality."

He said it didn't make any difference if they came upon a felony being committed.

One in the audience, who happened to be a Judge, asked if that meant if a policeman saw a woman being raped, he should ignore it?

"That's exactly what I mean," the Assistant Attorney General replied.

And that's exactly why the victims of crime continue to suffer while the perpetrators of crime are having a field day.

Another agency we don't need

What many of us have long suspected, the prestigious Brookings Institution in Washington has now confirmed: government regulatory agencies have wasted millions of dollars, expended enormous amounts of energy, piled up untold economic losses and squandered human resources while producing little or no benefit for the people of the United States.

These conclusions are found in a carefully researched study published in early May by the Brookings Institution; a study compiled by ten distinguished economists, educators and lawyers and packed into 397 pages of fine print.

The recommendation of the experts? Less government interference and more freedom for business competition.

In a speech delivered in Concord, N.H. in April, President Gerald Ford estimated that the combined cost to consumers of federal regulation is $2,000 per family per year. In the light of the Brookings Institution study just released, the President's guess appears low.

It seems incredible, then, that the U.S. Senate has just passed a bill calling for still another government agency to pile on top of the existing over-bloated agencies, an agency for "consumerism." The bill now goes to the Congress where, it is predicted, the measure will be approved.

Happily, President Ford has said that he will veto the bill. Thus, Praise the Lord, we may yet be saved from another bureaucratic boondoggle which will waste millions of dollars and produce far more harm than good.

A letter of encouragement from you to the President will help. And how about reminding your representatives in Washington that you would appreciate it if they would remove some of the existing bureaucrats rather than adding more of them?

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—Republican gubernatorial nominee Robert E. Gable lost no time in beginning his campaign against Democrat nominee Julian Carroll.

He was at a factory entrance in Frankfort at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday following Tuesday's voting and had two-color ads in some state newspapers Wednesday morning with the bold headline saying "Get to know Gable."

While Gable ran a low-key primary campaign without much opposition, he is gearing up apparently to wage a strong campaign against the Democrats this fall.

Outregistered two to one by the Democrats, the Frankfort resident with extensive coal and timber holdings in McCreary county is planning a hard campaign in which he expects to bring pertinent issues to the people.

He gave a signal of some of the issues he will discuss following early returns Tuesday night when he was the apparent victor. Gable says financing education, financial responsibility, and services to the people will be big issues in the campaign.

There are plenty of issues to be discussed, including the growth in the number on the state payroll and surplus funds. Gable also will discuss the distribution of surplus severance tax to the coal-producing counties.

Carroll has pledged more money to education, but he will try to dodge being responsible for actions of former governor Wendell Ford who went to the U.S. Senate in December and left Carroll to take over as governor.

The Ford administration certainly wasn't the brightest in Kentucky history since it was marred by scandals and loaded with favoritism for political cronies.

The news media reported all of the shennanigans, but the people of Kentucky merely shrugged their shoulders as if to say, "it's just politics."

The scandal of moving state government offices, in which about $400,000 was involved with a moving company, got well aired, but Ford's name was left out and employes in the Finance Department became scapegoats and were fired.

The state lost its criminal case against the moving company but won a civil suit asking return of part of the money already paid. The moving company turned up broke, but no one has ever understood what happened to all of the money paid out on padded worksheets.

Ford let building contracts without bids, using the emergency dodge as an excuse, and spent thousands of dollars buying land for a gun club in his native Daviess county, but then turned around and leased the ground to the club for one dollar a year.

These may be some of the samples that Gable may try against the Carroll administration, but Carroll has the defense that he and Ford tolerated one another with Ford as governor and Carroll as lieutenant governor. There never was any warm relations between the two while Ford was governor since Carroll ran on a ticket with former Governor Bert T. Combs against Ford in the Democrat primary four years ago.

Parks Commissioner Ewart Johnson took the blame for the aborted chair lift at Cumberland Falls State Park, but in all of my experience around state government I have never seen a deal of this magnitude made without consent or orders from the governor. Ford professed no knowledge of it.

Edward Music of Prestonsburg had a contract signed by former Finance Commissioner Charles Pryor and filed suit in Franklin Circuit Court to collect his losses after he had the equipment on the ground and had started construction when Ford stopped it as a violation of the Wild Rivers Act.

The case is now pending before the Court of Appeals.

The November campaign should develop some issues although none seemed to be developed during the primary.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, June 9, 1955

The second annual Nicholas County Hospital benefit dinner is scheduled June 17 at Forest Retreat. Money raised will be used toward the purchase of a much needed fracture table and repair of the physical plant as pointed out by Dr. J.T. Morford.

Liberty Bow, ridden by B.W. Clark, Grayson, again captured the championship stakes in the five gaited class Saturday night at the Seventh annual V.F.W. Horse Show.

Carlisle's new modern laundry to be known as The Home Launderette, is now in operation at 214 East Mulberry Street.

M.H. Ruddell, who recently returned from service in Japan, has accepted a position as floor salesman at Lerman Bros. Department Store.

Mrs. Lida Mae Wade, Mrs. Dan Wells, Mrs. Les Coatney and Mrs. Charles Fay were in Cynthiana Monday night where Mrs. Wade installed the new officers of the Renaker-Bedford Auxiliary.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. James Eads, a daughter, Venora Faye, Saturday.—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smoot Jr., a son, Monday.—To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ring, Dayton, Ohio, a son, Saturday.

MARRIED—Miss Phyllis Ruth Burke to Hiland Jolly, of Bourbon county, Thursday in Jeffersonville, Ind.—Miss Helen Jean Barnett, to Edward Paul Snapp, June 3.—Miss Marjorie Bradley to Joseph Harvey Wilson, all of Moorefield, Saturday.—Miss Trienzie Hollar to Harold Gene Vice, Moorefield, June 4.—Miss Louetta Burden, Bourbon county to Donald Sears, Carlisle, June 4.

DIED—Gill Gillespie, Newport Beach, Calif., Saturday.—Rev. James M. Thorn, 32, Augusta, Sunday.—Samuel Owings, 41, of Hollywood, Calif., last Tuesday.

Thursday, June 6, 1935

At the regular monthly meeting of the Nicholas Fiscal Court Tuesday, an appropriation of $500 was unanimously voted for maintenance of the County Health Department from July 1, 1935 to June 30, 1936.

Thirty-six members of the Christian Church are attending the annual Christian service camp being held at Camp Black Hawk this week.

May was the wettest month in Kentucky in the history of the weather bureau.

Janice Hilander, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hilander of the Lower Jackstown Pike, suffered a fracture of the left arm Friday when she fell from a pony. The child was riding with an older sister, carrying water to their father, who was working on the farm.

The district rural carriers association of which Luther Thompson of Carlisle is president, met at the home of Harvey C. Norton Wednesday night. The counties in the district are Nicholas, Robertson and Harrison.

Saturday, June 15 will be the 119th anniversary of the first sale of town lots in Carlisle.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. William Darragh Jr., of Lexington, a son, at Good Samaritan Hospital, Wednesday.

DIED—Mrs. Nancye G. Curtis Maybrier, May 30 at the home of her daughter Mrs. Shell Morris at Rose Hill.—Mrs. Allie Goff Fisher at the Goff home near North Middletown Wednesday afternoon.

MAGICWORD

HOW TO PLAY: Read the list of words. Look at the puzzle. You'll find these words in all directions – horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Draw a circle around each letter of a word found in the puzzle then strike it off list. Circling it will show a letter has been used but will leave it visible should it also form part of another word. Find the big words first. When letters of all listed words are circled, you'll have the given number of letters left over. They'll spell out your MAGICWORD.

RIDING THE WAVES — Sol.: 11 letters

CLUES

A–Agility; B–Balance, Beach, Boat, Body, Board, Breakers; C–Canoes; E–Energy; F–Fin, Flip, Foam; H–Hawaii, Hollow; O–Ocean, Out; P–Paddle, Peaks, Polynesia, Popular; R–Rafts, Ride; S–Sand, Shore, Slide, Speed, Spills, Sport, Stamina, Suit, Surf, Swells, Swift, Swim; T–Tilt; V–Veer; W–Water, Waves, Weight, Wipes, Wood; Z–Zest, Zigzag

Last Week's Answer: SUPERSLEUTH 160

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Farm and home

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Kentucky 4-H Week

Nicholas county teen 4-H members will be attending the Kentucky 4-H Week to be held at the University of Kentucky on June 10-13. "Building Character and Leadership Through 4-H" is the theme for this 1975 Conference, which will be attended by Carol Chamberlin, Cheryl Lowe, Benita Dampier, Darlene Hardwick, Carla Curtsinger, Cindy McDonald, Oscar Lee Grimes and William Bean. Miss Ruby Darrell will be providing leadership during the conference.

Seminars on Crafts and Drama, Communications—T.V., Radio, Journalism, New Projects, Recreation and other related subjects will be conducted during the week. The State 4-H Officers Election, State 4-H Fashion Revue, Inaugural Ball and a get-acquainted "50's Costume Sock Hop" and Pizza Party are also some of the happenings scheduled during the four-day program. A portion of the delegates' fees were sponsored by the Nicholas County 4-H Council.

Summer 4-H Activities

Nicholas county 4-H'ers will be busy with 4-H events and activities this summer. Some of the activities scheduled are:

Jaycee Horse Show, June 2-3; 4-H Show, June 2; Kentucky 4-H Week, June 10-13, University of Kentucky; Kentucky Youth Seminar, June 16-18, University of Kentucky; Clothing Judging, June 19, University of Kentucky; Foods Judging, June 20, University of Kentucky; County Style Revue, June 21, Nicholas County Elementary School; Home Furnishings Judging, June 26; Agriculture Camp, June 27-28, North Central 4-H Camp; Area 4-H Horse Show, June 29.

State 4-H Talk Meet, July 2, University of Kentucky; Blue Grass Fair, July 18-26; Utopia Camp, July 18-20; Area Fashion Revue, July 22, Blue Grass Fair; "T.V. Youth Showcase" Winner, July 21, Blue Grass Fair; Champion Club Act Talent Finals, July 23, Blue Grass Fair; County Fair, Aug. 1-2, Carlisle Armory; Senior Camp (ages 14-19) Aug. 1-3, North Central 4-H Camp; Junior 4-H Camp (ages 9-13) Aug. 4-8, North Central 4-H Camp; State Fair, Aug. 9-23.

For details on these events, call the County Extension Office, 289-2312.

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

REBLUED?

The comment on an advertisement in The Big Crescent section of The Mercury last week was, "Didn't they make a mistake in this ad?" "Shouldn't it be re-glued?"

Well it was easy enough to determine that that girl had never had any association with guns or if she had they were all the nickel plated variety.

All of which brings back the memory of the time when my father had a local tinsmith make a long trough-like container which was placed on the old kitchen coal stove. A solution for rebluing was brought to the proper temperature and the gun barrel which had previously been corked at both ends was submersed. It worked. Of course there weren't any gun repair shops handy in that day, and had there been they probably would have wanted too much coin for such operations.

Any way that girl now knows what reblued means and that one doesn't necessarily re-glue a gun.

—MV—

SAW CLOUD COMING

Elsewhere are two pictures of damage done to trailer homes in the Mt. Moriah section of Nicholas County Saturday evening by high winds. When we read the cutlines for the pictures taken by photographer Jimmy Smith, we questioned whether it was a tornado.

Jim said he and his father talked to a Robertson County man who saw the evening storm funnel cloud approaching while seated on his home's front porch, and thought the storm was in Bourbon County.

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Trees were toppled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Clark on U.S. highway 68, also in the Walnut Grove section and at Lake Carnico.

A corn crib was blown into a power line pole breaking it down at Fred Whaley's on the East Union Road, and as days pass we'll probably hear of damages to other sections in the County.

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Russ Metz!

Wonder if a license is required to get into heaven?

When the roll is called up yonder and we meet at the Pearly Gates, I sure hope St. Peter is not from New York City. He might ask for a license to get into heaven and a lot of us from the boonies are going to be in trouble.

New York City has to be the most licensed city in the world. You even need a license to go out of business – after you get a license to get into business in the first place.

One store owner put a sign in his window announcing that he was going out of business. Immediately the bird dogs from the city licensing department sniffed a broken law and put the fickle finger of frustration on him.

The sad sack was dragged into criminal court where the judge slapped him with a $50 fine or five days in the slammer for not having a going out of business license, plus another $150 or 15 days because he showed contempt for the law. They don't fool around with vicious criminals in New York City.

"I can't afford to pay the fines," he told the judge. "That's why I'm going out of business, because I don't have any money. If I could afford to pay the fines, I'd still be in business and not breaking the laws."

He'd led a very sheltered life. Everyone knows you have to have permission to go out of business, say, from the unions, the Labor Relations Board, the Internal Revenue Department, the Attorney General's office and the city hall. It's the American way.

"Take the scoundrel away, there are murderers waiting to be paroled," the judge said and another rogue was hustled down to the dungeons to repent his wrong-doings. As a martyr in the battle against municipal sheep-shearing, he just may set a new record for attaining sainthood in only 20 days of suffering. And this may please him no end until he learns he must have a sainthood license in New York City.

A license is required for about everything these days. And who do they sell licenses to? Anybody. That is no qualification. They should require you to have a license to get a license, to give it a little more importance – and to add a little more to the city hall pot. And a license to unlicense.

Make mine vanilla – if it doesn't require a license.

-RM-

For the most part, women today are a sorry lot.

There is not one in a hundred who knows how to prepare the hair for their own wigs. Yet, it is very simple. You merely roll the hair around small cylinders of wood and metal and then boil the whole mess. You then dry the hair-wrapped cylinders at the mouth of an oven for several hours.

How do I know all this? Research. I read it in a book published in 1844 which shows that people then were far ahead of us today. They knew, for instance, six or eight ways to cure cancer. They also had several ways to cure consumption and when that didn't work, had a special cough syrup for people in the last stages of the disease.

They cured baldness a long time ago. To do this, you washed the head daily with good Jamaican rum. I know this works because I have tried it. What actually happened was I never could get the juice up past my mouth, but I know it works because I got hair on my chest.

If your hair has already parted from your skull, you take two ounces each of rosemary, maiden-hair, hazel bark, etc., burn them into a clean ash, making a liquid and apply that to the hair. The book says it "kills the worm at the root." Hairworms, you know.

The whole book deals with the practical rather than the scientific. For instance, there is a prescription hoss traders will be tickled to know about. It is a compound to put black spots on white horses. Nearly every sharp hoss trader has needed a potion like this to disguise a certain frosting of horsehair that comes with age. Beauty shops ought to thank me for this.

You merely beat up and mix a half pound of quicklime and four ounces of litharge together and pour some lye water over it. The scum which rises to the surface is the coloring material, and is guaranteed to turn an old gray mare - or woman - into a sparkling filly overnight.

If I had known about the remedy for weak eyes, I could have saved myself a bundle on eye specs. All you do is beat up a drachm of alum into the white of an egg and smear your eyebrow with it every night. Gives your eyeballs a distinct pucker too.

The book includes a cure for hydrophobia that apparently has been overlooked all these years by doctors who can't see the problem because of concentrating on the patient.

"Make a strong wash by dissolving two tablespoons of the chloruet of lime in half a pint of water, and instantly and repeatedly bathe the part bitten. The poison will in this way be discomposed," it says. And probably you along with it, which testifies to the completeness of those old cures.

You may also want to know how to make potable lemonade, which is the best kind. The book tells you. Or suppose your hot air ballon is leaking. You make a varnish of birdlime and boiled oil which will seal it. Or you could install a birdbath on top of it and the birds will do the job for you.

Children should be dipped in cold water every morning until they are eight months old to prevent the rickets and "weakness." This you have to admit is an improvement over Dr. Spock's remedies. This would have helped his condition after he was dropped on his head when he was a child.

In the old days, they were pretty well up on keeping cures ahead of diseases. And they did it without miracle drugs. They didn't need them. They created their own miracles.

Onward, upward.

Kindergarten Graduation Exercises were held Sunday afternoon, May 18, at Carlisle Christian Church. Twenty-two received diplomas. Kindergarten is sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club [GFWC]. Front row: Anissa Hargis, Jamie Howard, Paula Hamm, Kevin Anderson, Mary Beth Ritchie, Tamila Anderson. Second row: Darla Cobb, Licha Farah Jr., Rob Snapp, Lesley Duncan, Ron Joseph Allison, Bryan Johnson, Nena Donovan, Robert Medley. Third row: Anita Smith, Stephen Kelley, Tammy Anderson, Lisa Buckler, Bradley Wilson, Lynn Reynolds, Kevin Lyons, Allen Hardin. Mrs. Marjorie Wilson, assistant teacher; Mrs. Dottie Marshall, teacher. —Gudgell photo

Nursing Home News

by Virginia Smith Donovan

Miss Cordia Bell said she had a recent letter from her niece, Marjorie Brayfield. Said she was doing fine.

Here at the home we have something to look forward to each Wednesday evening. The Mt. Zion Christian Church members visit each week. Miss Lavina McFarland is the Mistress of Ceremonies. Mrs. Phyllis Doyle is at the piano. The teenagers take an active part. George Emmons and Jim Barnes take an active part too.

Mrs. Grace Ledford said the first automobile she ever saw scared her and she ran up in a tree. I remember the first one, was at Headquarters.

Lloyd Duncan who works here as handy man and orderly has a sister who works here who is Miss Sharon Duncan. His wife works here. Both have birthdays Dec. 22. Lloyd Duncan and Miss Sharon Duncan are children of Harry Duncan.

My roommate is Lillie Aurel Weathers. Her initials spell LAW.

We have beautiful new drapes in each room.

The ladies here are quite dressed up, housekeepers in gold jackets, laundry force in red jackets, cooks wear blue dresses.

After Monday, June 2, Kenneth W. Urlage will be our Administrator. He hails from Kenton county where I came from. I was a resident of Kenton county for 33 years, taught school there 29 years. My three girls were all born in Kenton county.

It's not the thing you do dear, it's the thing you leave undone that gives a bit of heartache at the setting of the sun.

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Bluegrass Boys State delegates chosen

Nicholas County delegates Ricky Hicks and Jeff Rose will attend the annual session of Bluegrass Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion. It will be held at Eastern Kentucky University June 6-13. The program in governmental operations for high school senior boys has been held at Eastern since 1958.

Dr. Robert R. Martin, EKU president and director of this year's Boys State, will welcome some 450 boy citizens and their American Legion counselors to the campus.

Paul L. Seyfrit, assistant professor of psychology at Eastern, is executive director, and Dr. Warren Lambert, assistant professor of political science at Berea College is academic dean of the program.

Seyfrit said Boys State highlights will include operations of a General Assembly with members of the Kentucky General Assembly teaching fundamentals of government, and addresses by Governor Julian Carroll, who is a former Boys State governor, Hardin County Judge R.R. Thomas, Fayette County Judge Robert Stephens, Lexington Mayor Foster Petitt, Madison County Judge Robert Turley, and Richmond Mayor Wallace Maffett.

Boys State will elect state officials, who will visit their counterparts at Frankfort and city and county officials who will visit their counterparts in local government.

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