Opinion

Rep. Arnold best for Nicholas County

Since Monday was the last day to register to vote in the May 27 Democratic Primary, we now know the number of people eligible to vote in Nicholas county—2575. Therefore, it's time for these voters to think seriously how they can best use their precious votes to nominate candidates who will best serve their interests.

Adrian Arnold of Mt. Sterling is one of these candidates. He is running for re-election as our state representative, the position he has held for the past two years. During the past two years and before, he has visited Nicholas county many, many times. He is constantly interested in what the local people are thinking, and how they want him to vote on certain issues. A large number of you have met him personally.

His opponent, Nell Guy McNamara, also of Mt. Sterling, is probably a very capable candidate as witnessed by the fact that she was Superintendent of Montgomery County Schools for years. However, to our knowledge, she has visited our county only a few times since announcing her candidacy. We are afraid that her allegiance would lean more toward her home county than over here in Nicholas.

We need a representative who will represent all of us equally—Montgomery, Nicholas, Bath and part of Fleming—not just one of these counties.

One example of Mr. Arnold's help occurred last summer, when our Bicentennial Committee was in desperate need of locating seating for the play, **Simon Kenton**, at Blue Licks. Members of the committee asked politicians, college presidents and athletic department heads, school principals, businessmen—anyone and everyone around the area who might be able to help. Most of these people did their best, but were unsuccessful. However, Adrian Arnold did not give up so easily.

He searched and asked all over his district and finally found the unused bleachers at Montgomery County High School. He arranged with the school to lend them to Nicholas county for the play. Afterwards they were returned to Montgomery county for use at the American Legion Park. The expense of repairing and painting (labor was donated here) the bleachers was shared

by both groups at Mr. Arnold's suggestion.

We feel that Adrian Arnold will do his best to continue to serve our area interests if elected. We also feel that he would try to help an individual, in any way he could, if asked to do so. Because we feel he is the better candidate, we encourage you to vote for Adrian Arnold as your state representative on May 27.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, May 5, 1955

The Carlisle City Council has declared May 12 as "City Wide Clean-Up Day", the first such day since May 1950.

Ray Cornett, Frankfort, has been appointed personnel director of Giffin Manufacturing Company, Lonnie Giffin, operator of the company announced Monday.

Henry Dudley Vaughn, Carlisle, an employee of the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington since 1948, has been named "Psychiatric Aide of the Year" and will be honored at a ceremony May 8.

Approximately 284 first and second grade children in Carlisle and Nicholas county schools received their first polio shots last Thursday.

A.B. Crouch and Frank Reynolds Jr. left last week for the Maryland tobacco markets; "Baz" to Malborough, and Frank to LaPlata.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Flora, Myers, a daughter, Helen Wilson, April 29.

MARRIED—Miss Josephine McKee to Gerald Hughes, May 2 by Rev. G.W. Townsend. Miss Rheba Annis Talley, Fleming county to Ronald Wilcoxson, May 1.

DIED—Bigstaff (Buck) Moore, 65, Saturday in Mt. Sterling.—Benjamin L. Moreland, 79, Tuesday at his home, Paris, Route 4.—Mrs. Beulah Wells Mastin, 44, Friday in Mt. Sterling.

Thursday, May 2, 1935

At a meeting of the Nicholas County Board of Education Saturday, Ellisville was selected as the site for the new consolidated grade school building, and the structure will be erected on the site of the present Ellisville school building, which will be sold and moved from the premises at once.

The mammouth electric power plant at Myers Station on the Licking River is proposed in a report made to Congress last week by the Federal Engineering Corps.

Sam T. Howe, one of Carlisle's best known business men plans to retire from the furniture business after being engaged in this business for almost 40 years.

The state relief office has approved projects for repairing the East Union Road and the Gaunce Road in the county. All labor at present is being used on the Cassidy Creek Road, but work will probably start on the other roads within a short time.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. A.B. Vice, a daughter, born April 29.

DIED—Taylor Mynear, Friday night at the Johnson Memorial Hospital. —James Anderson Saturday morning at his home in the Barterville section.

Creative writing seminar for high school students

The Kentucky Department of Parks, in cooperation with the Department of Education and Morehead State University, will sponsor the second annual Creative Writing Seminar for high school seniors or juniors at Greenbo Lake State Resort Park May 18-21.

The seminar is a special honors program to further creative writing in the fields of short stories, poetry and journalism. Students are selected by the county school board or the English department of a county high school.

The seminar faculty will feature Jesse Stuart, world famous novelist and short story writer; Dr. J.L. Hortin, former chairman of the department of journalism at Murray State University; Lee Pennington, award-winning poet and teacher at Jefferson County Community College in Louisville; and Drs. Judy and Glenn Rogers, faculty members in the English department at Morehead State University.

The seminar will be devoted to periods of instruction, writing and critiques, with readings in the evenings and discussions of the work produced in each day's session.

All seminar participants will be awarded certificates at a final banquet.

Counties selecting a student should contact Greenbo Lake State Resort Park in Greenup by calling 606-473-7324 for further information and reservations.

Dull primary election prompts recall of spicy incidents

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—Since this is a rather dull primary election, this seems to be a good time to recall some spicy incidents that have happened in elections in years past.

The statute of limitations have long ago run out on the stories that will be set forth here.

Logan County, the home of the late Doc Beauchamp, for years always reported an overwhelming vote for the statewide candidate Doc favored.

Back when Frank Albert Stubblefield defeated Noble Gregory for First District congressman in the May primary, a Frankfort reporter called Doc for the vote in Logan County in this race. All of the other counties in the district had reported. The race was real close, but when the Logan County count was completed, Stubblefield had a commanding lead in the county. In one precinct in Logan, Gregory got only three votes and the tally was something like 158 to 3.

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In the early 1940s when A.B. Happy Chandler ran for the U.S. Senate, he didn't have much formidable opposition and it was quite apparent that he would have a big majority statewide.

However, his supporters in Harlan County wanted to show Happy what a big majority they could roll up for him. The vote was real light that November election day.

All of the ballot boxes were brought to the courthouse and the count was completed before 11 p.m., something never heard of before. However, the reported vote was extremely heavy and Happy swept the county.

Some of the Republicans got miffed, not that Happy had won, but because they figured it was flagrant violation of the election laws and the Republicans asked for an investigation.

The FBI sent in more than 20 agents and they spent about six months investigating the election. Ninety-nine precinct workers were indicted and some of them were sentenced to jail after months of trial.

In one precinct, Happy got one more vote than the number of ballots printed for the precinct.

During the investigation, the ballot boxes were stored in a vault in the courthouse. When the FBI opened one of the questioned boxes, there wasn't a ballot or anything in it.

One precinct worker under investigation, asked the man whom everyone figured was responsible for burning some of the precinct ballots, "While you were burning them, why didn't you burn them all?"

FBI agents spent weeks trying to get some evidence on one precinct clerk. They tried to persuade him to sign his name so they could compare signatures on some of the questioned ballots. He held out a long time, but finally consented. An FBI agent handed him a pen and a note pad. The man under question put the pen in his left hand and laboriously printed his name lefthanded in capital letters. That ended that phase.

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The "floating voter" isn't an unknown term in Kentucky's election history. Some would haul men from precinct to precinct and have them vote under a dead persons name or someone long gone from the precinct. As I was checking a precinct one election day for a story on how heavy the turnout might be, a man next in line with the precinct clerk turned around and asked the Republican challenger, several feet away, "Mr. Blank, what's my name heah?"

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In a county election in Magoffin County, a candidate lost by only three votes. When he was in Frankfort one day shortly after the election, a friend asked, "Aren't you going to ask for a recount?"

The defeated candidate replied, "No. If he can steal more votes than I can, he's entitled to the office?"

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In earlier years, the two dollar bill always increased in circulation in Eastern Kentucky. I never could figure out why so many new two dollar bills got into circulation just after an election.

Half pints of whiskey also seem to be in demand on election day.

Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Don't gamble, fertilize!

That's the way, if you want something to grow. Kay earlier this spring applied some offbeat fertilizer I think it was a lopside one like 40-4-4 to the areas of the lower lot at Lake Carnico. Anyway with all the rain one can easily tell where the fertilizer was applied—it's a deep lush green.

Since weatherwise it can only rain, most of the time, I suppose I'm very lucky to have been able to spend most of Saturday and a part of Sunday afternoon clipping the sod on lots 212 and 213.

For awhile I thought one of the mowers had developed a hot bearing for I lack of grease, but such was not the case—that grass was just tough and tall. Now with care, maybe I can keep up with the plow.

—MV—

When it rains, it pours

This week it is pouring pictures! Some weeks we limp along with only one or two pics and then the deluge strikes. I can only hope that Mercury readers enjoy pictures, because they'll probably get a heavy dose this week.

—MV—

Army Develops Braille Calculator

A 29-year-old electrical engineer and his Frankfort, Ky., associate at the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland have developed what is apparently the world's first system enabling blind people to use electronic calculators.

The engineer, Dean Blazie, and associate, T.V. Cramer, believe the new system called Audio Tactile Display (ATD), is a major breakthrough in research that could open to the blind a variety of previously restricted careers in business, mathematics, engineering and the sciences.

Blazie's invention is the offshoot of a new method of sound-touch communication for the blind called "audio-tactile." It marries a metal braille numbers chart with a manually operated, electronic c a l c u l a t o r. Through sound and touch a blind person can "read" answers appearing on the calculator.

The ATD system has a number of special features built in. Like the calculator, it can read out answers to problems solved by addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. A series of "beeps" in different tones gives the answer.

Blazie said prototype models of the system have cost more than $2,000 each. He hopes that mass-produced models can sell as low as $200.

Blazie and Cramer have agreed that any profit realized from the sale of the patent, and any subsequent royalties, will be ploughed into a research fund for the blind.

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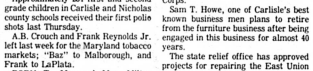

MAGICWORD

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ANSWER NEXT WEEK

Last Week's Answer: FASCINATION

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Kentucky reflections

by George Street Boone

This is a test. No one except yourself will score you, but perhaps the result may be interesting.

Four years ago the citizens of Kentucky elected a Governor and Lt. Governor. In addition, they elected seven others to statewide constitutional offices. Can you name the offices filled? These offices are: (1) Secretary of State (2) Attorney General (3) Treasurer (4) Auditor of Public Accounts (5) Superintendent of Public Instruction (6) Commissioner of Agriculture and (7) Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Each of these incumbents have filled his or her office for four years and is now forbidden to succeed himself or herself by Sections 93 or 120 of the State Constitution.

How many of these officials can you name?

Those currently occupying these offices are all Democrats. The Secretary of State is Thelma Stovall; Ed Hancock is Attorney General; Drexell Davis is State Treasurer; Mary Louise Foust is Auditor of Public Accounts; Dr. Lyman Ginger is Superintendent of Public Instruction; Wendall Butler is Commissioner of Agriculture; and Frances Jones Mills is Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Five of these now occupying offices are seeking nomination for other public offices. Mary Louise Foust is running for nomination as Governor; Stovall and Hancock seek nomination for Lt. Governor; Davis is candidate for Secretary of State; Mills seeks the nomination for State Treasurer; Dr. Ginger and Wendell Butler are not candidates this year.

The popular election of these officials dates at least from our 1850 Constitution.

In the past, the question has been raised if the public interest is well served by the election of so many officials. Is the voter able to be informed about how well the State Auditor conducts her business? Is he sufficiently familiar with the duties and responsibilities of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals to select a proper person?

Others have suggested, even if the electors are sufficiently interested and informed about these lesser offices and have no control."

"For example, you can't hold a teacher accountable for the education of children who don't come to school, and not even when they do, if you don't give her adequate time or materials. I would oppose any accountability system which tried such a thing."

Gov. Carroll ashamed state education 49th

Governor Julian Carroll, saying he is "ashamed" that Kentucky ranks 49th in its support for elementary and secondary education, told Kentucky Education Association (KEA) members at their annual convention in Louisville last month, that his administration's one goal is "to get us off the bottom and put Kentucky where it belongs".

"My first decision," he said, "is one which will make substantial additional funding available to elementary and secondary education in Kentucky".

"In the 1974 General Assembly $257 million dollars was appropriated for capital construction. I have decided that revenue sharing money will not be put in bricks and mortar but rather will be put into programs."

"It is better to build lives than it is to build buildings," Carroll said.

Support for Kentucky schools can be increased without increasing taxes, he declared.

On the matter of Kentucky's low teacher salaries and benefits, Carroll said, "Our ranking among the states certainly gives me no pride".

"But the point that brings me deepest regret is the disparity between the value of the service teachers render our society and the way we compensate them for that service. That must change."

Carroll said society has placed a broad burden of responsibility upon schools, shifting to them educational responsibilities once borne by the home, the church, and the community and "without much thought as to whether schools could reasonably be expected to take on the added tasks".

"Perhaps the time has come," he said, "to re-examine the role of schools, decide what schools can do best, and set priorities among those tasks which properly belong to the schools."

"You cannot hold people accountable for something they cannot do," Carroll said, "or something over which they

Attorney General campaigns here

Attorney General Ed Hancock was in Nicholas county Tuesday campaigning in behalf of his candidacy for nomination as Lieutenant Governor in the Democratic Primary on May 27, 1975. He pledged if elected that he will work to change the criminal laws, which now favor the criminal, to make such laws more responsive to the protection of the law abiding citizen.

Hancock, 49, who is both an attorney and a certified public accountant will also continue to work to aid the consumer as he has in the office of Attorney General. In the period of over three years as Attorney General he has not taken a vacation, filed an expense claim, been out of the state, nor used a state owned car. He has committed himself to providing his own living quarters and as a result will make the Old Governor's Mansion available to the public who desire to visit it. Hancock has also pledged not to use the state car usually assigned to the Lieutenant Governor.

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BUSINESS AS USUAL—This appears to be a scene from a corporate office but actually is a laboratory for students in Morehead State University's School of Business and Economics. Known as a "model office," the facility duplicates the home office of a fictitious insurance company and provides 20 different positions. It was developed with the help of a federal grant and was the first of its type in Kentucky.

GUEST EDITORIAL

Soil Stewardship Week May 4-11

by Rev. H. Dallas Sugg

The Nicholas County Ministerial Association in conjunction with the Nicholas County Soil Conservation Service will observe the week of May 4-11 as Soil Conservation Week. The theme for this year is "Test of Strength."

In a day when our strength is being tested in nearly every area in our life, the area that gives us most seems to be under the most severe abuse. We have heard much from those who have promoted the ecological awareness campaigns, but the real test of our strength will come when we determine if we are interested enough in our natural resources to protect them from abuse.

We have all become aware of the scarcity of that natural resource called oil, but only because we felt the pressure on our gas tanks and our billfolds. The real test of strength is not whether we can stand a little shortage but whether we can constructively learn how to preserve our land which mothers all of the natural resources we have.

Much of our eroded soils and misused resources come from souls that are as denuded of moral responsibility as the forests have wantonly been denuded of the trees.

We often sing "this land is my land," but that seems to always mean "this land with its beauty," but we must also learn that this land is our land also with its scars and its horribly wasted resources. What we will do about it is indeed a test of strength—our combined strength.

Soil Stewardship Sunday will be observed on May 4 by all of the churches except First Baptist Church. On May 18 this congregation will also participate.

Consider Our Strength

It's the freedom to write,
to speak, and to pray;
To think as we choose;
to work and to play.

It's the nation we've built,
with laws that are just;
It's the faith that sustains us:
"In God we trust."

It's the spirit and pride
we share in our name;
It's our love for the land
our forefathers claimed.

It's the cities and farms
from New York to L.A.;
It's the homes where we live
the American way.

It's our memories of great men;
great women too;
It's our search for tomorrows
when dreams can come true.

It's the power we muster,
when goals have been set,
By acting together,
to meet each new test.

It's the pursuit of new knowledge
to build an alliance
Of the values we cherish
with the outreach of science.

It's the fields and the mines,
the forests and waters,
But greatest of all—
our sons and our daughters.

Consider our strength.
Consider it well.

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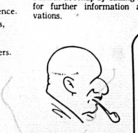

Even with constant bathing Romans never came clean

Russ Metz

H.L. Mencken once wrote a newspaper account of the first use of the bathtub, claiming it to be the invention of a screwball. Old H.L. was either pulling his readers' legs or had spent so much time in a sitz bath, he got waterlogged.

An American did devise the sitz tub, which was nothing more than a reshaped galvanized wash tub bent around to fit your rear end a little better. Your arms and legs stuck over the sides and it did have certain advantages for such things as parting your toenails.

You can blame the Romans for inventing bathing. It is no wonder the Roman empire fell. What could you expect from people who spent all their time in bathrooms.

The Romans set out to conquer the world and might have done it, if they hadn't spent so much time bathing bathrooms wherever they went. Their legions swept over Gaul and Brittony, leaving behind huge graveyards and outhouses, neither of which historians found palatable enough to write about.

Where there were Romans there were baths, and they were not reserved to the upper classes. Each Roman outpost had an elaborate system of tanks, drains, bathhouses and latrines. When the Romans finally withdrew from England and northern Europe, for a thousand years much of Europe went unwashed.

Apparently, the Romans felt cleanliness was next to godliness, and they were worshipping many gods at the time, it took a lot of baths to cover the field.

Actually, throughout history man's inclination to bathe varied in direct proportion to the nearness of water. Romans and Greeks lived in mountainous areas where they could pipe water into town for the communal privies without inventing electricity and paying high water bills.

Early Christians considered excessive washing not only unhealthy but also sacrilegious. St. Francis of Assisi listed dirtiness as an insignia of holiness. St. Benedict recommended that those who are well, and especially to the young, bathing all seldom be permitted."

After a time bath became an act of penance, or a ritualistic rite to indicate absolution. That's what brought on the Saturday night bath in preparation for Sunday worship.

Frances Bacon may have been sitting in an old Roman bath when he wrote, "Cleanliness of the body was ever deemed to proceed from a due reverence to God." But everyone knew that Fran had an angle for his writing and the passage meant either he was cottoning up for a new government appointment that required a fried shirt or he was an undercover silent partner in a soap factory.

It is quite obvious from any look at history that cleanliness and godliness have no real connection. The unwashed always have prayed more earnestly. In the middle ages, they had a phrase about "the odor of sanctity" and it mainly concerned monkish orders of whose members had taken a vow never to bathe. Every young boy subscribes to this doctrine out of natural instinct.

I have never gone in for social bathing and, except when the temperature is high and the church crowded, it never interfered with my religious activities. If there is anything to it, little boys have to be our most ungodly creatures.

When Daniel Webster was a boy in the district school, he was not noted for tidiness. Finally, the teacher, in despair, told him that if he appeared again with such dirty hands she would thrash him. He did appear in the same condition and the teacher said "Daniel, hold out your hand." Daniel spit on his palm, rubbed it on the seat of his britches and held it out. The teacher surveyed it in disgust. "Daniel," she said, "if you can find me another hand in this school that is dirtier than that, I will let you off."

Daniel promptly held out the other hand.

-RM-

Somehow I suspect a certain automobile manufacturer has goofed and is stuck with a bundle of green paint.

So how do you unload green-tinted white elephants? You create a demand for them. That has to be what's behind this car maker's claim that green is the favorite auto color in his line.

In trying to ho-ho us into the valley of the jolly green giants, the company lists fruit green, a new lime green to match your shaving lotion and your neighbor's face when you drive up in your new machine, tops on the color chart.

This is hard for me to swallow. I just happen to own a green automobile from that manufacturer's stable. It isn't my favorite color. In fact, I often get a little green around the gills looking at it. This changes to a pale white when I drive it into a service station.

The color of your car can be a clue to your personality, the same peddler claims. If you favor yellow, you probably are an intellectual. If you lean toward blue, you're likely to be a conservative who voted for Herb Hoover, and are now a little cautious. Red is the color signature of the lively set; you might even have a secret longing to become a race driver.

The buying of accessories for your new car may be an expression of your personality, too. It allows you to express yourself – and show everyone just how good your credit is.

I get the feeling the car maker is trying to tell us something – like when you get a lemon, it's not the fault of the manufacturer. You simply picked a color that is not compatible to your personality.

Up, up and away.