Opinion

Elementary PE show lauded

Nicholas County Elementary School's physical Education show, presented at the PTA meeting Monday night, deserves to be commended.

The almost hour and one-half program was very well done by both students and teachers. Mrs. Barbara Hatton, P.E. instructor at the school, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Betty Conrad, assistant principal, narrated the performance and designed the stenciled programs passed out by first graders. Mrs. Hickman's high school art class decorated the gymnasium walls with adorable Pink Panthers—the theme of the show.

Thirteen varied acts were presented by the first through eighth grade students—and, we might add, performed very well by each of them.

Our county is very lucky to have such a good physical education program in our schools. We congratulate all those who were connected in any way with Monday night's successful PTA program.

SLAPSTIX

GIRLS: Don't look for the ideal man--It's easier to find a husband

Progressive teaching in St. Paul

Some sort of a special medal should be awarded to Superintendent of Schools Ray I. Powell of South St. Paul, Minn. While the trend in a great many public schools has been toward barbarism, Superintendent Powell has courageously called upon all administrators and teachers to encourage high moral values in school children, in keeping with the positive virtues which parents seek to instill in their children.

Mr. Powell recognizes that "parents have the prime responsibility for the inculcation of those moral and spiritual values desired for their children." But if it is not the prime responsibility of public schools to encourage moral behavior, certainly it is not the responsibility, nor the authority, of public schools to undermine such standards.

Accordingly, in a memorandum to all School Board members, administrators and teachers, Superintendent Powell said:

"Rather, the efforts of the public schools, henceforth, shall be directed towards expanding those complementary learning experiences in other areas of the total curriculum that will enhance these . . . parental values, i.e.:

preservation of the family unit; feminine role of wife, mother, and homemaker; masculine role of guide, protector, and provider; advocacy of home and family values; respect for family structure and authority; enhancement of womanhood and femininity; restoration of morality."

In order to confront and overcome the great challenges facing our country, we are going to need the highest calibre of citizenship. It is encouraging to find school administrators such as Superintendent Powell who recognize that challenge and seek to prepare our youth to meet it.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, May 12, 1955

Miss Emma Barnes, Home Demonstration Agent for Nicholas county for four years, presented her resignation to the Fiscal Court effective June 30.

Sag Kash, editor of the Cynthiana Democrat, has been appointed chairman of a Kentucky Press Association committee on journalism to act in a liaison capacity between UK School of Journalism and the Press Association.

Dr. and Mrs. B.F. Reynolds left Sunday for Atlanta, Ga. and the Bahamas for a two-week vacation.

William Talley, who has served the Myers Christian Church for three years as minister, resigned effective June 1 to accept a full-time pastorate at the Garrison, Ky. Christian Church.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Elzie Sloan of Paris, a daughter, Robin Ann, April 29.—To Mr. and Mrs. Bobby L. Hughes, a son, Gary Lewis, May 9 in Paris.—To Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Ellington, Moorefield, a son, Edward Hanson II, May 9 in Lexington.

MARRIED—Miss Marcella Cord, Ewing to Luther Tincher, May 7.

DIED—Martha Clare McCool, seven-month-old daughter of Frank and Dorothy Minihan McCool, Lexington. —Charles Hayes Galbraith, 79, Saturday at his home.—John B. Setters, 87, Thursday at his home in Mt. Sterling.—Benjamin Moreland, 79, Tuesday.—Mrs. Anna Sargent Ring, 63, Sunday.—James S. Henry, 58, Tuesday at Nicholas County Hospital.

Thursday, May 9, 1935

A new Ford V-8 sedan belonging to Dan Tammie of Elizaville, crashed through a brick wall and window at Harper's Garage last Thursday morning, dropped more than eight feet to the alley in the rear of the garage and landed on all four wheels without causing serious injury to driver or much damage to the car.

One of the heaviest rains in months fell here Tuesday and Brushy Fork was almost to the point of overflowing for several hours. In some sections of the county considerable damage was done by land being washed.

Miss Edith Crumbaker has succeeded Miss Mable Whitehead as public health nurse at the local health office. Miss Crumbaker came here from Stanford.

MARRIED—Miss Kathleen Webb and Lloyd B. Grimes.—Miss Lorraine O'Neal and Willard O. Lawrence.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ingels, a daughter on Monday.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Bryson, a son on Saturday.

DIED—Mrs. Ida Belway McIntire, Sunday afternoon at Johnson Memorial Hospital.—Mrs. Molly Crump Coffee at her home in Covington.—John W. Hall at his home near Sharpsburg, Thursday afternoon.—Theodore Anderson at his home on Sycamore Street Monday afternoon.

Say You Saw It in The Mercury

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.

HATS OFF TO MOM — Sol.: 10 letters

CLUES:

B—Basket, Bouquet, Breakfast; C—Cake, Call, Candy, Cards, Children, Chores; D—Daughters, Devoted, Dinner, Distance; E—Enjoy, Excel; F—Festive, Flower, Fond; G—Gifts, Goodies, Great; H—Honors; J—Jingles; L—Love, Loyal, Lunch; M—Memories, Mom; P—Perfume, Planter; R—Relax, Rose; S—Sons, Sunday; T—Telephone, Tots, Tradition, Treat, Tribute; V—Visit; Y—Years

ANSWER NEXT WEEK.

Last Week's Answer: INVESTIGATIONS — 15¢

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Taxes, a tough subject for 1976 General Assembly

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—One of the tougher subjects the 1976 General Assembly should address itself to is equalization of taxes and a plan to insure that assessments are kept near the 100 per cent cash value goal set forth in our constitution.

There haven't been many amendments to the 1965 rollback tax law enacted after the Appeals Court decision that year that all property should be assessed at fair cash value for tax purposes.

The rollback tax law transferred the inequity in assessments to inequities in rate. Rates vary all across the state.

An interim legislative committee is now working with the State Department of Education trying to draft a bill that would equalize rates for school taxes across the state. This is sorely needed to finance primary and secondary education and distribute the tax burden with equality among all property owners.

Equalizing the tax rate alone will not solve the problem for long unless some method is adopted to keep assessments equalized through the years. While the Revenue Department is working on this, it's an impossible job without support of the public.

Knowing that Property Valuation Administrators are elected, it's just a fact of human nature that favoritism will develop and that it is an impossible task for the PVA to keep values equalized because of the immensity of the job. It's really almost asking the elected official to do an impossible job.

The public is the best policeman we can get to keep assessments at fair cash value.

I have proposed to the Kentucky Press Association that all property assessments in a county be published each year, just as the delinquent tax lists are published. There is no way that every citizen can go to the tax assessor's office and go through all of the assessments to see that his property is assessed fairly with all others similar in a county.

But if these are published, the property owner can look over the list in his own home, taking his good leisurely time for the task.

This would be an expense, it is true, and a county could not be expected to handle it without provision for income to do so.

On the delinquent tax lists, the sheriff assesses one dollar for advertising. The same could be done on property assessments to pay the publication costs.

Since all property assessments for each county in the state is computerized, it wouldn't be too much of a problem to get this list for the newspaper in the county for publication. In counties where the lists are large, the publication bill could provide that the list not be required to be published in its entirety in one weekly issue. It could be spread out over a period of four or five weeks. Or, if there is more than one newspaper in the county, the property assessment list could be divided up in areas the newspapers cover to relieve too much of a burden on one newspaper.

Let's take Jefferson county as an example. In the St. Matthews area, the Voice-Jeffersonian could print those in its area, The Jefferson Reporter could cover its area, the Shively Newsweek could do the same, as could the Louisville Defender, and the Louisville Times could print the remainder not covered.

The legislature would have to work out the timing with the Department of Revenue, so the people could be given sufficient time to study the printed assessments and then appear before the Board of Tax Supervisors when they meet to hear complaints and make adjustments.

This seems to be a fair and equitable way to serve all of the property owners and to see that they get a fair shake in assessments. After all, the public should have a voice in policing equitable assessment of property.

No property owner should object to paying one dollar a year for each piece of property to have the entire property assessments in his hands to review and see that he is being treated fairly.

Farm and home

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

Helpful Hints
For A Productive Garden

As spring fades into summer and the days grow hotter, the enthusiasm felt earlier in the year for sowing, weeding, and making plants grow often wanes considerably, in direct proportion to the rise in temperature.

To be a successful gardener, however, and to enjoy a continuous supply of fresh vegetables on the table from early spring until late fall, the work must continue and successive plantings must be made. UK Extension garden specialist C.R. Roberts says that by planting at two or three-week intervals, five to seven plantings of corn and beans can be made between the last killing frost in the spring and the first killing frost in the fall.

There are other crops, too, that can be planted more than once during the garden season—crops like radish, spinach, lettuce, turnips, cabbage, and kale. Since a number of these vegetables reach maturity early in the spring, the space they occupied can be used for other plants. In some cases when one crop is harvested, another crop of the same kind can be planted back on the same spot but, generally, Roberts advises rotation. The planting of a different crop decreases the possibilities of insect damage and of attack by plant diseases that may have built up in the soil. In other words, if a crop of early cabbage is harvested, instead of planting late cabbage in the same space, it might be better to put beans or corn there and find another place in the garden for the cabbage.

There are all kinds of combinations that can be worked out, of course, but it must be remembered that the soil used for third crop must be fertilized and cultivated as was the first. If not, the effort may be in vain.

For the convenience of gardeners who wish to use their plots to the best advantage by successive plantings, UK garden specialists have prepared a tabloid on gardening. Along with much other good garden information, this publication has a table listing the earliest and latest dates for the safe planting of vegetables in Kentucky. Get one at the County Extension Office.

Although, as mentioned before, succession planting requires considerable work and begins at a time when the energy and enthusiasm built up over the past winter starts ebbing away in the heat and humidity of summer, it is still very much worthwhile. Succession planting stretches the harvest season, keeps fresh vegetables on the table for seven to eight months out of the year, cuts down on food bills, and decreases the necessity for canning, freezing, preserving, and storing away great quantities of food. It is well worth the effort.

from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

You will find check enclosed for renewal to Mercury and please mail to original address, Ewing, Route 1, as I no longer reside in Lewisburg, Oh. and thanks for mailing there. It would be a great loss to miss single copy. Hope to receive a copy this week.

Thanking you
Bettye F. Johnson
Ewing, Ky.

Mercury Evapors

by Warren R. Fisher

"The moon and sun cause tides, not only in the ocean but in every fluid, even a glass of water."

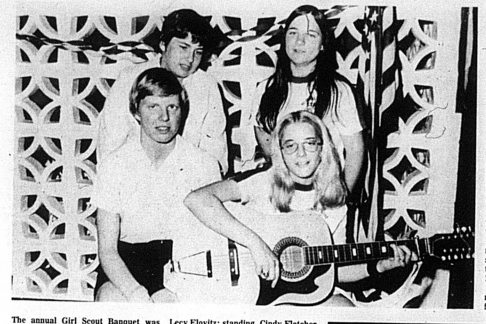
The above paragraph was on our desk for possible use, and after what happened to most of the halftone negatives that we developed, fixed and washed Monday afternoon, we're almost believers that old sol or the moon had something to do with our troubles—one of the solutions precipitated a white substance very similar to "Kemtone" and about as hard to remove from the negatives' surface.

Generally a tray of fixing solution (the stuff used in the photographic process to stop the action of light from fogging negatives and making them useless) will last us two to three months.

But yesterday a chemical reaction had occurred to the tray of fix. It had a cloudy appearance. We gave it little thought since it did what it was supposed to do—stop light action, but this morning things were a different story—we nearly lost all our halftone work due to the white precipitate that clung tenaciously to the negatives.

There was nothing to do but pour it down the drain. In its present condition we couldn't risk its gumming up our silver recovery operation, let alone foul up the rest of our work.

When we were letter press our Nemesis was the Linotype squirt, when hot molten metal spewed through, behind and around the mold and matrices, but that will be no more. We helped a crew from the Flemingsburg Gazette load our old model 8 machine on a pick-up truck last week. They'll use her for job work I'm told.



The annual Girl Scout Banquet was held April 28. Part of the program was a presentation of slides and music depicting life at the two established summer camps in the Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council. The presentation was made by, seated, Sarah Yinger, Lecy Elovitz; standing, Cindy Fletcher and Kathy Hay of Lexington. These girls are camp staff members. Mrs. Wendell Kingsolver, president of Wilderness Road Girl Scout Council, was the mistress of ceremonies for the evening.—Duncan photo

Ford sponsors revenue sharing bill

Sen. Wendell Ford has co-sponsored legislation introduced last Thursday to continue the federal revenue sharing program for the next 5¾ years.

The present revenue sharing act expires Dec. 31, 1976. Ford said both the program and timing were important to states, cities and counties, "and this is why Senate action should begin now."

Hearings are expected on the bill in the next few weeks.

"The program is significant because it returns federal tax dollars to the people, where decisions are made for the use of these funds at local levels rather than in Washington," Ford said.

"I have repeatedly said that government closest to the people, where there is local input, is the best type of government."

The Senator also noted that early renewal of the program is imperative so that local governments will be able to plan their budgets for fiscal year 1977.

There has been discussion of reducing local authority's role by funneling a greater percentage of the revenue sharing money through states and then into city and county governments.

Ford noted that the proposed legislation would contain language requiring recipient decision-making for uses of the money through a hearing or other appropriate means. Current law provides no assurances to guarantee public participation in the way funds are spent.

The proposal calls for $39.85 billion to be distributed over the period from January 1977 through September 1982. (The use of the fractional year conforms the time period to the new fiscal year.) During the first five years of the program, $30.2 billion was authorized.

The basic revenue sharing formula would be retained, however, the per capita ceiling on the distribution formula would be raised 30 percent. Under the present limitation, a local government is not entitled to more than 145 percent of the average per capita distribution to other local governments in the state. The new proposal, an administrative effort, would raise this at a rate of six percent a year.

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SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE MERCURY

FIDUCIARIES FOR MONTH OF APRIL

Mamie M. McVey, deceased
Gertrude Pauline Snapp, Executrix
Route 3, Carlisle, Ky. 40311
Date of Appointment April 29, 1975
Sarah Lee Toadvine, deceased
Hiram Toadvine, Executor
Route 4, Cynthiana, Ky. 41031
Date of Appointment April 2, 1975
Pearl M. Sargent, deceased
Linda T. Hardwick, Administratrix WWA
Route 1, Carlisle, Ky. 40311
Date of Appointment April 8, 1975
All Claims must be filed 3 months from date of appointment.
J. Berry Burnaw, County Clerk

"Jack and the Bean Stalk", a delightful short skit, was presented by the Senior Girl Scout Troop Monday night, April 28 at the annual Girl Scout Banquet held at Blue Grass Industries. The skit was written by Bonnie Gates, a troop member. Other members are, seated, Sandy Simpson, Susan Coatney, and Mona Garrett; around beanstalk", counter clockwise, Renee Allison, Bonnie Gates, Cindy McDonald, Jamie Bice and Carol Chamberlin. Mrs. Bill Guthrie is troop leader.—Duncan photo

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Russ Metz

It's a specter of gardens past that haunts me

"You and your haunt been at it again this Spring?" my wife wanted to know after I returned from a safari into the backyard last weekend.

"I don't laugh at your weight problem. It looks like you'd have a little more respect for my family specter," I told her.

"If you don't stop writing about rhubarb, people are going to start believing you," she said.

"Would I lie to them on anything as serious as a family curse?" I said. "Maybe someone in your clan had this kind of curse and we can band together and fight the thing in force."

Most families have respectable skeletons in their closets, the run-of-the-house, chain rattling, moaning apparitions that come out when it storms. Mine is a fair weather spook. It is a rhubarb stalk that stalks me every spring.

"Why don't you call in Ewell Gibbons and let him chew on your problem?" she snickered.

"A family curse is no joking matter. You have to admit that wherever we move, a single rhubarb stalk mysteriously appears in our yard. I've been able to shake my creditors, the Chinese spangles and mildew in my bib overalls, but this rhubarb thing has the whammy on me. It's an evil specter of gardens past that dogs me like a murdered relative."

"Have you ever murdered a rhubarb?" she asked. "There must be something in your past that makes the stalk keep coming back to torment you."

Once I fire-bombed a rhubarb patch with charcoal lighter can and another time I turned the cows into it hoping they'd eat the things so I wouldn't have to face another rhubarb pie. I don't like polk green either, but it hasn't held it against me.

Rhubarb is a harbinger of Spring, like the robin and the bluebird. Bad robins are crazy and bluebirds are liars and rhubarb is an insult to the culinary arts. It is best you don't start fooling around with those things, or you could end up with a bull-in-haunt like mine.

In all honesty, rhubarb is good for everything except eating. There are those who may tell you that rhubarb, stewed with a good deal of sugar and taken with a strong starter biscuit has qualities to make a family glad. I have eaten it and can truthfully say it never made me glad.

My mother was strong on rhubarb pies. She believed they were loaded with calories, vitamins and natural citric and malic acids which assaulted the obnoxious vapors of the system and purged the body of lethargy and sloth collected during along, hard winter.

A rhubarb pie is a first-man pie. The first man to slice himself a piece can tip the pan slightly and run all the makings under his flap. Everybody else at the table then gets no more than a soggy top and bottom crust.

At an early age, I noticed that the most robust rhubarb plants grew next to the family outhouse. This made me a little suspicious and didn't help my appetite for rhubarb any too much either.

When Mom would pull a rhubarb pie from the oven, I'd ask "Where did you get the makings for that one?"

"Don't worry, son" she'd assure me. "Yours came from the stalks over by the lettuce bed."

I never questioned Mom's honesty. But it was unnerving when the stem fogged her eye glasses. And this little bit of doubt would prompt me to rush out and back down all the rhubarb next to the little castle of comfort. Not that even this completely satisfied me. I still suspected that those plants out by the lettuce bed had a direct pipeline to the privy and I was undermined and outmarried by a dirty old weed.

Anything powerful enough to come back from the dead year after year and haunt you is hard to kill. You can't eat it to death. A silver spike driven through its heart has no effect. A water pistol loaded with holy water only slows it down. There is only one way to kill the ghoulish rhubarb werewood.

You pour eight gallons of embalming fluid on its roots each morning for eight days after the dew lifts. Only then will it wrinkle up, turn into a mummified reed and finally evaporate into an eerie blue haze like it missed the last plane to Shangri-la. Trouble is, undertakers don't believe in ghosts they can't handle and have cornered the embalming fluid market.

If the English can live with their haunted castles, I guess I can put up with one little jolly green garden spook.

Maybe someday they will make a horror movie of my curse and pay me enough money so I can live in Hollywood with a paved backyard and no place for a rhubarb to grow.

"Then you'd be haunted with girls in bikinis wanting to use our swimming pool," my wife cautioned.

I'd learn to be more tolerant of that kind of free spirit.

RM

Any time a mosquito settles on you for dinner and a big welt raises up, chances are, you've been sampled by the female sex. The male mosquito lives only about eight or nine days, barely long enough to bone up his digger.

But the wife, she lives about thirty days and whets up a sharp snoot for biting people before she bites the dust. If you are a red-blooded he-man, you may be all that stands between the mosquito population and extinction. According to the experts, she needs an occasional drop of blood, as sort of a quick transfusion, to keep her tribe going.

After the vampires feast on you, the birds eat them. To complete the cycle, all we have to do is to kill and eat the birds and we get our blood back.

Onward, upward.