Opinion

The First of May

May 1 means many things in many nations. In socialist countries it is celebrated as a worker's holiday. Some nations celebrate it as an agricultural holiday. Here in the United States it is known throughout the land as the birthday of U.S. Savings Bonds.

On May 1, 1941, the Series E Bond was introduced into general sale by the then-Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Morgenthau. At first known as the Defense Bond, the Series E became the War Bond after Pearl Harbor. It was not until the end of World War Two that it assumed its now-familiar name, Savings Bond.

Since 1941, $170 million in E bonds have been sold. When combined with issues of the Series H Bond, introduced May 1, 1952, total sales have been $182.1 billion. Of this, more than $67 billion worth remain outstanding today. Tens of millions of Americans own Savings Bonds as a safe, secure method of saving money to meet future needs. Some 9½ million men and women buy Bonds regularly through the Payroll Savings Plan where they work, and many more are regular Bond-a-Month purchasers at their banks.

It's no wonder, then, that May 1 is a day to celebrate. A method of saving good for all was born on that date, and continues to grow today. U.S. Savings Bonds—for the first of May and every day.

Breaking up the oil companies

An alarming headline, at least from our point of view, says, "Senate panel approves a bill to break up 18 major oil firms."

The panel referred to is a Senate anti-trust subcommittee, which Friday approved a bill forcing the big oil companies to divest themselves of one or more functions. The bill would split the 18 companies along functional lines—crude oil production, pipeline transportation and refining and marketing. For instance Gulf and Ashland could engage in crude oil production but nothing else. No producer could retain pipeline ownership.

The companies would be required to submit divesture plans to the Federal Trade Commission within 18 months of enactment. Companies could appeal FTC plan changes by appealing to a new Petroleum Industry Divestiture Court.

The bill today is far from becoming law. It must be approved by the Judiciary Committee and by the whole Senate. If the Judiciary Committee fails to approve the measure Senator Birch Bayh, the very liberal senator from Indiana, says he will try to call it up for a direct vote.

The big oil companies, like other big businesses, are prey for the ultra liberals in the Congress. All operate to make profit for their shareholders, and there are thousands upon thousands of Americans who hold oil company shares. Surely, some of the companies are guilty of making illegal campaign contributions, but that particular activity is no reason to split them. After all they were victims of the legislative system . . . what they did, they did for protection . . . protection against unwarranted federal control.

The 18 oil companies and other companies like General Motors, Ford, Dupont and many others have made America great industrially. We ask—"Why destroy American big business?" The price of petroleum products is up and so is the price of every other commodity. If the proponents of the oil divestiture bill are concerned about price and competition maybe they should look into the cost of food where the percent of increase is far greater than that in the petroleum industry.

And we note that the legislation provides for the creation of another federal agency of which the country now has too many that are only havens for Washington bureaucrats. Our hope is that Kentucky's congressmen and senators will look with disfavor on the Hart bill.—The Union County Advocate, Morganfield.

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Mercury Evapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Trees, trees and more trees

If you've ever been atop the courthouse looking down on Carlisle you would know it is a city of trees.

Every now and then someone wishes to know what kind of tree was planted in front of The Mercury office. Half of the time I don't remember its name or I get it backwards. After a few of the invoices I note it is a Redmond Linden and its mate is planted some ten yards up Locust Street on the Snapp property.

All this tree planting was engineered (the thing to do in this Bicentennial year) by Mrs. Amelia King Buckley. And I guess you might say we're just keeping with tradition, Carlisle's that is.

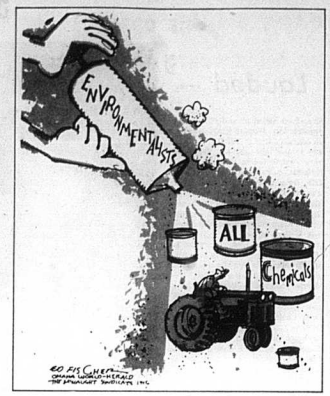
—MV—

Wreck pictures

Having taken several good views of the wrecked automobile in which three youths lost their lives last week, we ran smack into a question, should we use them?

On one hand it could be argued that the viewing of same in the newspaper might help someone to think twice, but again they could be offensive to others.

Well, we didn't use any pictures that we thought would be improper. Technically they weren't the better pictures, but on the other hand they weren't offensive.



Farm and Home

County extension agents
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Mrs. Margie Wilson

4-H'ers were very enthusiastic as they entered the Nursing Home last week to perform their talent acts for the patients. All participants in the talent show were invited to perform for the patients as afternoon recreation. The patients were very attentive to the acts, especially those involving modern dancing. It seems as though the "Bump" will never equal the "Hoedown" to them. Nevertheless, the heads bobbing with the music proved they recalled and enjoyed dancing. More than this, they enjoyed talking to the youngsters trying to trace them in their family tree or as children of friends and neighbors.

4-H'ers who were involved in the performances on one day often wanted to return to be in the activities. When crowds were slim, spontaneous acts often proved fun for the youngsters, as well as entertainment for the patients.

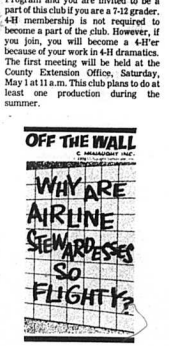
The Nursing Home performances were so delightful, I am sure they will become an annual part of the 4-H Talent Event.

The Demonstration Contest proved a huge success for those involved. This event, with more participation could prove to be one of the best learning experiences for 4-H'ers, because the demonstration method helps the demonstrator to "learn by doing" and others to "learn by watching." I am proud of the 4-H'ers who chose to do demonstrations for they are one of the most challenging activities in 4-H work.

Nicholas county is truly boasting over the five Area Project Champions, who attended the recent Awards Banquet at Georgetown College. Also in attendance were the County Project Champions. Jack Givens, University of Kentucky basketball squad, spoke to the youngsters and answered their questions about the recent tournament.

One of the newest phases of the 4-H Program is the area of Arts and Crafts and we are glad to announce this will be a part of the Nicholas county program for the summer months. Possible nature hikes and group instruction are planned for the drawing and painting classes.

Drama is also a new phase of the 4-H Program and you are invited to be a part of this club if you are a 7-12 grader. 4-H membership is not required to become a part of the club. However, if you join, you will become a 4-H'er because of your work in 4-H dramatics. The first meeting will be held at the County Extension Office, Saturday, May 1 at 11 a.m. This club plans to do at least one production during the summer.



20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, May 3, 1956

Miss Pat Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Allison, and a Physical Education Major, was the recipient of three awards last week at Honor Day program at Eastern State Teachers College, Richmond.

Miss Lillie Martin, who has served the local Kentucky Utilities offices in Carlisle since its opening, April 1, 1924, retired May 1, after 33 years as cashier.

Betty Howard, seventh grade student at Parks School, won the annual Spelling Bee sponsored by the Louisville Times & The Courier-Journal. Elizabeth Holland, Myers School, was runner-up.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvert Crouch of Lexington recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hensley of Louisville, a son, Stephen Gerald, April 20.

MARRIED—Miss Anna Lee Hollar, Barterville to Earl Finch Jr., Carlisle, April 14 in Jeffersonville, Ind.—Miss Mary Elizabeth Marshall to Coverly Boyd Campbell of Hollis, N.Y., Saturday in Lexington.—Miss Adeline Whaley, Lexington to Robert L. Faulkner, Lexington, Friday in Jeffersonville, Ind.—Miss Jennie B. Kenton, Lexington to Emmitt Highbarger, Lawrenceburg, Sunday in Jeffersonville, Ind.—Miss Dotty Shaw to Phillip Hillock, Saturday at the Carlisle Methodist Church.

DIED—Shirley C. Maffett, 49, Tuesday in Chicago.—Mrs. Mattie Curtis, 69, Lexington.—George V. Endicott, 85, Tuesday, at Johnson Memorial Hospital.—Mrs. Bertie Maxey Boone, 76, Cowan, Sunday.—Ivan Clark Soper, 69, Bourbon county, Monday at his home.

Thursday, April 30, 1936

Miss Willie Baker Booth, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Booth, was elected May Queen by the Senior and Junior classes of the Carlisle High School at the election held last Thursday.

The Carlisle Board of Education at its regular meeting Tuesday night deferred the election of its teachers for the 1936-37 term. The course of action of the board as to the number of teachers will be based upon the number of the district pupils to be enrolled in the school.

Governor Chandler's cigarette tax bill, No. 5, on his budget balancing tax program was passed by the Senate Friday without amendment by a vote of 20 to 18.

The May term of the Nicholas Circuit Court will open next Monday morning.

Students of the Carlisle High School won four first places and six second places in the district vocal music contest held at Maysville last Friday.

The I.G.A. store, which had been operated by the W.T. Sistrunk Company, Lexington, in the Bramblett building on West Main Street for several years, was closed last Thursday and the remainder of the stock and fixtures moved to Lexington.

Tobacco plants were not injured by the recent cold weather, farmers say.

DIED—Marshall Elrod, 70, of the Sugar Creek section of the county at his home last Thursday morning.—James H. Gilvin, 59, at the home of his sister, Mrs. W.H. Buntin in Millersburg Thursday.—Mrs. Hannah Rigg Woodward, 71, of Lexington, formerly of Nicholas county at a Lexington hospital, Thursday.—William Y. Ross, 73, at his home in Cynthiana last Thursday night.

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—When will the Kentucky Court of Appeals be created under the constitutional amendment approved by the voters in 1975?

The best guess is around July 1 according to Supreme Court Chief Justice Scott Reed, maybe a little sooner.

The amendment and enabling legislation says the governor is to appoint four members, the Kentucky Bar Association is to elect two members and Chief Justice Reed will constitute a nominating committee for the 14 Appellate Judgeships, two from each district. This committee is to nominate three judges from each of the seven districts, and the governor is to choose two within 60 days after the nomination. If he doesn't act within 60 days, then Justice Reed makes the appointments.

Deadline for the Bar Association balloting is May 9 to 15.

Judge Reed said last week he hopes the appellate appointments are made by mid-June. The new biennial budget begins July 1 that provides funds for the courts, but there is an emergency fund to provide office desks and other necessary equipment so the offices could become operative by July 1.

The new Appellate Court, with 14 members, will be structured this way: The new judges will elect their own chief judge and his duties will be chiefly administrative. One of the 14 will be named a swing judge and the other 12 will be divided into panels of three each. The swing judge will fill in for anyone ill on any of the four panels.

The appointed judges all will have to run for re-election in November, 1976 for a full eight year term on a non-partisan ballot. There will be no primary this first time, but in 1984 there will be a primary election. The two getting the most votes in the district then will be on the fall ballot.

For this year, however, the one getting the largest number of votes in the November election, regardless of how many run, will be elected. This makes all of the appellate judges up for election the same year, but the Supreme Court Judges will run at the time their present terms expire, thus creating a situation where all are not elected the same year.

If the Appellate Judges are named before July 1, their salaries will be the same ($32,000) as the present salary for Supreme Court Judges. But after July 1, a new salary schedule was adopted by the 1976 General Assembly. The chief justice of the Supreme Court's salary will be $39,500 a year, and other Judges will receive $35,000. The chief justice of the Court of Appeals will be

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Sports roundup

Track

The only gold medal ever to be won by a Bluejacket track team was won Saturday at the Male Invitational in Louisville.

The first-place award was won in the Girls Shuttle Hurdles. The team was composed of Carla Pryor, Mona Garrett, Deanna Darrell, and Judy Doyle. Male was second in the event.

In the Junior High competition, Dawaine Williams won first in the Triple Jump and third in the Long Jump. Gary White was second in the Pole Vault.

About 38 teams competed in the Louisville events.

Coach Ben Pumphrey said Monday that the local teams performed better than they ever had before.

Nicholas County's Invitational Track and Field Meet for boys, scheduled for Saturday, has been rescheduled for May 18.

The Junior High Invitational Track Meet will be held Tuesday, May 4, starting at 5 p.m. Bourbon, Pulaski and Nicholas Counties have registered to compete so far. Coach Pumphrey stressed that the track team needs people to come and watch the meets at home.

In other action last week, the meet with Owen County was not finished, so no score was kept. The competition was even, Coach Pumphrey said.

The Boys and Girls teams will participate in the Bourbon County Colonel Relays Saturday afternoon.

Baseball

The Bluejacket Baseball Team won one and lost one in games last week. The Bourbon County game was rained out and the Woodford game was cancelled.

In action Tuesday, the team defeated Paris 13-6; Saturday's game against Clark County netted a 19-0 loss.

Mike Mattox still holds the highest batting average of 567. Tony Ritchie is next with 500. Greg Letcher has the Most Runs Batted In—19. Tony Ritchie and David Snapp are tied for second with 17 each.

Ritchie has scored 19 runs so far this season and Letcher and Snapp are tied with 13 runs each. Ritchie has the most home runs—4.

Ricky Hicks still has not pitched a losing game, although he did not pitch against Clark County last week. His record stands at 5-0.

Golf

The Jackets Golf Team won its first match of the season last Thursday, defeating Montgomery County's golfers. Mt. Sterling forfeited the match to not competing on the local course last week as scheduled.

The teams play two matches this week, one at home and one away.

Tennis

The Boy's Tennis Team will play its first match Friday against Paris at Paris.

Other games scheduled for the boys are:

May 4	Paris	Home
May 10	MMI	Away
May 12	Harrison	Away
May 14	MMI	Home
May 19	Harrison	Home
May 25	Harrison	Home

The Girl's Tennis schedule is as follows:

May 5	Paris	Away
May 12	Harrison	Away
May 14	Harrison	Away
May 18	Paris	Home
May 19	Harrison	Home
May 25	Harrison	Home

$53.01 donated

The eighth grade girls of group 8-3 at Nicholas County Elementary School donated a total of $53.01 to the Scott Burton Fund, Bill Donovan, treasurer of the fund, said Monday. The girls sponsored a car wash Saturday to raise the funds.

The fund now totals $392.01, Donovan said, almost enough to pay one day's hospital expenses for young Burton.

Stamler holds open house in Millersburg Wednesday

About 500 people attended an open house at the W.R. Stamler Corp. in Millersburg last Wednesday afternoon, April 21. The new office facilities and plant were open for the public to view. The plant employees were on the job so that everyone could see the actual production of mining equipment and parts that the corporation produces in its up-to-date plant.

Stamler's employs 127 people, up from 87 a year ago. Employees are from Nicholas county, 32%; Bourbon county, 57%; Fayette and Harrison, 10%; and others 1%. William R. Stamler, president, said that payroll totaled $1,480,000 for fiscal year 1975 and the company paid employees an average of $1581 in profit sharing.

According to Stamler, there is a current backlog of orders for 18 months at the present rate of production.

Products are sold by distributors and agents domestically and by distributor/licensees in foreign countries. Export business was 7% in 1975 and should double this year, he said. Licensees manufacture the machines in France (for Europe) and South Africa from engineering and kits of component parts supplied by Stamler. Other foreign representation is in England, Australia, Brazil, and Canada.

This Corporation has every function of the largest corporation: product design, manufacturing, materials procurement, engineering application, and sales, according to Stamler.

"We are a 100% home grown company. We believe that local people can and will compete with major companies for the business of other major companies competitively, successfully, and profitably," he said.

Non-injury accident

Allen Earlywine, Carlisle Police Chief, reported a minor non-injury accident involving cars driven by Albert Pruitt of Little Rock and Elgin Merey, Route 4, Mt. Sterling.

The mishap occurred at 1 p.m. Sunday, April 25, on High Street in Dorseyville, he said. When Pruitt attempted to pull his car off High Street and hit Merey's car in the back fender. Little damage was done to either car.

Offices expanded

Pictured are William R. Stamler, president of the W.R. Stamler Corp. in Millersburg and Charles M. Anderson, vice-president, watching final touches being put on the corporation's recently completed office expansion. Stamler's, a producer of coal mining equipment, employs 127 people, 32% of which are Nicholas county residents. One year ago, total employment was 87.

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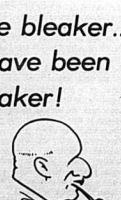

The last commencement address I sat through was almost 40 years ago. I figure I haven't missed a thing.

But now that the windmill season is on us again, it looks like all graduating things are coming to an end for me. I have to sit through two of them, one high school, one college.

When you've heard one commencement speech, you've heard them all. Every one of those windbags buy their Die Hard batteries for their tongues at the same Sears store and throw out the same old stock challenges to a bunch of kids a lot more interested in getting their hands on the pop-top of a cool one than rushing out to slay all the dragons of the world.

I think if I had a choice of commencement speakers, I'd choose Calvin Coolidge. At the laying of a cornerstone, President Coolidge turned over a spadeful of earth like he was supposed to do and said nothing.

It was obvious the gathering had expected him to say a few words. So finally the master of ceremonies suggested that a few words would be fitting. Cal looked over the upturned earth and said:

"That's a fine fishworm."

Not all graduating classes have been so docile as the ones we have now. When the Athenian Aristocrat Academy was about to bestow goatskin certificates on its graduates, the class was a little upset that the dean couldn't get a better speaker than Demosthenes, who talked with rocks in his mouth as well as his head.

Demosthenes was the Henry Kissinger of ancient Greece and talked louder than the surf, a thing that riled the graduating class because they couldn't hear when the surfer came in and figured they would miss some of the big waves if they hung around listening to Demosthenes rattle the rafters.

When they hissed and booed the old orator, he finally offered them a bargain. He said he had only a short story to tell and then they could go soak their heads in the beach for all he cared.

"A certain youth hired an ass, in the summertime," Demosthenes said, "to go from his home to Megara."

"At noon they stopped to rest and both the youth and the owner of the ass got into a squabble about who was going to get to sit in the shade of the ass.

"I rented the ass and all that belongs to this miserable creature is mine," the youth said.

"I hired out only the ass to you, not its shadow," insisted the owner.

At this point, Demosthenes closed shop and started to leave but the class insisted he continue. "How is it that you insist upon hearing the story of the shadow of the ass and will not give an ear to matters of great moment?" Demosthenes shouted. He got to give his stock commencement speech, but never did settle the question of the ass and his shadow.

If a silver-tongued dude like Demosthene would leave a thing like that unanswered, you can imagine the answers you are going to get from presentday commencement speakers.

On the other hand, after-dinner speakers are easier to endure. Most people are more tolerant of unpleasant noises when they are full of steak and potatoes. Besides, it provides a good opportunity to take a little nap, which most men enjoy after eating.

The British medical journal, Lancet, gave this advice on how to sleep during speeches at public dinners:

"The head should rest on a tripod formed of the trunk and of the arms firmly placed on the table. The head should be placed in the hands in a slightly flexed position to allow the tongue to fall forward and prevent stercorous breathing. The fingers should be outstretched over the face and eyes, pressing the skin of the forehead upwards to wrinkle it. This gives an appearance of deep concentration."

Since Patrick Henry, America has been a speech-prone nation. Any time you put three or more people together over a piece of pie or a paper, someone is going to make a speech. If you ever get stuck with the job of getting a speaker, here are nine techniques that have proved fatally effective in persuading people to speak at dinners:

1. The "next fall" technique. Almost anyone will agree, if you ask them far enough in advance.

2. The "importance" technique, implying, that the speaker and the occasion is extremely important.

3. The "all-expense paid plus $75 routine."

4. The "keynote" technique. All windbags like to think of themselves as keynoters.

5. The long-distance call technique. This stresses importance, urgency and a quick answer.

6. The "intimate friend" technique.

7. The "no-one-else-can-do-it" technique.

8. The "Whole-committee-voted-for-you" gimmick.

9. The Chicago technique. He is sent a printed program with his name on it as speaker.

Generally, there are three types of chairman species (1) chairmen who want to prove they can make a better speech than the speaker, and try to do it, (2) chairmen who fear the speaker is about to cause the audience some pain, and tries to give the antidote in advance, (3) chairmen who believe it is their duty to practice reading the speaker's obituary, probably in case the speaker chokes on a pulley bone.

I hope those commencement speakers remember:

One thing a speaker
should remember for sure.
The mind can absorb only
what the seat can endure.

Onward, upward, outward.