Opinion

ANOTHER PROBLEM

Complacency

Too many of us are satisfied with our present lot. Our thinking has become shallow. There is too much complacency right here in Nicholas County, due we think to our affluent society.

Of course we hear you say, 'He's off his rocker—it's all one can do to make ends meet, and they're always asking for more funds for this endeavor or that.'

We base our statements on the fact that during the past two weeks following the publishing of our opinion, which may have been an unorthodox way of bringing to your attention needed facts and information, we've received only three letters, all good, supporting our vital need for a new hospital. As you read this, and hopefully you will, there are only nine weeks left to get the message — VOTE for a new hospital across.

On Nov. 2, 1976, the citizens of Nicholas County will be asked to vote a bond issue for the building and equipping of a new hospital. The payment of this bond issue will probably never cost you, the property owners, a cent.

Nicholas county **must have a hospital.** We cannot continue to use the present hospital, since it does not meet State and Federal requirements, and the cost of renewing the old would be greater than building a new hospital. It will be built on County land and connected to the County's Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home. As you can see, operating a combined Health Care facility will be much more economical than operating two separate facilities. We will have larger patient rooms, heated and cooled correctly, bathrooms for each room, some private rooms, less noise, comfortable waiting areas, larger laboratory and office areas, etc.

The auditors and bonding agents tell us that Nicholas county's record is excellent. There will be no problem selling the bonds. The best news they have is that this combined Health Care Facility would be self-supporting and can probably pay for itself, thus no burden to the property owners.

You will be hearing a lot about this in the next two months. If you have questions, please get the facts from Mrs. Robert Sparks, Taylor Mathers, Charles Cox, Edgar Darrell, John Anderson or any members of the hospital board. One out of every nine of us will need this Hospital each year.

It will take a two-thirds 'Yes' majority to keep Nicholas County on top. Do your part.

Make an effort, attend State's Bicent Celebration

Everyone should make every possible effort to get out and attend the State's Bicentennial Celebration at Blue Licks State Park this week.

The people of this area should join in with all of the visitors and really get into the spirit of things. We should show that we have pride in our heritage and the deeds of our forefathers. Blue Licks is the only Revolutionary War battlesite in the State of Kentucky and we should display a sense of gratitude and honor to the brave patriots who fought and gave their lives on the battlefield so that we might enjoy the total freedom that they so craved but were denied by the tyranny of the British crown.

This is also a chance for the people of this area to show their support of the Blue Licks State Park itself. A recent feasibility study said that their weren't enough people visiting the park to warrant the adding of additional facilities, namely a lodge. Right now, during the celebration there will be top officials of the state government attending Blue Licks for the celebration this would be an excellent time for the people of this region to get out to the park and show these officials that there are people in Central Kentucky who care and who are tired of the neglectful attitude given to Blue Licks State Park. A strong display of public sentiment and emotion would surely not hinder the current attempts by the Blue Licks Commemorative Commision to get a lodge extablished at the park. It also might awaken the people of Kentucky to this beautiful area of the state that so many have not yet utilized for their enjoyment.

This is our chance to honor Blue Licks State Park as it should have been honored long ago. Don't let the chance slip by.

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Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Real need

When the eye doctor said the other day, you really need a pair of tri-focal lenses, it sorta confused me. I quickly said let's try another pair of bi-focals, but this trade-off between the closeup and the distance lens has me stepping high. I've also noticed that the bi-focal is on the nose at 18 inches and I guess I'll have to learn to look all over again.

—MV—

Suffered

Last week our halftones, that is pictures in The Mercury, really suffered. Wish I could lay it all on the glasses, but it was because I got the highlight dot too tight and we didn't get the best print job, seems they were trying to wean us away from ink. Additionally our photographs lacked contrast, so all in all, last weeks paper was a boshed up job to our way of seeing.

—MV—

Incisions and decisions

Maybe I'm consuming too much cranberry juice, I've been told it's good for what ails me. Anyway this tiny sliver of stone so I'm told, is still slyly lying in wait for the opportunity to lay me low again. Three or four weeks ago it was kicking up a fuss about every other day, such a fuss that I logged about 100 hours in the hospital. Just last week there was another x-ray, and the decision, not incision was let's wait another month.

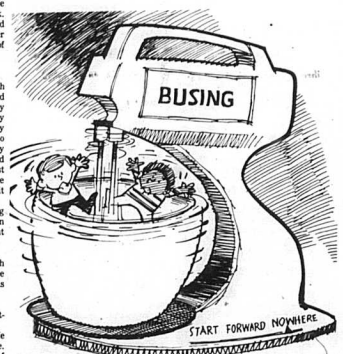
I've always been intrigued by owning a piece of the rock like the couple in Prudential Life's advertisement, but I'll be glad when this stone departs.

—MV—

Marion Sims left the following which was distributed by Community Service Systems, Inc., I suppose for this column:

Ten Commandments for Husbands

1. Remember thay thy wife is thy partner and not thy property.
2. Do not expect thy wife to be thy wife and wage earner at the same time.
3. Think not that thy business is none of thy wife's business.
4. Thou shalt hold thy wife's love by the same means that thou didst win it.
5. Thou shalt make the building of thy home thy first business.
6. Thou shalt cooperate with thy wife in establishing family discipline.
7. Thou shalt enter into thy house with cheerfulness.
8. Thou shalt not let any criticize thy wife to thy face and get away with it; not thy father, nor thy mother, nor thy brethren, nor thy sisters, nor any that are thy relatives.
9. Thou shalt not take thy wife for granted.
10. Remember thy home and keep it holy.



Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

As a newspaper man and a photographer, I thought you might like to see the enclosed pictures of the terrible flood that hit our county the night of July 31 and the morning of August 1. This is the worst disaster in the history of Colorado. I have witnessed some terrible things during 41 years as a peace officer but I have never seen anything that even comes close to this. The pictures really don't tell the story as U.S. 34 was wiped out for 24 miles through the Big Thompson Canyon as well as the town of Drake and the town of Glen Haven. Just about all the houses, stores, etc. are gone and so far 80 bodies have been recovered but most of these were washed down out of the canyon. The final death toll will run close to 200. Only 18 have been identified inasmuch as many were in bed and the ones that were dressed had their clothes torn off and so there were no billfolds, etc., on the bodies or any means of identifying them. The FBI sent in a team to fingerprint them but there are many that it will never be known who they were. Many bodies probably are buried under 20 or 30 feet of mud, boulders, etc., and will never be found. Our Larimer County Sheriff's Department of which I an a special deputy, tried to warn the people to get out but they wouldn't believe there was going to be a flood and many went back to sleep. A state patrolman lost his life trying to get people out.

If you can picture a cloudburst with ten inches of rain being funneled into a narrow canyon then you will know what it was like. There were boulders as large as a car being tossed 20 feet into the air. There were cottonwood trees 80 feet tall smashed into kindling wood.

Jim Crump
318 South Wilcomb
Ft. Collins, Colo. 80521

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Enclosed please find check for another year's subscription to the good old Carlisle Mercury. After all these years I still enjoy the good old Nicholas county news where I grew up at, where I still have a lot of first and second cousins. It's still home to me. Mrs. Lida E. Gardner was our county school superintendent those days.

With love and best wishes,
Mrs. Lillie (Mann) Hunt

Russ Metz

If you can keep your head, mugging is a learning experience

Welcome back, Mr. Kotter . . . and stick 'em up!

A Jacksonville, Florida, junior high teacher decided to kick the textbook habit and put some real life in the classroom. He and his students literally threw their books out the window—at least the books on news reporting for their class newspaper — and announced to everyone they were going to learn it like it is.

No more theory and abstract assumptions, but simple matter of fact things from everyday life. The kind of stuff we live with each day. And to make the children more observant of current happenings, the teacher staged a little spontaneous episode for them.

Masked bandits burst into the room and robbed the class and kidnapped one of the kids without any of them, including the victim, being let in on the experiment. The Frito banditoes were probably high school students experienced in this subject and the kiddies were supposed to be alert enough to reliably report what happened.

Goodbye, Mr. Kotter. Don't call us. We'll call you.

Maybe Florida school board members are more appreciative of innovative teachers than they are around here and the students will come away with great learning experience, but I doubt that we are ready for this.

Our board did not take kindly to a science teacher, who set a Bunsen burner under the chair of a student, who had been distrupting his chemistry class. The burner did not set the boy on fire but did make him sweat a little, which was what it was supposed to do.

I'm all for this real-life bit and have some suggestions for other ways to teach our children how to make it on the outside. It might be a learning experience to:

—Show every child how to pick up a pair of dirty socks from the floor. Call it Roommanship.

—Give each a $100 pay check and let him figure out how to pay $125 in bills from it. Partnership.

—Assign each young tyke his own pet frog. Then set them up as easy marks by room-to-room shady senior class salesmen posing as frog repairmen. The flim-flam artists will ask to examine the pets and then pronounce the critters on their last legs, suffering from a rare and fatal disease called frog flu. Lucky for the kids, the super slickers just happen to have for sale the famous old Indian frog medicine, Croak-More. Absolutly guaranteed to put the little buggers back in perfect health after a few gulps. Step right up with your two bits in hand. Who's next? Salesmanship.

—Require every school child to spend a half day in jail without pop and potato chips. This lesson recommended only where jails are less uncomfortable than students' homes. Brinksmanship.

—Pay every kid for going to school and then assess it all back from the boy on fire but did make him sweat a little, which was what it was supposed to do. forms that offer a sporting chance of getting their money back if they can correctly fill them out. No way. Fednanship.

—Bring in politicians from opposing parties to double-talk the students for a couple of hours on a hot day. Then ask the kids to decide which to vote for on what they have heard. One-upsmanship.

—Inject a little fun in the classroom by asking the kiddies to fill out a work application form without misspelling their own names. This should be considered a frill course to fill in between social studies and sandbox. Parents can be counted on to instruct them in filling out welfare applications and what to say when interviewed for public loafing. Dolemanship.

—When the student successfully completes the course, he is presented with a certificate of achievement—with his name fouled up. Ingnonship.

Even with sure-fire innovations as these, there is no load-pipe assurance a kid, who can't play a guitar, is going to make it after he leaves school.

Often creative and imaginative students are not revognized by their teachers, because there is no fail-safe way of measuring man's real potential. Take these humbling cases for career counselors:

Albert Einstein was four years old before he could speak and seven before he could read.

Isaac Newton was rated a poor elementary school student.

Ludwig Van Beethoven's music teacher said, "As a composer, he is hopeless."

Thomas Edison was told by a teacher that he was too stupid to learn anything.

F.W. Woolworth worked in a dry goods store at 21 but his employer would not let him wait on customers because "he didn't have enough sense."

Walt Disney was fired by a newspaper editor for "no good ideas."

Winston Churchill failed the 6th grade.

Just before graduation back in high school, I remember one of our profs telling us, "Now that you have finished your high school studies, I want to tell you one thing more. Half of all I have taught you is wrong. But the trouble is, I don't know which half."

Onward, upward.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, August 23, 1956

Local merchants are sponsoring a fashion show for the Nicholas County Homemakers, Aug. 31.

At the request of the Carlisle-Nicholas Cunty Chamber of Commerce a light and warning device was recently installed by the L&N Railroad at the Jackstown Road crossing near Carlisle.

The Nicholas County Board of Education has set Sept. 10 for the opening of the seven county schools. The board took into consideration the harvesting of tobacco which will be late due to spring and summer floods.

Dr. A.L. Gardner, a retired optometrist, has been under observation and treatment for the past week at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Waggoner, a son, Sunday in Paris.—To Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Harris, a daughter, Barbara Lynn, Aug. 13.—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wills of Williamstown, a daughter, Carla Rose, Aug. 15 in Lexington.—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Downey, Sharpsburg, a son, Aug. 19.

MARRIED—Miss Willa B. Vice to George Joyce of Bassett, Va., Sat.—Miss Betty Louise Campbell, to Melvin E. Farley, Wednesday.

DIED—Mrs. Bessie A. Mynhier, 72, Monday in Owingsville—Chester C. Stephenson, 55, at his home in Covington, Friday.

Thursday, August 20, 1936

Hundreds attended exercises at Blue Licks yesterday being the Hon. Fred M. Vinson deliver the principal address. The program began at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning and a picnic dinner was spread at the noon hour.

Oiling of the streets of Carlisle has been about completed and Street Superintendent Joe Clay said the work will probably be completed this week.

Carlisle citizens are urged to be more conservative in the use of water as the lake is alarmingly low.

Calvin Darrell has a position in the chemical laboratory of the State Highway Commission at Frankfort and left Monday for that place to assume his new duties.

Approximately 300 applications for old age pensions have been filed in Nicholas county, Miss Jimmie Henry said Wednesday. Miss Henry said that full information concerning the eligibility of persons to receive the pensions will be given within the next week or two.

Engineers have completed the survey for the proposed new dam and lake for the Carlisle water works.

Ernest Ward has taken a position in the railroad mail service at Cincinnati.

Mrs. Retta Hamilton sustained a sprained foot when she fell down a flight of stairs.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Charlton McFarland, a son, on Saturday, Aug. 15.

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—As of now the upcoming special session of the General Assembly is drawing more attention from Kentucky politicians than the November Presidential race.

Gov. Julian Carroll announced last week that four additional topics may be considered in the special session along with restructuring of Kentucky's court system and deep mine safety.

County judges and members of Fiscal Courts throughout the state are deeply interested in what their roles will be come 1978 when the restructuring of the lower court system becomes effective. This is the problem that the legislature must handle in special session.

County judges, fiscal court members and police judges lose their judicial powers Jan. 1, 1978. Their duties will be taken over by district judges created under the constitutional amendment approved by the people in November, 1975.

The taking of judicial powers away from these elected officials is just a portion of the problem. Fines, forfeitures and fees collected by these present officials go to the counties and cities now and provide an important source of revenue to these local governments.

Under the new judicial system, all of the fees will go to the state, and the state will pay the judges.

Some small cities and counties rely heavily upon the court fines and fees for the operation of city government. Gov. Carroll has appointed task forces to learn the impact upon local government of the new court system.

The governor has said the legislature must make some provision in establishing the new district court system to reimburse local governments for the revenue they will lose. At the same time, the provisions must include sufficient income to pay the operation of these new courts through the state.

Presumably, the legislature must establish fees and court charges sufficient to cover all of these costs. The state will then return a portion of the revenue to local governments.

There is no problem connected with the City Police Court under the new system. This court is done away with and the office of police judge as well.

But on the county level, the county judge and members of fiscal court are constitutional offices that were not obliterated by the amendment.

The chief duty of fiscal court members is that of members of the board of directors, so to speak, to handle the county's financial affairs. The office of county judge is being chairman of fiscal court as well as judicial duties.

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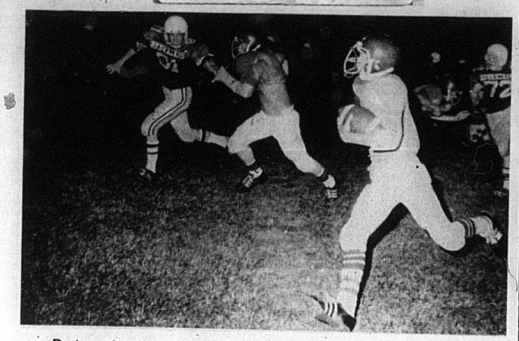

Determination makes it great

Sophomore Quarterback, Mark Rudd, scampers around left end in Nicholas county's first scrimmage of the season with Harrison county. Leading the blocking for the play is fullback Randy Hunter.—Audra Mann photo

Nicholas faces Belfrey tonight

Nicholas county tailback, Clifford Thompson, eludes an on-coming Harrison county tackler for a big gainer in Friday's scrimmage between the Bluejackets and the Harrison County Thoroughbreds.—Kay Conley photo

Cheerleaders attend clinic, win ribbons

The Junior Varsity and Varsity cheerleaders from Nicholas County High School captured seven ribbons last week during a cheerleading clinic held at Eastern Kentucky University.

The Varsity squad won two blue ribbons and two white ones. The Junior Varsity won three red ribbons. About 40 cheerleading squads with a total of over 270 girls participated in the competition.

Ms. Joanie Elder, J.V. sponsor, accompanied the girls to the Sunday through Thursday clinic.

Varsity squad members are Rhonda Goodman, Charlotte Wagonik, Patty Fryman, Judy Doyle, Lori White, Cindy McDonald and Liz Stiwart.

JV members are Cindy Clark, Dana Howard, Mary Jane Harper, Deanna Darrell, Joanie Owings, and Clarnita Williams.

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Softball tourney planned Labor Day

The Millersburg Volunteer Fire Department is sponsoring a mens slow pitch softball tournament to be held during the Labor Day weekend at Millersburg Ball Park. The entry fee is $50 per team. The tournament drawing will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 29 at the ball park.

All proceeds will go into the building fund for the proposed new Millersburg Fire Department building.

For further information contact Fire Chief, Kenneth Dampier at 484-2086 or Donnie Crump at 484-2344.

Library wants paperbacks

Mrs. Taylor Snelling requests that anyone having paper back books that they no longer need please bring them to the Nicholas County Library.

Vice reunion held Aug. 9

The annual Vice reunion was held Monday, Aug. 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vice. Due to much sickness a smaller crowd was in attendance.

Those who attended: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Vice, Mrs. Jessie Vice, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rose, and Mrs. Randolph Wagoner, Lexington; Mrs. Mamye Walker and Mark Bramel, Covington; Raymond Vice and Marion Finch, Mt. Sterling.

Mr. and Mrs. E.H. Mitcheltree, Paris; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Walker and son, Mr. and Mrs. James Wells, Mrs. Charles Crump, Timmy, Camille and Chris, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Vice, Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver Jr., Albert Vice, Olen Clary, Mr. and Mrs. T.H. Vice, all of the Carlisle-Nicholas county area.

Mr. and Mrs. E.M. Crouch, North Middletown, and Mr. and Mrs. James W. Vice.

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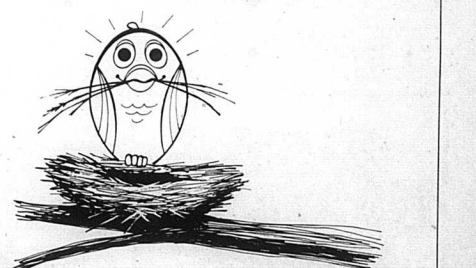

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14. OTHER (Specify)	$	$
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THE GOVERNMENT OF NICHOLAS COUNTY has received General Revenue Sharing payments totaling $ 89,509

During the period from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976

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1. Balance as of June 30, 1975	$ 41,334
2. Revenue Sharing Funds Received from July 1, 1975 thru June 30, 1976	$ 89,509
3. Interest Received (Cred'ed only 1975 thru June 30, 1976)	$
4. Funds Released from Obligations of Any	$
5. Sum of Lines 1-2-3-4	$ 130,843.
6. Funds Returned to OPS of Any	$
7. Total Funds Available	$ 130,843.
8. Total Actual Expenses (Line 15, Col. C)	$ 70,493.
9. Balance of Funds on Hand (Line 7 minus Line 8)	$ 60,350.

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