Opinion

It has proven itself

I think it is time that the people of Carlisle and Nicholas county know that a new hospital is an assurance. I feel I can speak from experience. Having come here in 1930 to the then Johnson Memorial Hospital, during the depression, which many of us hate to think about, these good people kept the doors open with donations. Services were for medical, surgical, obstetrics and orthopedics with the services of many Lexington doctors.

We out grew the little hospital and proved that the present hospital could be maintained which it has done for 26 years.

Now is the time to look ahead and grow with future plans for a much more expansive hospital. As has been proven we will attract more doctors and insure not only our local people but those from surrounding counties of better health facilities.

I feel I know a great many of these people, not only in contact with them while I was Superintendent of the little hospital but also the contact I had with them as County Health Nurse for eight years.

I am positive they will not let us down, so everyone get out and vote YES.

This issue has touched many, many lives in our county.

Signed: Doris Dahlke Fisher

Careful, school children are awaiting school buses

If you the reader will be a groggy eyed motorist Monday morning, Aug. 30, be aware of the shock that awaits you as you pull out of your driveway and zoom down the road trying to make up those lost minutes. When you see the big yellow red dotted thing coming at you full force and 14 children waiting most impatiently at the side of the road prepare to hit those brakes.

Nicholas County Schools start Monday and for the first time about 106 first graders who have never waited for a bus will be standing excitedly by the road. It's your responsibility as a motorist to be alert and watchful of these and other children attending school whether they are walking or riding a bus.

Here are a few things to remember while you are driving along during the 8 o'clock and 3 o'clock hours of the day.

1. It is not only dangerous but against the law to pass a school bus loading or unloading children.
2. Watch in all directions for children running for the bus or crossing the street walking to school.
3. When a bus stops you are required to stop also; it doesn't matter what direction you are going in.
4. All regular traffic laws should especially be followed during school hours.
5. All speed limits are reduced to 20-25 miles per hour in school zones.

The most important thing to remember is just be alert. Even the most watchful and observant child is going to be excited and interested in the friends that they are with on the all important first day back in school. They may not pay any attention to oncoming cars.

Conserve natural energy

Something everyone talks or has talked about, but seem to know little about is the Gas Shortage. With the price of fuel going up, as evidenced by Carlisle City Council's recent gas price raise, and one gas man saying that if people would only slow up in gas usage for awhile things would get better and another telling that the whole mess is just a big hoax to get prices up and it's just in keeping up with the Jones overseas, who do we, American Consumers believe?

One truth in the matter is that our natural gas supply can't handle the needs and demands placed on it. In March of this year, for the first time in United States history, the U.S. imported more crude oil than it produced. That has got to mean something. In other words, if there is not a shortage where could the U.S. be hiding all its gas, under the bed?

Another fact is that it has been said that the U.S. has enough undeveloped gas reserves to cover present deficiencies if they were only developed. Why can't they be developed? Is it lack of funds, lack of public interest and support or lack of Congressional support and approval.

Columbia seems confident that it can meet needs for the consumer in the future but what about tomorrow?

We as consumers should let a few people know that we are for natural gas resource development plans and that we will stand by our Congressmen and their policies if they take a stand for us.

So the question is presented, what are you doing in the present gas shortage to help conserve natural energy?

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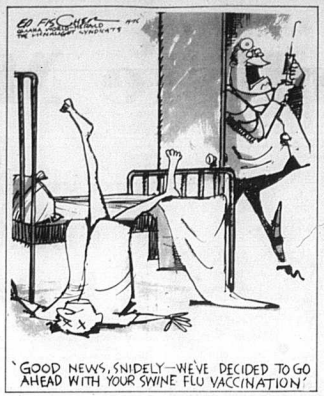

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—The task force of the Deep Mine Safety Commission last week approved a safety analyst program to be presented to the special session of the General Assembly this November.

There probably will be some refinements to the plan before it is submitted in bill form.

As proposed by the task force, if the plan is fully implemented it would require the addition of 340 new state employes for mine inspections. This would be at a cost of slightly more than 8 million dollars a year.

It's a lot easier in many cases to work out such a system on paper than it is to implement it.

There are at least two major problems, and either one is sufficient for it to take months or even years to implement the proposed safety program that was sparked in the 1976 session of the General Assembly when 26 men were killed in two mine explosions at the Scotia mine of Blue Diamond Coal Co. near Cumberland in Southeastern Kentucky.

Rep. Glenn Freeman of Cumberland proposed a mine inspection program following the blast in the closing days of the session, but there was not time in the session to prepare and pass such a program.

Gov. Julian Carroll asked that the program be delayed for the special session this fall that already had been announced to establish the new court system approved by the voters in November 1975.

The first problem to implementing the program is that sufficient trained personnel is not available to staff all of the positions at the beginning.

From the governor's viewpoint, it's money. In an interview last week with this column, Carroll said, "It sounds like a fine program. The only thing is, we don't have that kind of money".

Sen. Ken Gibson, D-Madisonville, said at the staff meeting last week, "Right now the governor doesn't have more than $5 million to pump into the program". He said such a plan probably would have to be instituted in phases because of money and personnel.

There wasn't any money set up for such a program in the budget approved by the 1976 session of the General Assembly. The budget set up $2 million in the governor's contingency fund, but this would not be sufficient to get the program effectively started if it were all used for that purpose, but the thing is that the governor could not wisely allocate the full amount of this fund to one purpose. It has to be saved for other emergencies.

For example, last year, the governor had to go to the contingency fund to help bail out the state colleges and secondary school systems to meet unusual fuel costs that were not included in their budgets.

In the interview, Carroll also was questioned about what type of regulations are being planned for the safety program and how much power it will have for enforcement. The governor said these questions are being and have been given close consideration. "I think this is being taken care of," he said. The regulations have to be strong enough for enforcement on a two-way street. . .the operators and workmen alike. It is common now for union members to pull a wildcat strike when one of their members is being disciplined by management. This is the sort of thing that the new law and regulations must provide for in the event that a worker violates safety regulations. It is human nature to become careless at times. But the lives of others depend upon the actions of a miner underground. Many accidents have been attriuted to carelessness on the part of a worker. But that wasn't true in the Scotia explosion according to findings released by state and federal mine inspectors.

The special legislative session may be able to find some surplus funds to help finance the safety program proposed, but the governor says there isn't enough to implement it all at once, and it will be necessary to train men for the safety inspection positions.

Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Strong leanings

We seem to have a penchant for misspelling words or getting the wrong name.

Several weeks ago in a name, telephone number and who to call chart the word near the end was supposed to be "antidote", but it came out "anecdote" or nearly so except for a transposition.

The first word means a remedy to counteract the effects of poison. While the second is a narrative, usually brief, of an interesting incident or event.

Well, briefly we provided some with a good laugh!

—MV—

Another mistake

Larry Stone, co-editor of the Times-Argus, Muhlenberg county's oldest and largest newspaper, penned me a short note last Thursday, the 19th, to tell me not to pay for the Magic Word of that issue.

Stone had correctly come up with the solution, but had three letters left over. He was indignant that he'd wasted the whole morning looking for CROWN.

Anyway Larry, I'll pay off at the next convention.

—MV—

A Topless match

There have been topless other things, but a match that snuffs itself out is headed for the market this fall.

Nearly 25 billion books of paper matches are distributed free every year. Most are used to set ablaze nearly 600 billion cigarettes, plus lots of other things.

Now one company has come up with a match that is coated with a fire-resistant chemical just below the tip. The match burns for 12 to 15 seconds—then flickers out without being blown on or shaked.

Like the article says, the new design is clearly a step in a safer direction, then it goes on in an attempt to put us all out of business. "A more inspired project would be a tobacco-resistant match or one that only lights up the candles on birthday cakes."

—MV—

While on the Subject

A recently released report on an experimental burley baling project says growers seem to like baling . . . the reduction in labor required to strip burley and transport to market could amount to 5 or 6 cents per pound if baling is used . . . requires less skill than hand-tying . . . tobacco can be stripped when in a dryer condition . . . it greatly improves the handling of tobacco during stripping and during loading and unloading for market.

Now the holdup seems to be that more work is needed to iron out manufacturer's problems. Warehousemen found the bales easier to handle, but manufacturers reported increased loading and unloading time.

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I would like to commend Mr. Jimmie Craycraft of Sardis, Mr. Jock Conley of Carlisle, Mayor Earl M. Linville, Mt. Olivet, Mrs. Peter Davenport, Bourbon county, Mrs. Andrew Duke, Maysville, Mrs. Marjorie Montgomery, Mt. Olivet, Mrs. Margy Johns, Somerset, Rep. Adrian Arnold, Mt. Sterling, Mrs. Bernice Simons, Mt. Olivet for a job well done in the Blue Licks Bicentennial Celebration Aug. 19-22. It was by far the most fun four days that I have spent in a long time. There was something special going on at all times. Thanks guys and gals.

Mrs. Betty Barton
Carlisle, Ky.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, August 30, 1956

A series of robberies Tuesday evening netted thieves between three and four hundred dollars, bed clothes, a shot gun and other miscellaneous items. Places entered were Turner Donahue's store on Dorsey Avenue, the home of John DeAtley on East Union Road, and a trailer belonging to Henry Sexton.

The Carlisle Musketeer football squad is undergoing preparation to begin their 1956 football campaign against Paris on Sept. 7. Coached for the second straight year by Ed Wells, a former Morehead Eagle star, the Musketeers should end the season with a winning slate. Barring any injuries, the squad has the best potential of any squad in the past few years.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrod of Versailles, a daughter, Aug. 13.

DIED—Henry F. Fryman, 79, in Robertson county.—Redford Banta, 85, at Nicholas County Hospital, Tuesday.—Mrs. J.C. Garrett, 80 of Lexington, Sunday.

MARRIED—Miss Betty Louise Campbell to Melvin E. Farley of Bellevue, Wednesday.—Miss Nancy Eloise Bussell to Delano Smoot, Aug. 11.

Thursday, August 27, 1936

Mrs. Alice Mastin, aged resident of Carlisle, was the first Nicholas county person to receive an old age pension check. The amount paid ranges from $2 to $15 per month.

The extremely hot, dry weather of the past week caused farmers to begin cutting and housing their tobacco before firing ruined flings and trash.

Attention of parents is called to the state law which requires that all children be vaccinated before they enter school.

A light hail fell in the Locust Grove section of the county Monday afternoon.

MARRIED—Miss Jewel Mitchell and Malcolm Berry on Sunday morning.—Mrs. Elizabeth Veach Beaty of Carlisle and James B. Duckett of Forest City, N.C. Thursday morning.

DIED—Mrs. Alice Hughes Maffett, 71, last Thursday at her home in Maysville—Miss Teresa Minogue, native of Nicholas county, Sunday at her home in Covington.

Russ Metz

President-For-A-Minute run up flagpole to see who salutes

With everyone either hiding under courtyard benches or down at the post office picking up their government poredom checks, it's been a slow week for newspaper snoops. That's about the only excuse I can give for interviewing myself again.

It has been said that prior to the Republican convention, President Ford was spending so much time chasing delegates the country was virtually without leadership. Like they say, who is minding the store?

So what else is new? Every president bucking for reelection has taken a sabbatical to hustle up votes and we have survived it. Count your blessings. When he is out of town, he is not signing more laws or sending more artillery to the Arabs.

The president's absence from the White House is a good time to put my President-For-A-Minute program into operation. If you lined up all the people wanting to be president, it would extend from Hollywood to Washington, so why not line them up and cash in on the idea.

A crew of men works fulltime raising flags over the capitol, so congressmen will have "an American flag that has flown over the capitol" to send back to home folks. This has become such a popular thing, you can't help but wonder if the flag-raisers might not slip in a few unknown models now and then just to keep up with the order.

Anyway, that's the way my President-For-A-Minute would work. For say a fee of 50 bucks, you would be escorted into the president's office and seated in his chair. After being "sworn in" you would have your picture taken signing an order giving yourself food stamps and then shown the door to make room for the next egotistical nut.

The 50-buck fee would go toward paying off the national debt and sending Henry Kissinger off to camp. And, like all campaign expenses, it would be tax deductible.

Hubert Humphrey, Harold Stassen and George Wallace are expected to be strong supporters of this plan. As a reward for their A-for-effort, they may go to the head of the line.

When school teachers began unionizing for collective bargaining with their boards, you came up with the flakey proposal that students should rate the same advantages. How is your organization of students coming along?

Would you believe I have student union locals organized across the country? I didn't think you would. To tell you the truth, it has been hard to get the kids to part with their pop-and-pot allowances to hire a bargaining agent, who likes to live in Florida during summer break.

But I aim to sweeten the pot to bring them around. Another benefit of my student union will be tenure. Each student, who spends five years in a school is automatically granted tenure by the system.

Once anointed with tenure, no student can be dismissed or denied promotion up to retirement age of 65. This would relieve the student of petty political involvement, threats from the principal and harassment from the teachers and allow him to devote full time and effort to learning, or whatever he is in school for.

Although granting tenure might severly limit accountability, productivity and a student's desire to do his best work, it must be tolerated. If it's good for teachers; it's good for the students.

We need to assure students a place in school without fear in presenting innovative ideas or bucking the system in the interest of quality education.

What do you think about the kid in California who sued the school and his teachers for not giving him a good education?

He rates an A in shysterology in any prelaw course. But, in all fairness, the teacher ought to have the same rights. If a student is wasting the teacher's time by not at least paying attention, he ought to be sued for taking an education under false pretense. Punishable by loss of smoke breaks and six months in the Caesar's Gaulic War Latin class.

I read where Elizabeth Ray, the woman who received on Washington fringe benefit, is about to get another. She is covering the Republican convention for a magazine for men. How does that grab you?

Like a lead glove. She claimed she couldn't type when she worked for Rep. Wayne Hays in the fun-and-games section of his Washington office. If she can overcome this loss of credibility, she ought to make a great reporter. She has the knack for remembering every detail and, as they say in the cliche department, she isn't prone to argue.

It seems that the publisher of Genesis magazine, after seeing Liz pose for nudie pictures for his skin sheet, recognized her talents as a "bright, articulate woman" who wants to write. Uh-huh!

He said he asked her to cover the Republican convention because "she has had a unique opportunity to observe the political scene in Washington." That she has. And her angle of observation has been somewhat different than the usual eye-to-eye confrontation.

And why not. I see no reason why the Democrats should have all the fun around the secretarial pool. The Republicans need some relaxation from the tiring job of picking locks and rifling file cabinets.

Not only can Liz the Lip pick up a slew of juicy convention, tid-bits, she can probably make a fortune not having her picture taken. Staid, old Republicans will be tickled to offer her a nice retainer just to stay away from them. The younger, more virile delegates would be more receptive, but what do they know about pillow politics?

If that's the best you can come up with out of a dynamite interview like this, it's no wonder your victims hide from you. Remind me to ignore you the next time you talk to me.

Don't I always as I open the fourth beer?

Down, down and away.

Farm and Home

County extension agents
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Mrs. Margie Wilson

This seems to be the year for new canning products! Many stores have Morton's Company Canning Tablets available for canning tomatoes or juice. These tablets contain both salt and citric acid and may be used as recommended by the company. Two tablets per quart of tomatoes provide the correct amoung of citric acid for safe canning. Dr. Dennis Fox, Foods Biochemist, College of Agriculture, tested some tablets and found them to have the correct amount of citric acid for safety and flavor. Anyone on a low sodium diet should use citric acid, lemon juice or vinegar and omit the salt.

Some homemakers have been sold ascorbic acid or salicylic acid when they have gone to the drug store. These are not the same acidity as citric acid. Fruit Fresh does not contain citric acid and therefore is not suitable for tomatoes.

Why Jars Don't Seal

If you use sound canning jars, good quality canning lids, up-to-date methods and the proper processing time, you shouldn't have trouble with jars not sealing.

When a jar doesn't seal, it is probably for one of these reasons: you use off-standard jars (such as one-trip jars from the food store); you used "maverick" jar lids (some of the new off-beat brands have not yet passed rigid performance tests), old lids, used lids, or rusted and dented screw bands; you used a jar with a nicked or cracked sealing edge; you didn't wipe the sealing edge clean; you didn't screw the band tight enough against the sealing edge before processing; you didn't process the jars of food for the recommended time.

You can take care of the problem and reprocess the jar of food right away, or you can refrigerate it and eat it within a few days.

Canning Cabbage

Don't can cabbage, broccoli or brussels sprouts. Safe canning calls for using a pressure canner, and in the process they get mushy, and the flavor gets stronger than you might like. Most canning manuals don't even give processing time for these vegetables. Freeze them instead.

Cabbage, however, is good made into sauerkraut or used in pickle recipes, and can then be safely processed in a boiling-water-bath canner.

Freezing Corn-on-the-Cob

If you have the freezer space, tuck some corn-on-the-cob into it for a special treat next winter. Choose the best ears you can find, with plump tender kernels and thin sweet milk. Husk, remove silk, wash, and sort ears according to size. Heat them in boiling water: seven minutes for small years, nine minutes for medium ears, and 11 minutes for large ears.

Cool the ears of corn promptly and very thoroughly in cold water and then drain. Pack into freezer containers—freezer bags are especially handy for ears of corn. Seal and freeze immediately.

Freezing Peaches

These varieites of peaches are good for freezing: Comance, Glohaven, Golden Jubilee, Redhaven, Sunhaven and Elberta. If you buy peaches from a market where they don't know the variety for sure, they can probably tell you if it's a freestone or clingstone variety. Or cut one open and find out for yourself. Freestone peaches usually make a better frozen product.

To keep peaches from darkening, freeze them in a light sugar syrup to which you have added one-half teaspoon crystalline ascorbic acid for each quart. If you are freezing them "dry" with or without sugar, add ascorbic acid crystals or powder according to the directions on the package.

Freezing Eggplant

Yes, you can freeze eggplant satisfactorily. Wash, peel, and cut it into slices or cubes. To help keep it from darkening during freezer storage, dip it into a solution of three tablespoons of lemon juice to one quart of water. Blanch in boiling water for four minutes, then cool under cold running water. Dip into lemon-juice-and-water mixture again.

Pack eggplant dry in freezer container, leaving ½-inch headspace.

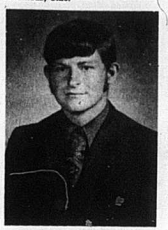
Another way to freeze eggplant is in your favorite casserole recipe, but don't plan on keeping it for more than two months in your freezer.

Free canning information is available at the County Extension Office.

McNabb is awarded ESTARL scholarship

A Nicholas county youth, Quintin McNabb, has been awarded a scholarship from ESTARL. This scholarship is supported entirely by the Eastern Star Chapters throughout the state of Kentucky, and is awarded to an outstanding young man or woman in the religious field. This particular scholarship was sponsored by Marie Chapter 259 at Carlisle.

McNabb is a graduate of Nicholas County High School, and is a senior at Grayson Bible College, Grayson. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William McNabb of Nicholas county, and is married to the former Kathy Smith of Columbus, Ohio.



Quintin McNabb

Ky. School for Deaf KET feature Aug. 28

Kentucky Educational Television (KET) will telecast a program taped at the Kentucky School for the Deaf on Aug. 28 at 6:30 p.m. This videotape was made by State Division of Publications, Department of Education, Gene Compton, director.

The program features scenes from the school campus, educational programs and dormitory life. Superintendent Winfield McChord and Mrs. Jan Garrett, parent and KSD Parent-Teacher-Counselor Association president, are interviewed by Compton.

New cigarette tax defeated in Senate

WASHINGTON—Senators Walter (Dee) Huddleston and Wendell Ford said last week's defeat of a proposed new tax on cigarettes "demonstrates the Senate will not permit an industry to be taxed out of existence".

The two senators joined Senator Herman Talmadge of Georgia in leading the opposition to an amendment which would have imposed a graduated tax on cigarettes based on their tar and nicotine content. The amendment was tabled on a 60-25 vote.

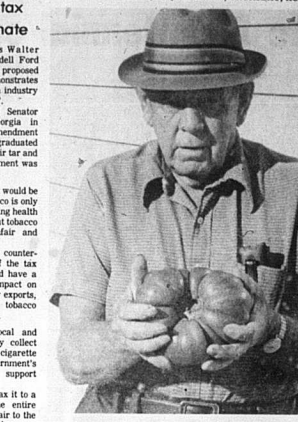
The senators said such a tax would be discriminatory because tobacco is only one product suspected of causing health problems, and that to single out tobacco "would be inconsistent, unfair and counter-productive".

"In addition to being counter-productive to the purpose of the tax reform bill, such a tax would have a far-reaching and negative impact on the agricultural economy, our exports, and employment in the tobacco industry," Senator Ford said.

Huddleston said state, local and federal governments already collect about $6 billion annually in cigarette taxes, far in excess of the government's cost for the tobacco price support program.

"To single out tobacco and tax it to a level that could destroy the entire industry would be grossly unfair to the 600,000 American farmers who grow tobacco," the senators added.

The amendment would have imposed a tax up to 50 cents per pack.



They grow 'em big in Nicholas county and not a blemish one on the three pound, two ounce tomato W.W. Cook is proudly holding. This beauty, brought in by Mr. Cook Friday, was grown on the Smith farm on Concord Road. —Duncan photo

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