

# Opinion

## Getting down to Bicentennial basics

From the Commonwealth Journal  
Since his appointment in 1974 as head of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, John Warner has traveled more than four million miles, overseeing thousands of Bicentennial projects.

You might think that urging Americans to look back across the first 200 years to rediscover the nation's strengths of spirit and wisdom would be an easy task, says Warner, a former secretary of the Navy. "It is not always."

He freely admits there are dissenting views on the Bicentennial. Many Blacks and American Indians, for example, complain that they haven't much to celebrate.

To them, Warner replies, "O.K. Use the Bicentennial to point up to the whole country your problems and needs. America is strong enough to look at its strengths as a process..."

## Be sure to answer that door Sunday!

Sunday, Feb. 29, is the time set for your neighbors to be calling on you for your support of the Nicholas County Heart Fund Drive.

## The Unequal Rights Amendment

The militant "ERA" (Equal Rights Amendment) people are back at it again, now having established their national headquarters in Washington, D.C.

## The Carlisle Mercury

Established in 1827, the Carlisle Mercury is published every Thursday at 22 1/2 W. Second St., Carlisle, Nicholas County, Ky. 40311.

## MAGICWORD

HOW TO PLAY: Read the list of words. Look at the words. Find the word in the list which is horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backwards. Draw a circle around each letter of a word found in the puzzle.

## BICENTENNIAL SOCIAL

IT WAS A BATTLE - 100 letters (June 17, 1775)  
THE LIFE  
A-Anniston, B-Boston, Breed, British, C-Cambridge, Charleston, Colonists, Confidence, Confident, D-Dallas, E-Eureka, F-First, Fox, G-Gage, Gun, H-Harshbarger, Howe, I-Isaac, K-Kentucky, L-Lewis, M-Maryland, N-Nicholas, O-Opposition, P-Portrait, R-Reward, S-Secret, Site, Stone, Survival, T-Troop, V-Valiant, W-Ward, Warren, Weapons, Wounded

## 20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, March 1, 1856

One hundred 37 people attended the strawberry-picking sponsored by the Carlisle-Clayton County Chapter of Commerce Tuesday. Joe Allen Stone, chairman of the Strawberry Committee, stated that an estimated 25 acres will be set this year.

As established by Congress, Warren points out, the ARBA has no power to tell anyone what to do. It can only advise and help state and national Bicentennial commissions in planning their observances.

The freedoms won two centuries ago included not only freedom of speech but freedom of taste, he reminds us. On a more encouraging note, he also reports that "what strikes me most is to move around the country is the great enthusiasm of citizens from every walk of life for activities that say, 'You bet, I'm proud to be an American.'"

So far, the ARBA's committee that keeps track of what Americans are doing or planning in observance of the nation's 200th birthday has recorded more than 30,000 activities, with an unknown number yet to be reported. "The year 1976 will be a benchmark for generations," says Warner, "a point of reference when America stood amid massed flags and exploding fireworks with look back backwards and forwards at what America is and should be."

## Unloaded guns kill people

You may have the news story: A friend of a policeman, riding as a passenger in the policeman's station wagon, played with the officer's empty revolver, and, pointing the weapon at his friend's head, pulled the trigger.

The "empty" gun went off, effectively scattering the victim's brains through the interior of the car. This is, of course, only one of the incidents which we all see reported in varying forms every few days. People are killed by guns which are not accidentally by loaded weapons. It's the gun that wasn't loaded—whether a handgun, rifle, or handgun—that claims the most victims.

There is only one intelligent rule to follow in handling a weapon, and that is, that every gun is always loaded—and you conduct yourself accordingly. You never point a gun at anyone (including yourself), no matter how many times you have "unloaded" it, or checked to see that "it isn't loaded."

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## MercURY vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Five Sundays in February? In February? County Bob (Robert T. Fisher) called Monday morning to inform me that he'd spent most of the early morning hours determining how many times the month of February came to be with five Sundays. And all of this (the five Sundays) over a 400-year period.

Bob used a family calendar, Fisher's "Perpetual Calendar" which had been reproduced from a post card. The card was mailed in 1907 by the calendar's originator, John I. Fisher, his brother Sam Fisher, John I., my grandfather with the help of his sister, Lillian Fisher.

The Nicholas County Board of Education, at its meeting Saturday evening last week made up the calendar for the year 2000. It was a long and tedious task, but the board members were very helpful in making up the calendar for the year 2000. It was a long and tedious task, but the board members were very helpful in making up the calendar for the year 2000.

## Would You Believe...

The four U.S. Presidents who married women older than themselves were...  
1. John Adams (1765-1826) married Abigail Adams (1757-1817), 11 years older.  
2. James Monroe (1758-1831) married Elizabeth Monroe (1768-1840), 10 years older.  
3. Andrew Jackson (1767-1845) married Rachel Jackson (1767-1848), 10 years older.  
4. Benjamin Harrison (1793-1877) married Letitia Harrison (1793-1877), 10 years older.

## FISHER'S PERPETUAL CALENDAR.

Table with columns for 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd centuries, and rows for days of the month. Includes a key for the numbers and a section on 'THE USE OF THE CALENDAR.'

## Jackets drop heartbreaker 76-73 to Lewis

For the second game in a row Nicholas County has played its best basketball of the season for the first three and one-half quarters, but faltered greatly in the closing minutes of the game and lost by a heart-breaking score.

Tuesday night the Jackets were sporting an 11 point lead when only a few minutes remaining in the final quarter, but they failed to score a single point goal by that quarter and lost to Fleming County one quarter. Friday night the Jackets were on the top end of an eight point lead in the fourth quarter and again fell short in the closing minutes to lose 76-73.

Friday's game began with both teams shooting very cold. With only five minutes elapsed Nicholas County's Gerald Thompson had picked up three fouls. The pace picked up a bit and Gary Gray took a work for the Jackets on the boards and to the bucket and the first quarter ended, Lewis 14, Nicholas, 12.

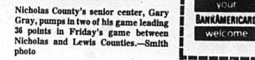
Gray really turned in on the second quarter when he scored 15 points in front of the Lanes by 36-30 by the half. Gray collected 20 of his game high 32 rebounds in the first half.

Clifford Thompson opened the second half with a quick bucket off the tipoff. Gray was shipped in the first half by points and the Jackets were sailing out in front. The third quarter left the Jackets with a 54-44 lead.

At the midpoint in the fourth quarter, Lewis pulled a hot streak that pulled them to within a bucket at 64-62 with 3:17 remaining. At the 3:10 mark Nicholas County's Thompson was fouled from the bench as Lewis pulled a hot streak that pulled them to within a bucket at 64-62 with 3:17 remaining.

## Gray scores 36

Nicholas County's senior center, Gary Gray, pumps in two of his game leading 36 points in Friday's game between Nicholas and Lewis Counties.—Smith photo



Carlisle Drug Co. advertisement for a health supplement. Text: 'The right vitamin at the right price? Naturally, it's Resalil. It's time now to see the complete line of guaranteed Resalil vitamins at your Resalil Drug Store...'

## Federal income tax rebate not taxable

Department of Revenue officials around the state have reported receiving numerous inquiries concerning the federal income tax rebate many Kentuckians received during 1975.

Commissioner of Revenue Maurice P. Carpenter said recently that the Kentucky Attorney General has ruled that the federal income tax rebate is not subject to Kentucky income tax.

The Commissioner pointed out, however, that it is important that the taxpayers distinguish between the rebate and any refund he may have received as a result of an overpayment of federal income tax in 1974.

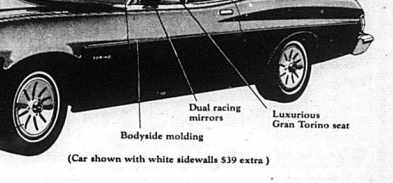
He explained that many Kentuckians last year received their federal rebate and federal refund from the IRS as one confusion this year when preparing 1975 Kentucky returns.

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That we don't anticipate a lot of problems? Carpenter stated. "For those taxpayers who might have difficulty distinguishing between the amount of rebate and the amount of rebate, I would suggest that they refer to their 1974 federal return, Form 1040, for the refund amount, which must be reported on the 1975 Kentucky return."



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