Kentucky Reflections

Elkton
by George Street Boone

A popular theme of the pundit at the end of the past year was a viewing with alarm of the decline of our institutions from the White House through the universities, the family to the church. Each of these institutions has been a repository of power and its very possession has been an important counterbalance to the concentration of power in other groups in a diverse society.

In the past decade our faith in ourselves has suffered shattering blows. Pogo's friend, Hugh Haynie, in a recent wry cartoon caption described congressional leadership, "We have met the enemy . . . and he is us." It hits too close to home to be comforting.

Since no man can be an island, we do require institutions. While the socialist societies expect the State to be the primary organizing agency for social efforts, democratic societies have relied upon family, church, press, schools, professions and other associations to provide power combinations outside the direct state control. The diffusion of power and the competition between interests has been felt by many to be an important protective device.

As power structures can never be static, the ever-changing competition among the holders of power is an abiding concern in our society.

The professions of law and medicine have been sturdy bastions of individualism and have sought with varying degrees of success to police and make responsible their members.

In the past year or so the anti-trust forces of the federal government seem to have begun to view the independence of these professions as a threat to the general welfare. Professional codes such as cannons of ethics forbidding advertising by physicians or lawyers or suggested minimum fee schedules in Kentucky as elsewhere, even though not mandatory, have suddenly been viewed as threats to competition. If a medical society or a bar association, as most have, condemns advertising as unprofessional conduct, this smacks of a combination of restraint of trade, according to current government analysis.

While in origin the federal anti-trust legislation sought to attack large problems such as the tobacco trusts, its success has been considerably less than spectacular whether in the energy fields as with the oil companies, the automobile manufacturers or the drug business.

The competition of the market place seems to be the aim of the critics of the professions. Perhaps they feel advertising can serve the public better. If one wishes to consider the matter frivolously, perhaps the law successful professional can improve his lot by advertising week-end specials. How about a special offer for a gall bladder operation on week-ends when the weather is unsuitable for golfing? Could a law firm offer a low-cost divorce with a new will plan at a bargain off-season rate? Does this not offer new opportunities for the advertising trade? A stimulus to business? Lawsuits or appendectomies at bargain rates?

A century ago the newspapers carried numerous advertisements of lawyers, doctors and dentists. Many professionals feel their associations have improved standards of practice by adopting codes, by increasing educational requirements, by policing conduct of their members. Perhaps reposing these responsibilities for professional conduct in another governmental agency would be a major decline in powers that now can challenge the governmental structure. And what happens to the personal relationship between the professional and his client or patient?

Democratic society needs an accurate general picture and an understanding of itself. While history permits us to assess the significance of past occurances, we cannot know the results that contemporary events will produce.

Individual returns include questions on residence

Individual Internal Revenue Service (IRS) taxpayer returns for 1975 include questions on residence intended to provide an accurate basis for equitable distribution of general revenue sharing funds, according to the Office of Revenue Sharing (ORS) of the U.S. Treasury Department.

Such funds are returned by the Federal government to State and local general-purpose governments under terms of Federal revenue sharing law. The amount each government receives is based, in part, on population and per capita income estimates made by the Bureau of the Census, U.S. department of Commerce.

The new questions on the income tax form are designed to identify the taxpayer's legal residence, which may differ from his or her mailing address. Authority to ask the new questions is provided in Section 6017A of the Internal Revenue Code.

The information from the residence questions will be used by the Bureau of the Census to make biennial population and per capita income estimates needed to insure that States and communities receive the amounts of general revenue sharing funds to which they are entitled. For this reason, all taxpayers are urged to provide the information as an assistance to their States and communities. The Internal Revenue Code authorizes a fine to be imposed for failure to provide the residence data, unless reasonable cause is shown for such failure.

Information provided to the Census Bureau, under law, can be published as statistical totals only, and no information about a person or individual firm may be disclosed to any person, institution, or government agency. This law of confidentiality under which the Bureau operates applies also to the residence data to be collected on IRS returns.

The new questions are labeled A, B, C, and D, and the wording of each follows:

Question A—In what city, town, village, etc., do you live?

Question B—Do you live within the legal limits of the city, town, etc.?

Question C—In what county and State do you live?

Question D—In what township do you live?

In regard to Questions A and B, directions on the form explain that every municipality has defined legal limits. If the area where you live is unincorporated or is inside the legal limits of the place named in Question A, check "No" to Question B. If you are not sure whether you live within the legal limits, check "Don't Know" to Question B.

Question D, the form also explains, applies only to townships or equivalent areas in New England, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

Taxpayers who have difficulty in answering the residence questions are instructed to seek assistance from their local government officials or to write the Bureau of the Census, Residence Question, Washington, D.C. 20233, or to call collect at 812-948-2111 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (E.S.T.) Monday through Friday.

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Restricted-use pesticides list now available

FRANKFORT—A complete list of restricted-use pesticides, for use by farmers as well as pesticide applicators and dealers, now is available from the state.

Fred Waters, head of the pesticide section of the Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, said the list includes fungicides, herbicides, rodenticides and insecticides. Another list released recently by his office contained only insecticides.

The restricted-use fungicides are: acrolein, bis (tributyltin) sulfide, chlorinated levulinic acid, dichlone, Biomet-14, ethylene oxide, formaldehyde, hexachlorobenzene, methyl bromide, methyl isothiocyanate and pentachlorophenol.

Herbicides on the restricted-use list are ally alcohol and dinoseb and salts. The restricted-use rodenticides are: Gophacide, Bayluscide, fluoroacetamide and phosphorus.

"Growers, applicators and dealers should obtain a list of pesticides officially classified for restricted use by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency," Waters said. "And it's a great help in clarifying which of the 4,000 pesticides registered in Kentucky are for restricted use."

The list also gives the reason for the restriction, saying whether a pesticide is harmful to breathe, to the skin or to the environment generally. And, it provides the recommended concentration and ingredients of each product and whether special equipment is required for applying it.

To obtain a restricted-use pesticide list, contact the pesticide office, division of special programs, Kentucky Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, 6th Floor, Capitol Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Ky. 40601, or call (502) 564-7274.

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NOTICE: Insulate your house or business and save money on heating bills! See or call Jeff Tyrer, 289-5516. 1-8-1t*

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CARD OF THANKS: I want to thank all of those who so kindly sent me the beautiful flowers, candy, fruit, cards, Masses and visited me. Especially thanks to the ones who sent up prayers for me. May God bless all of you. Lill Martin. 1-8-1tchg.

CARD OF THANKS: The family of W.T. Shields acknowledge with appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. We wish to thank each and everyone. Your acts of thoughtfulness, prayers, visits, calls, cards, food and flowers were a great help in time of sorrow. Your kindness has sustained the family and we shall be eternally grateful. Thank you. Beulah Jacobs, Carlisle, Ky., Route 2. 1-8-1tchg.

CARD OF THANKS: It was over a period of 38½ years that I had the great privilege and pleasure of serving the patrons of the Carlisle Post Office. All things considered, the close of 1975 seemed to be the proper time for me to leave that work and move on to other interests. It was an interesting and enjoyable career—made so largely by those that I worked with and especially by the wonderful postal customers that I dealt with over the years. I shall always cherish, and keenly miss the pleasant daily associations with the postal workers and all the nice people at the business houses. The pleasure was all mine. Thanks to one and all. George Roberts. 1-8-1t*

EXECUTOR NOTICE
All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the estate of Katherine P. Burden, deceased, will call upon the undersigned at once and settle same; and those having claims against said estate will present same properly proven to the undersigned (or attorney) for payment. Jean B. Wilson, Administratrix, of the estate of Warren D. Wilson, deceased. Charles M. Cox, attorney. 1-1-3t*

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has made and filed their Final Settlement with the Judge of the Nicholas County Court and the same will be confirmed as a matter of law unless formal exceptions are filed thereto.
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Estate of William D. Burke
Michael Kenney, Administrator estate of Ermine Kenney
John W. Cleaver, Administrator estate of Reuben M. Cleaver
Roger L. Bowles, Administrator estate of John H. Bowles
Billy M. Gaunce, Administrator CTA estate of Myerida Gaunce
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4-29-76*
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Shirley White, Route 3 at Creighton. 2-13-76*
R.D. and Boone Clark farms. 2-28-76*

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Answer to puzzle

FIDUCIARIES FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER

Warren D. Wilson, deceased
Jean B. Wilson, Administratrix
Route 2, Carlisle, Ky. 40311
Date of Appointment December 23, 1975
Owen Aitkin Downing, deceased
Barbara D. Wells, Administratrix
Route 3, Carlisle, Ky. 40311
Date of Appointment December 10, 1975
Katherine P. Burden, deceased
Owen Lee Burden, Executor
Progtown Road #2 Walton, Ky. 41094
Date of Appointment December 20, 1975
Johnny A. Hensley, deceased
Jane C. Hensley, Executrix
Elm Street, Carlisle, Ky. 40311
Date of Appointment December 17, 1975
Minnie H. Straw, deceased
First Security National Bank & Trust Co., Executor
Lexington, Ky.
Date of Appointment December 17, 1975
Louise F. Clark, deceased
Charles M. Cox, Executor
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CALORIE COUNTDOWN
BY SUSAN DUFF MASTRO

DIETER'S BULLETIN BOARD

* For calorie counters, with an interest in the haute cuisine of France, a French chef named Michel Guerard has come up with a new style of French cooking called "cuisine minceur" (slim cooking). This chef prepares many of the unusual French dishes but has discovered new ways to eliminate such standard fattening ingredients as butter, cream starches and sugars (except those naturally found in fresh fruits). Some of his secrets for avoiding fats in his preparations are the use of clay baking dishes and vegetable oil sprays to prevent sticking. He is also strictly against the use of egg yolks with calories and high in cholesterol, but uses whites (15 calories and pure protein) frequently in his recipes. Poultry is cooked in its own juices by using roasting bags and fish is cooked in seaweed as the Chinese often prepare it. Lucky is the dieter who gets to feast upon Monsieur Guerard's gourmet delights at his restaurant in Eugenie-les-Bains, France, but if a trip abroad isn't on your agenda, don't despair. With all the interest surrounding this new cuisine, dieters and gourmets alike will surely persuade Michel Guerard to produce a cookbook before too long.

* Did you know that your weight can have an important influence on your earning power? Well, it's true. A recent study shows that a much higher percentage of business executives (male and female) in the $10,000 to $20,000 bracket were overweight than those executives making $20,000 to $50,000 a year. Large and small businesses are well aware of the health hazards caused by obesity and are evidently reluctant to hire and promote individuals with weight problems. Jobs and higher pay are going to slimmer workers as a result. That should give all of us dieters an extra incentive.

* In their new book, "Slim Chance in a Fat World: Behavioral Control of Obesity," Richard B. Stuart and Barbara Davis talk about three aspects of American life that make dieting tougher for all of us. One is the food commercials on television. Another is the habit of keeping lots of munchy-type foods near the TV. And third is our notion that good hosts and hostesses always offer food to guests when they come to call. If we feel we must have these goodies while watching television or entertaining, try changing from rich, gooey ones to low-calorie types such as yogust dips with celery stalks and cauliflower buds and diet sodas!

Good words for talking dogs

WASHINGTON—You're barking up the wrong tree if you don't think dogs can talk.

Just ask, and any one of their owners will recite the whole gabby routine of "Snookums" or "Old Blue" or "Little Lady".

Their pets, interpret the owners, are saying "hello", "I'm hungry", "I wanna go out", and other no-nonsense pronouncements.

When they give voice themselves, the speaking dogs are less convincing. Their apologists point out these canine conversationalists may not really be trying, may have stage fright, or may be off their feed.

Even so, talking dogs—and singing dogs, piano-playing dogs, and arithmetic-problem-solving dogs—are always good for a few words among men, the National Geographic Society says.

"Golden Tongues"

They continue to befuddle newspaper reporters sent to interview them, talent scouts looking for that pooch with the golden tongue, and college professors trying to find out what man's best friend really thinks about them.

Lord Macaulay, 19th-century English historian, had definite ideas on who should do the talking and who should do the listening. "How odd," he said, "that people of sense should find any pleasure in being accompanied by a beast who is always spoiling conversation."

Veterinarians insist that dogs don't have a taste for man-talk, that their vocal cords are not right for speech.

Such doubting has, in the past, not deterred a dog food maker from hunting for the doggone best singer or a television talk show from interviewing candidates in a search for a show-stopping mongrel.

Singing dogs yowl best accompanying their owners' efforts in song, or playing the piano, harmonica, or phonograph. Theory has it that the dogs are protesting what they hear, but their partners in these duets say their pets are enjoying themselves.

English author Robertson Davies suspects dogs are just trying to please. "The dog is a Yes-animal," he scoffs, "very popular with people who can't afford to keep a Yes-man."

Siren Songs

For sing-along favorites, dogs often prefer Happy Birthday, Home on the Range, Mary Had a Little Lamb, and fire engine sirens. A Pittsburgh man calls his dog by blowing his trombone out the door, and, when Fido comes yipping home, the two swing into a jazzy "When the Saints Go Marching In."

Time was, according to folklore, when all animals, including dogs, could talk with men. The dogs lost their power of speech, as Indian legends explain, because they became tattle tales, telling all they had witnessed while nosing around in the private lives of tribe and tepee.

The Menominee Indians reckon that dogs quit talking to men because it was becoming a dog's life: The men were making them into slaves to do all sorts of errand running, and performing such chores as hauling sleds and carts, turning roasting spits, churning butter, even grinding coffee.

Czech writer Karel Capek may have been thinking of this underdog life with man when he wrote, "If dogs could talk, perhaps we would find it is as hard to get along with them as we do with people."

Dear Debbie
Letters to DEBORAH WHITE

DEAR DEBBIE:
My husband has a terrible habit of handing out impossible punishments to the children whenever they misbehave. He loses his temper and then tells them they cannot leave the house for the whole day. He goes off to work expecting me to be a policeman thus making it impossible for me to finish my work. Aside from his impulsive decisions to punish the children in this way, he doubles my work for me without sharing in the responsibility for his own actions.
SORE MOM

DEAR MOM:
Most child psychologists agree that you should never give out a punishment to a child that you cannot really carry out. Your husband is not only punishing the children, he's punishing you also. Aside from being unfair to you, the duration of his punishment is ridiculous since by the end of a day a child may not really remember why he is still being punished. Tell Dad to make his punishments short and sweet so the children can see the relationship between their misbehavior and the punishment.

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DEAR DEBBIE:
My father-in-law lives with us and he's the kind of man who never follows doctor's orders. He has diabetes and a stomach ulcer, but that doesn't stop him from eating the types of foods that he likes, but which are not good for him. When he complains because of his overindulgence, I'm the one who has to walk the floor with him. The man is driving me crazy. How do I get him to follow doctor's orders?
DISTRAUGHT

DEAR DISTRAUGHT:
Doctors can give orders, but only a mature patient can follow them through. Your father-in-law is acting like a child, so treat him like one. Prepare his plate for him and place it in front of him. This may help in getting him to eat what he should.

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DEAR DEBBIE:
Whenever I answer the phone in the evening the party at the other end hangs up. This has been going on for a month now. Do you think someone is trying to find out when we are out so that our home can be ransacked? Can I get the telephone company to trace the call or keep a surveillance on our line?
WORRIED

DEAR WORRIED:
I would be worried too. There's nothing like a mysterious call to send shivers up and down your spine. The telephone company does not trace calls for private individuals. The best thing to do is to call your local police precinct and explain to them what you explained to me.

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If you have a problem, write to Dear Debbie, in care of this newspaper. Letters of widest interest will appear in this column. Because of the volume of mail received, it is not possible to give personal replies.

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Would You Believe...

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Your hearing is keenest at age of 10, say the medical men. Thereafter, you slowly start to lose it.

★★NEXT WEEK'S★★ HOROSCOPE
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If your birthday occurs this week . . . you have a powerful personality. There's determination in your nature that helps you get what you want in life. You never let up until you attain your objective. You tear down for the ultimate purpose of rebuilding. There'll be many changes throughout the year, mostly good.

♈ Aries | Mar. 21 - Apr. 19 | **Pluto ♇**
The friendship and goodwill that come to you from all sides are a source of pride and gratification. Exchange ideas and favors freely. Participate in worthwhile group activities. Impress elders with your charm and grace. Widen neighborhood contacts. Capitalize on earned goodwill.

♉ Taurus | Apr. 20 - May 20 | **Venus ♀**
You're in the driver's seat now, anxious to get moving on new ventures. Keep arrangements flexible to allow for adjustments before definite decisions are made. A male associate does much to bolster your morale. As to money, your instinct will be a better guide than advice received.

♊ Gemini | May 21 - June 20 | **Mercury ☿**
Make whatever adjustments are necessary to preserve peace. Don't feud on others' sensitive toes in your eagerness to get action. Sell partners on a progressive program. Personal and business partnerships go the way you want. Make a trip if you think there's a chance of clinching a deal.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22 | **Moon ☽**
Speculative ventures, social activities, romantic urges—all are favored this week. Take advantage of the rising momentum. If mixing business with pleasure, do it in great style. People from abroad will be lucky for you. Air or water routes should be favored if planning travel.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22 | **Sun ☉**
You may feel plagued by indecision and a restlessness you can't define. There's a tendency to anger that flares up suddenly at the wrong time. Don't fly off the handle at the drop of a hat. When in doubt as to what course to follow, put the accent on self-interests. Don't trust a stranger.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22 | **Mercury ☿**
Travel, church, club or study groups should be a source of new friendships. Stand up to competition with firmness. Adroit tactics will win the cooperation of skeptical people. Lively companions are needed. Fend off bores and pessimists ruthlessly. Don't shock or upset people.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22 | **Venus ♀**
It's time to hold fast to the goals you have set for yourself, even if progress toward them is temporarily delayed. Accept no favors from persons who seem reluctant to grant them. Do business with people at the top, and go out of your way to impress them. If stiff competition is met, try harder.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 | **Mars ♂**
Clear up details that clog your calendar and block your progress. Stall on definite moves if you're uncertain. Make whatever adjustments seem advisable. Pay heed to advice offered and don't be discouraged if some of it is critical. Step up participation in club activities.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21 | **Jupiter ♃**
It's necessary that you strengthen your security base. Check the validity of your personal and home insurance and review again your pension program. Buy only machinery and appliances that carry reliable warranties and will last a long time. Consult your banker about interest rates.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan. 19 | **Saturn ♄**
As to the man in your life, if he's unusually popular, don't show jealousy. Praise him and don't let others become his only audience. As to the girl of your dreams, her allure is subtler and more potent than ever. Beware of letting relatives or others interfere or prevent your mind.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 20 - Feb. 18 | **Uranus ♅**
Your ambitious plans should be successful if you stick to your job or plan. Learn to accept discipline and you proceed to reap rich rewards. Older people and those in authority give you sound advice. Money comes a little easier and goes out just as fast. Learn to put some glue on it.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - Mar. 20 | **Neptune ♆**
This isn't the week to jump out of the frying pan and into the fire. Think before you "tell someone off," and don't make any sudden changes in your work or residence. Money might be in short supply but the end result is a happy one. You may get an opportunity to travel. Keep options open.