

Opinion

The master craftsman

Many will miss the familiar figure in the dark grey pants and shirt with his painters cap, briskly walking through Carlisle always carrying something related to his profession. When his work was over, one would see him walking home carrying his cartons of "Cokes." The small size, "you taste better." Many of his friends for whom he worked picked him up at his home and then drove him home when his days work was over and that did not mean a clock. It was when he had it at a proper stopping place.

His name was Joe Stevenson, "master craftsman." He was a man of few words and often spoke with difficulty, but when he allowed the history of the word to stop his work to talk, it was about his children. He was proud of them and rightly so. He had seen it that they were educated in every sense of the word, and those who wanted to college, did so, and did well.

Or his conversation would be of the

Two hundred years ago Sunday

Two hundred years ago Sunday, a group of Patriots met in Philadelphia to formally sign a document that was to have the most dramatic impact on the world since the days of the Roman Empire. The group—whose intellectual match has not been seen in one place since—knew full well that they were signing without precedent, and the consequences of which were not predictable.

They rapidly moving world, we sometimes take for granted the character and strength of those who gave us our heritage, and we sometimes fail to recognize that the goals of yesterday's dreamers are the goals of today.

Freedom is a gift from God. It is, therefore, noteworthy that the grand struggle for freedom which we witness will fall on Sunday, July 4. Every citizen in Nicholas County and else-

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Carlisle and Nicholas County

From the days of Camelot when all things were possible, the days of Water Gate when all things were suspect and the days of Vietnam when all things were in Washington. So we naturally suspect the Bull Moose Party was a dog in the manger. The fact is, however, we have learned the rutting season had arrived in Sugar City.

It was to call my Deep Throat source in Washington for the low-down, but he was horear from talking to his publisher, and he has a direct call to my congressman, who was finally found for a pair of spats he had there in Hizz.

"Mr. Congressman, this is your friendly ferret. I want to say point blank, best of my experience and the sex scandals rocking Washington these diplomatic, polite and respectful when addressing questions of the first water. If you need good answers, not everyone can get answers like Robert Redford and Dustin Hoffman by running up a red flag on their backs, except for me."

"I'm glad you called, son," he said. "There's nothing I like better than you talking to me about myself, and I want you to assure my voters back home that I am a good, fat, rattling abuser with the Eastern Establishment and keep the flow of milk and honey going back to my district."

"That's fine, Congressman, but were you aware that houseboat rocking in the Pigeon hole on all the roads and rickshaws by the Playboy Bookstore?"

"Not guilty. I was at a local establish-

Mercury supports

by Warren R. Fisher

We're indebted And we wish to take this opportunity to thank Miss Fleet Allison for lending us historical data of our Bicentennial of July 1, 1976.

We had hoped to procure a picture that appeared in the Louisville Courier-Journal some weeks ago taken by an Associated Press photographer. It was of one of the four original Magua Cartas. My dictionary says, "The Great Charter, so called, which the English Baron forced King John to affix his seal June 15, 1215, at Runnymede." It will make a long discourse about, my letter had made two calls to AP in New York City, three or four to the AP office in Louisville, and was rather written the Courier and this was after we'd written the article—permission to purchase or use the picture—they weren't polite enough to answer the letter. Much less to return the key's last telephone call.

Anyway you might say, the picture as supplied by AP looks like, see below:

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Cort
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'Child find' organized

Every child has a right to an education. The problem is that not all children are receiving one. Many children throughout Kentucky and elsewhere in Nicholas County are neither in school nor in any kind of training program.

The Nicholas County School District plans to remedy this situation. They are carrying out a "child find" program to identify all children who are not enrolled in any type of educational program.

The "child find" is being coordinated by a task force composed of concerned citizens in the community—including lay people and representatives from such organizations as schools, civic groups, governmental agencies and church groups.

"We must find the children first. We are urging everyone in Nicholas county to send us the name of any child who is not in school or in a training program."

To refer a child or to receive further information about "child find," write or phone Nicholas County Board of Education, Carlisle, Ky., or phone 289-2924.

Russ Metz!

What are you doing next year, Elizabeth Ray?

"We're all touched, believe me. Congressman Metz, but back to your personal life: have you ever been guilty of an indiscretion since you've been in Washington?"

"Only once—with Bella Abzug. I thought her hat was a flying saucer and ordered the Air Force to crash the House floor. But I made it up to her by giving my support to her bill to give Jerry Rubin a 50 percent tax break on employment benefits until they learn to read the book 'Daisy'."

"Do you think Democrats are more virile than Republicans?"

"Democrats eat doors and Republicans are underpants and they're both in here. Every time I find a Republican I tell him to go back to the poverty program, the conservatives want to scuttle my humanitarian work."

"No doubt, my dear. I know you from furthering judgment that resemblance, but I lower taxes, a check in my pocket, and a federal tax merchant under every rock the way to beat inflation?"

"We no longer have inflation, boy, making it very easy for you. We only way to meet those higher prices is government money. The kind I get for my poor folk here."

"Well done, great and noble friend. You have earned a wholehearted respect. Using the excuse that you're having a couple of \$100,000-year secretaries, you can't type, and spending next year's money on French Riviera and some of your constituents, who would not resist a such an indiscretion."

20 and 10 years ago

Thursday, July 2, 1956
A large crowd of Nicholas County Democrats attended the county convention Saturday to select delegates to the state convention. The meeting was held at the Carlisle Mill and Supply Company. Clyde Stewart received painful injuries to his hand one day last week while at work at the plant owned by Carlisle Mill and Supply Company. The Carlisle livestock market topped all previous records. The amount of stock sold Tuesday with a total sales of 2,500 head.

Trucks with most of its cargo was completely destroyed by fire last Thursday afternoon on the Carlisle and Flemingburg road near Cowan. The house was the property of the Carlisle Mill and Supply Company.

MARRIED—Miss Evadene Squires and John Buford Callaway at Whitesburg Saturday afternoon.

Lassie
Barking out orders—Courtney Gunn seems to be receiving orders from a rather unlikely source as he moves the lawn in front of the Nicholas County Court House.—Smith photo

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Home burned to ground while family on vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Douth Stamper left their home in the Shawnee community near Millersburg about noon Monday on a trip to Florida. At 12:30 a.m. Tuesday morning the Millersburg Volunteer Fire Department received a call. When they arrived the Stamper home was engulfed in flames, according to Kenny Damper, Fire Chief.

Damper called the Bourbon County Fire Department and they sent two trucks. It took the two fire departments about 45 minutes to arrive. The house was completely gutted. The two fire departments fought the blaze until about 3 a.m. Although the house was totally destroyed, the two fire departments saved a garage behind it and a building about 50 yards away. The building, belonging to Ed Watkins, suffered scorching siding. There were no injuries, according to Damper. As of Tuesday morning, the cause of the fire was not determined.

Justin Stamper, a brother of Douth Stamper, was trying to locate the family. The fire department is in the jurisdiction of the fire occurred, had not determined the cause of the fire, he said.

Students elected to subdistrict offices

Students were elected to subdistrict offices in Nicholas County. The election was held on July 2, 1976. The students elected were Jerry Vice, Rhonda Caudill, and others. The program was given by the youth choir of the Telesboro Church.

The Blueridge Regional Health Planning Council, which includes Nicholas County, has accepted the responsibility for coordinating the development of a Sub-District United Methodist Youth Fellowship. The election was held at the Fellowship meeting on June 21 at the Wallington Church. The program was given by the youth choir of the Telesboro Church.

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