

Opinion

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

"He who loot'eth not his own horn, the same shall not be looted."

Newspapers have varied usages.

There are a lot of ways to use old newspapers—especially bundles of such.

The worst we suffered from the Saturday night blow was wet feet and I should mention the Mercury's storm front door.

The steel plunger rod, better than a wrench in a door, was bent into an arc, and the only feasible way that I could keep it from flapping in the breeze Sunday was by placing a bundle of old newspapers against the door.

A good idea. Someone was telling us the other day that all the County fire trucks had been equipped with CB (citizen band) transceivers.

Although their range is limited, we're of the opinion that their installation was a wise move.

—MV—

Handy gadget. Since the electric power in Carlisle went out at 10:30 p.m. Saturday night I lit two candles and then picked up a little "flu-power" walk-talker. Just what channel the thing tunes (it's fixed) I don't know, but only a few moments passed before we were aware that Blue Grass Knitting had suffered storm damage.

Key inferred she wasn't scared, so I got a camera and flash and went there. We trust the pictures reproduced in this issue will somehow graphically show that storms, high winds or tornadoes, it's not for us to say just what passed over this area are not to be trifled with.

Talking with a Kentucky Utilities Company lineman Monday, he said he could hardly do necessary repair work Saturday night because of night-seers. Especially when he was trying to remove a CB antenna from its entangled position on a live 100,000 volt line.

—MV—

Fruit tooth. I don't know whether the Fleming Gazette publisher, Lowell Denton, knows how we like fruit or whether he just wanted our attention.

Anyway he hit both with one shot—a box of Florida oranges. Thanks Lowell, hope you're enjoying Florida.

Agree or Not

by S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—Veteran observers here have judged this session of the General Assembly the best in recent memory.

They say it has "been conservative but aggressive" in most instances although it may have appeared to the reading public that it dawdled too much before the last two weeks when the crunch started on floor action on the bills.

The real work, introduced by the majority of the bills, was done in committee meetings. Committees met three mornings each week, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, until the last two weeks. Many of the committees have met daily, or had special meetings in the closing days.

More than 1,000 bills were introduced, but only about 100 have made it through passage. Many of these were duplicates in companion bills, one introduced in each branch. Many were on related subjects and this is where much of the committee work was done.

Substitute bills were drafted in committee

including the best features of two or more bills on the same subject.

People interested in bills, as well as lobbyists, spent much time in hearings before these committees to oppose or urge clearance of the bills from the floor.

Two of the most controversial issues that came up during the 60-day session were school busing and the Equal Rights Amendment. These are emotional issues and have drawn a great amount of attention and interest among the citizens.

Women across the state organized to get a resolution passed to rescind the state's approval of the Equal Rights Amendment, done in a special session in 1972. Women also are organized on the retention and the approval. This emotional issue has drawn more mail than any other topic before the legislature.

The House passed the resolution to rescind approval, but it was finally bottled up in a Senate Committee in the closing days. Then the House took a Senate-passed bill on a constitutional amendment and substituted Equal Rights reversion as an amendment, leaving only the number, title, and enactment clause of the original bill.

Much of the time in the last week was spent on this bill by some who support rescission. Lt. Gov. Thelma Sliwa strongly opposes this move.

After the House amended the Senate bill, the only action then required on it for final passage was approval of the amendment and this took only one day, instead of the three required for passage of a bill.

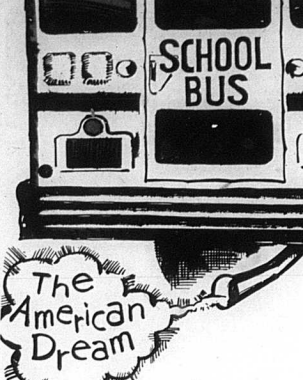
While these two issues drew a lot of attention, newsmen and legislators who are weary discussed the questions at length in the morning session in Louisville was ordered by the federal government to close down whether the legislature could do anything about that question.

The House is true of the Equal Rights Amendment. There is a question, whether a state can withdraw its approval of a federal constitutional amendment once its legislature has approved it.

There has been no court test on this latter issue. Another question arose last week when the language of the joint resolution had been passed by the Senate, was substituted for the language in the Senate bill.

The question is whether the federal courts accept a bill? The Constitution requires that action for approval of a constitutional amendment take the form of a resolution. Thirty-eight states have ratified their constitutions under that form before it becomes part of the federal document.

A looked-for visitor each Thursday. The Carlisle Mercury



20 and 40 years ago

Senator Dee Huddleston

REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

MINE SAFETY IS A MUST

The two mine disasters at the Scotia mine in Letcher County are tragic in the grimness sense of the word. We have lost 26 men—young men with wives, families, and years of growth, achievement, and fulfillment ahead of them.

And as tragic as it is in itself, the Scotia disaster is a brutal reminder of the hazards of coal mining which left 155 dead, 11,150 disabled, and 6,705 injured in 1975 alone.

Clearly we are deficient in our efforts to make every mine in America reasonably safe. We owe it to the memories of these men and to the lives and safety of every working miner to find those deficiencies and correct them.

To do so will require not only complete and comprehensive investigation of the disasters themselves, but also careful scrutiny of the Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969, as well as the manner in which it is being implemented.

I am firmly convinced that there is not a single aspect of our safety efforts—from the statutory and regulatory requirements, the inspection procedures, mine enforcement procedures, penalties, investigations, and collections, safety training, to rescue facilities and procedures which could not stand exhaustive study and improvement.

Certainly the primary thrust of our efforts must be preventive—that is the development, implementation and strict enforcement of whatever standards and procedures are necessary to make coal mining as safe as possible.

The Scotia disasters have raised many questions about the adequacy of mine safety training programs, procedures for rescue and restoration of mines where an explosion has occurred, the enforcement of existing regulations, and the degree to which Congress exercises its oversight function in this area.

Every one of us who has a responsibility in this area—a state, federal officials, companies, and unions—must respond to this tragedy by reexamining and strengthening all existing laws, regulations, programs and procedures that bear on the safety of individual miners.

OFF THE WALL. TODAY'S TAKE HOME PAY CAN. HARDLY SURVIVE THE TRIP.

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Thursday, March 23, 1956. The Easter Carolla will be presented Saturday evening. Solicits will be Miss Sylvia Owens, Miss Caroline Delaney, Mrs. Kimball Wood, William Link, Ralph B. Shearer, and H.L. Talbert. A sextet will consist of Mrs. J.M. Pitman, Mrs. Kimball Wood, Miss Mary Margaret Hutchings, Miss Sidney Crouch, Charles C. Shroat and Taylor Crouch. Director is Capt. Thomas Siwicki.

Charles T. Whaley, member of the Nicholas County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, was interviewed on the "WLW Willing Wheel" radio program on Saturday.

Officers of the Carlisle Young Men's Club were elected March 22 at the home of Mrs. Harold Letton. They are Mrs. W.H. Bunton Jr., president and Mrs. W.L. Fisher Jr., treasurer.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. James Neal Wood, a daughter, Mary Ann, March 22 in Paris.—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Donaldson, Dayton, Ohio, a son, Darrell Lee, March 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Baum, Ashland, Ohio, a son, Dennis Alan, March 11.

MARRIED—Mrs. Aileen Fryman, Millersburg, to S.B. Shannon, Clinton, Friday in Georgetown.—Louise Wilson to Ralph Clark, Sunday at the Christian Church.—Miss Jewel Dean Bowen, Carr Creek, to Donnie Gayle Gaudin, Nicholas county, March 23 at the Saltwell Methodist Church.

DIED—Austin Curtis, 43, Wednesday.—Mrs. Lammie Prentiss Prince, Knoxville, Tenn., Tuesday.—James Kelley, Tuesday, at Nicholas County Hospital.—Ora Howard, 69, Lexington, Thursday.—Mrs. Emma Hamilton House, 80, Monday at her home.—William L. Sloop, 71, Paris, Sunday.

Mattie Lee Jones, 59, Sharpburg, Route 2, Tuesday in Paris.—Mrs. Laura Robinson Peaback, at her home Sunday.

Thursday, March 23, 1956. Work was started Monday on the laying of a new terrazzo floor and stairway of the courthouse, Martin Ross, Lexington contractor, is doing the work, and unskilled labor is furnished by the WPA.

Congressman Fred M. Vinson wired Monday afternoon that the local CCC

appointed appraisers of the estate. Alfred Cook and Hinton Carwell have leased the filling station on East Main Street recently purchased from Giles Cash, died Friday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Burman, where it had lived since the death of Dr. and Mrs. Cash.

W. Nathan Young qualified in county court as administrator of the estate of his mother, the late Mrs. Georgia Young, Sterling Bible, James W. Parker and T.B. Mathers were the

executors.

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the volume on his stores, tell time after midnight or locate a barber shop in town. He said it is just too much to expect from someone who is unable to write.

Most of the ancient academics, the students had a three-year course. In the first year they were called the "seminars," in the second they were called the "philosophy," and in the third they were called "lectures." It was their way of learning.

During the colonial period, education in this country was the function of government. In 1642 the Massachusetts Bay Colony ordered the local government to insure the education of all children. In 1785 the state of New York required that children be taught to read and understand the principles of religion and the capital laws of the country.

To many historians and educators, the American public school system is based upon the law of 1642, called the "Old Deluder Satan Act."

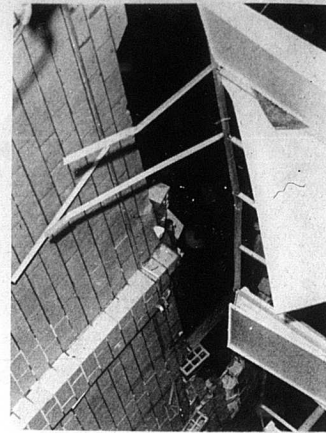
James Dean made it fashionable to rebel. I sat through a high school class meeting listening to my classmates squabbling over whether to wear white or black caps and gowns. I made a motion on the spot that we become the first class to lack that old tradition out the door and go after our diplomas in corduroys and pullover sweaters, the same way we looked right then.

I lost by a narrow margin of something like 65 to one and a half, even when I warned them those fuzzy-looking white caps would probably make your hair fall out. I have told them ever since.

The cap and gown party caught after a Hungarian boat carrier showed up for graduation at the Bella Laguna High School in Tarrytown, N.Y. while wearing his mortarboard and Dracula Club cape and threatened to kill the neck of anyone who snickered. Since that time, our public school system is becoming the symbol of graduates—fresh from the boat—wearing a black sweater, concrete undergarments, and a tie.

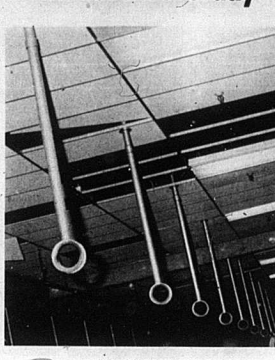
In the past, the outfit were rented. Now you buy them for \$5-7, and can keep them for further use. You never know when you'll want to hunt a house.

What do you think about the reading-proficiency test Los Angeles has coaxed up for its graduating



View of inside of BGK, looking up at the sky through the hold in the wall and roof soon after the factory was struck Saturday night.—Mercury photo

Blue Grass Knitting hit hard Saturday



A portion of BGK's sign is shown behind twisted pipes.—Mercury photo

New personnel in WEDCO District Health Department

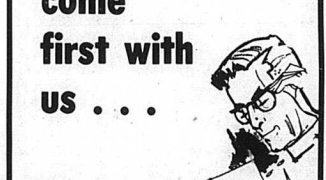
The staff of Wedco District Health Department has acquired three new employees. Mrs. Lila Fister, R.N., formerly of Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, is employed as a nurse at the Bourbon County Health Center.

Hired to coordinate all health education efforts, Miss Julie Mitchell lives and works from the Scott county area. Originally from Illinois, she is a 1975 graduate of Western Illinois University with a B.S. in Community Health. Like Bob Wilkerson, she was assigned by the Bureau for Health Services in Frankfort to assist Wedco previous to joining the staff.

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