Poets participate in Mercury's Newspaper Week

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THANK GOD FOR MY HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE

When I think of the wailing down the hall
I think of the millions that some day will fall,
and when I am finally put to my rest
I want my life to have stood the test.

People out side all turned around,
not knowing if they're really up or down.
They better get ready & prepare right away,
for soon is coming, our judgement day.

Think of the wailing of one sick unto death,
Hell is even worse, This the Lord saith,
I don't want to go there, but am I sure
to escape it I know, my heart must be pure.
People are dying all around me I hear,
this surely ought to make us tremble with fear,
to ask ourself, "is our robe really white"
or has it a stain or two that's just not right.

Christ is speaking to me
saying, "Go deeper, Go deeper"
Live that spirit filled life
you be the sower, I'll be the reaper.

Oh, I'm so glad for sickness you see
because it's brought me even closer to Thee,
So I'm called to go out, my story to tell
to help other souls spiritually get well

Did you ever feel God's presence over-powering you
Either saying, Talk, Be Still, or just Smile?
If you haven't got something you can feel
Is your religion really being worth while?

But Friends, Religion isn't Salvation,
and a Church don't save
but a born again follower
Worships from conversion to the grave.

Someday I'll understand the trails we face
But I've already found out, God has had His place,
Some people don't pray much, but a Christian claim to be
But they may be tuned out too long and face eternity.

also to be a Christian—Love and Obey
that still small voice that speaks everyday;
for the closer we are to Him, the more he speaks within
and he's just as close to us, as we really are to Him.

God is speaking to me—a better Christian to be
In your home he says—"Be a good wife",
give yourself completely away
To really have life.

As I lay here I look at the beautiful flowers
God's great work of art
they're reminding me of all my true friends,
whose love comes right out of their heart.

As I lay here again I heard a fire siren downtown
I'm reminded one day of the great trumpet sound
and this morning the world so dark and the tunder roll;
I sure feel the Holy Spirit down in my Soul.

And later came the sun shine so unusually bright
reminding me of Heaven where cometh no night;
I'm so happy inside but I'm burdened for the lost
but I'll try to witness and pay the cost.

So I Thank you God for blessings abundant
And my Jesus's power is so real;
Oh Thank you God for true salvation
the kind you can really feel.

So Friends—Get ready Quick;
Prepare; Don't delay
Jesus is coming; He's Prepared us a way
So Love Him; Live for Him, Serve Him
Every minute, Every hour, every day.
Phyllis Doyle Brady

A PARENT'S PRAYER

Father, make me slow to anger
When my children come to me
With some silly bit of mischief;
Let me first reach out to Thee.

Help me to observe their reason—
See their side of everything.
Keep me silent 'till they've finished—
Let them try their infant wings.

Help me to advise them wisely
When experience will serve.
Make me patient as I guide them
In and out of every curve.

Only You can see tomorrow.
Make me realize somehow
That you love my children, too, Lord,
Even more than I do now.
Mary C. Hardin

WHITTLIN'

Skillfully the old man whittled
On the little piece of wood,
Making just a bit of magic
Where his little grandson stood.

"Grandpa, tell me what you're makin'.
Are ya makin' it fer me?
You're so good at whittlin', Grandpa.
Tell me what it's gonna be."

"Don't know yit," his grandpa answered.
"Tell me somethin' that you'd like.
I can make 'most what I wanta
With this here ol' pocket knife.

"Whittlin's like alivin', Grandson.
In a little while you'll see—
With the proper tools and learnin'
You shape what you're gonna be."
Mary C. Hardin

LITTLE THINGS

Just a little dew drop brightens
up the flower
Growing by the wayside, or in
a shady bower.

Just one little songbird singing
in the tree
Makes the place around him
ring with melody.

Just a little candle, shining
in the dark
Drives away the shadows
with each tiny spark.

So each little effort though
tis small and weak
Will be blessed by Jesus,
if His aid we seek.
Mrs. Roy Kingsolver (Louise Auxier)
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GOD'S FLOWERS

We thank thee Father for Thy flowers,
That help to brighten lonely hours.
We thank you for the gardener too,
Who brings his love gift back to you.

Into thy house he brings his best,
Blossoms so rare by Heaven blest
Lifting their heads to thee above,
Praising thee Father for thy love.

Into the room of the sick they come
Chasing out the darkness and gloom,
Causing to smile one who sits there
Forgetting some of the pain they bear.

For all blessings, we thank thee Lord
We thank thee for thy Holy Word
We're glad today the gift is ours,
To thank thee Father for thy flowers.
Maude A. Seamands
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SATURDAY NIGHT IN THE OLD DAYS

Up in the morning, and hurry about
The little ones fret and old ones shout
All morning they work to get things right
They must be in town on Saturday night.

Pour up the cream and count the eggs
The kids all wash and scrub their legs
And dad says to mother "you must indeed
Make out a list of the things we need."

We load up the car, there are some left out
Who wait by the roadside and give a shout
To a neighbor who is passing there
And ask if there's room in his car to spare.

They all reach town by the time of one,
And it isn't long 'til the trading is done,
The women linger to visit the shops,
While the men just loaf and talk about crops.

The youngsters are anxious to see the show
Sometime the old folks would like to go
But don't you know, it is a sorry plight
Just to be dead broke on Saturday night.

So on with the evening, night is spent
They bring their bundles and load up the car
And mother just wonders if every-thing's right,
And well they get home, on Saturday night.
Maude A. Seamands

"ODE OF THE STRANDED"

I live beneath the crystalline light
called the sun; it's power to change
day to night would marvel anyone.

I'm sure I no not what I say, I'm
delirious you see, I've been out
here for seven days on this empty,
sandy, sea.

My jeep broke down back aways, I
could not start it with my key,
and then on hallowed ground I prayed,
Oh Lord, deliver me.

I thought my prayers were in vain,
my lips are dry sir, to speak is
a strain, I thought I would surely
die, sir.

I wandered about this sandy plain,
no water could I see, I wished and
begged and prayed for rain, to
quench my thirst, you see.

Help me sir, help me up, my body
fails me. Pray let me drink of
your water cup, let fluid enter
me.

Thank you, thank you, Samaritan.
I'm dying, can't you see? Leave
me now, if you can, and death
will set me free.
Harold A. Edwards

HURRYITIS

Our days are so crowded, the hours so few,
so little time, with so much to do.

We are all so busy, always in a hurry,
Rushing around in a terrific flurry.

Always in a tizzy, not a minute to spare,
No time for ourselves, no time to share.

I'd be real uneasy if this applied only to me,
But I'm told, none of my friends are truely free.

What's the answer to this constant ado?
We better find out, both me and you.

It's very important to have peace of mind,
It's quite necessary to be thoughtful and kind.

We better revert to Scriptural teaching.
And listen and heed the Devine teaching.
Thelma Sampson Standiford

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Fleeing the stratified society
And entrenched forms, Nomads, Air-streams, Holidays
Come streaming west—America's new melting pot
In Trailertowns.

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Wrapped in his dry song
Cricket sees no clouds blowing
To bring rain, sweet rain.

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Falls of rosemary
Become animate with bees,
Take me; lure me, too.

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Sunset flames the sky
Wraps earth in divinity
With soft reflections.

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Bamboo shoots green life.
Forever poling his craft,
Tiny mote of man.

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Lotus flower and crane;
Which is flower, which bird?
Is this beauty, what am I?
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Kentucky Reflections

Elkton
by George Street Boone

So Commissioner Damon Harrison of the Kentucky Department of Energy, publicly proclaiming his "flakiness," has designated Nov. 7 through 13 as Kentucky Energy Awareness Week. In a letter to the media he has asked Kentucky ministers to mention the virtue of conservation in their sermons on Nov. 7th. He's sure there is biblical support for conserving resources, although he confesses he doesn't know where it is.

The wary may remember a few months ago when conservation of electricity was encouraged. The result was a rise in electric rates because the demand dropped faster than the cost of production. We used less and it cost more.

Almost since the government began to control power rates, the rate structure has been designed to encourage consumption. The larger the quantity used, the lower the charge. This has been true of electricity, of natural gas, even of water. While this conventional wisdom has come in for examination in recent years, the structuring has not been reversed. It would be interesting to charge higher rates as consumption increased, even if the larger consumers found it unpalatable.

We hear a British Royal Commission has urged a drastic slow-down in expanding British nuclear energy programs. This warning comes not from an environmentalist, but from Sir Brian Flowers, a renowned nuclear physicist, who has been called a father of Britain's nuclear weapons and power reactor programs. He has been a director of the strongly pro-nuclear United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority, which has built his country's power plants.

Britain built a reactor to produce electricity even before the United States or the Soviet Union and now has 11 operating atomic power plants. Nuclear energy technology is one of the few technical fields in which Britain is still a world leader.

The British Royal Commission of 17 members unanimously recommended a slow-down in its nuclear energy program after a two and a half year study of nuclear power and such development was also dealt a sharp blow in the Swedish national election in which the losers blamed their defeat on their support of nuclear energy.

The U.S. now has 61 nuclear power plants in operation, 73 others under construction and more than 100 planned. The Tennessee Valley Authority operates two large nuclear power reactors at Decatur, Ala.

While Kentucky as yet has no nuclear power plants, Illinois has numerous privately operated installations.

Consideration is being given to situating a plant on the Ohio River at Marble Hill near Louisville. Critics including both Indiana U.S. Senators complain of grossly inadequate notice of a public hearing concerning the safety aspects of reactors to be used in the projected plant. Governor Carroll has suggested a multi-state authority to consider problems of such development.

The Royal Commission judges that no one yet has satisfactory solutions to safety and environmental problems. It advises much more research into the many hazards of nuclear power, the risk of terrorist attacks, the probable need of special police forces, the danger of preemption of too large a share of government financing and the risk of exporting nuclear technology to unstable governments.

Perhaps Commissioner Harrison is right that there are moral issues to be considered before casting our lot uncritically for such a program.

Visits fire station

Head Start children, teachers, aides and parents visited the City Fire Station Thursday morning and were given instruction by Fire Chief Bobby Barnett on how a fire truck operates. Fireman George Bowles assisted Barnett.—Duncan photo

Versailles horse trainer penalized

FRANKFORT—A Versailles horse trainer has been assessed a $1,000 civil penalty for violating the Horse Protection Act, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced.

Richard A. Wall was found in violation by a federal administrative law judge when he failed to answer a formal complaint against him by USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) filed in January. The complaint charged that Wall's horse, Go Boy's Midnight Rambler, was sored when it performed at the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, Shelbyville, Tenn., Aug. 23, 1973. Soring is the use of inhumane devices or methods to accentuate a horse's gait in the show ring. APHIS inspectors found both front feet of Wall's horse were inflammed and unusually sensitive to the touch after the performance.

Under rules of practice in administrative proceedings, failure to respond to a formal complaint constitutes admission of guilt and a waiver of any hearing on the matter. Because of the serious violation involved, the USDA judicial officer reviewed the case and imposed the maximum possible penalty. The penalty must be paid within 30 days of the time Wall receives the decision.

Governor to hold news conference in Mayfield

FRANKFORT—Gov. Julian Carroll held a news conference at 10 a.m. Monday in Mayfield, the first of what he expects will be a continuing series of regional news conferences throughout the state.

John Nichols, Gov. Carroll's press secretary, said the Governor is planning to hold these news conferences at least quarterly. The specific dates and locations of future conferences have not been set.

"Gov. Carroll is aware that because of his busy schedule he has got been as accessible and available to the press as he would like to be," Nichols said.

"He has opted to spend his time solving problems as his first priority, but the Governor knows that his success is in large part dependent on the media conveying his programs to the people of the Commonwealth."

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"Without 'Freedom of the Press' we lose our democracy,
Without democracy, we lose our rights,
Without rights, we are in total darkness, In darkness, there is no press, nor a need for one".
—William E. Branen
president
National Newspaper Association

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Nichols said the Governor's decision to establish a series of regional news conferences came about as a result of conversations between Nichols and various members of the Kentucky Press Association, some of whom had expressed a desire for more frequent access to the governor.

Tobacco checks placed in mail

Climaxing a record year of returning profits to farmers, the Burley Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association last week placed checks totaling $9 million in the mails.

The distribution represents net gains earned on that portion of the 1969 and 1970 crops taken under loan.

Growers in this county who pooled a portion of their crop in either of those two years will share in the distribution. Approximately 200,000 checks were mailed on Oct. 8, from headquarters of the Burley Growers Coop, 620 South Broadway, Lexington.

Accompanying each check were a letter and financial statement giving a summary of the Association's operations during the last 37 crop years, since it has been in charge of the price-support program, in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Missouri.

USDA distributes conservation funds

State-by-state distribution for 1977 Agricultural Conservation Program funds was issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). USDA had previously announced a total ACP funding level of $190 million and other details of the 1977 program.

The allocations were determined by the Secretary of Agriculture according to the conservation needs of each state.

Deducted from the $190 million ACP is $1.9 million reimbursement to the Forest Service for technical assistance to farmers and $400,000 for the Naval Stores Conservation Program that involves producers in the southeast.

Amount available for basic allocation to Kentucky for the 1977 ACP is $4,717,000. Producers in Nicholas county will be notified when the local ASCS office will be ready to accept applications for the 1977 program.

Wilson participant in Reforger 76

Army Private Samuel E. Wilson, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Wilson, Carlisle, is one of the thousands of American and Allied troops who took part in NATO exercise Reforger 76 in Germany.

Reforger 76 was two separate major field training exercises conducted in the states of Bavaria and Hessen, Germany. It included participating elements of NATO forces of the U.S., Belgium, Canada, and Germany.

Different from past reforgers, this year a U.S. based unit was deployed to Europe with its equipment instead of picking up equipment already stored. Belgium, Luxemburg and the Netherlands are playing an active part in receiving and deploying equipment from areas in their countries.

Pvt. Wilson is regularly assigned as a rifleman in the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell.

He is a 1975 graduate of Nicholas County High School.

Clean up on Kentucky by recycling for money

FRANKFORT—Clean up on Kentucky. Now it's possible to help make the state less polluted and, at the same time, make a profit—by recycling everything.

All the books and stationery imprinted with the phrase "printed on 100% recycled paper" and cans carrying the symbol of two curved arrows representing the completion of a cycle come from companies that buy recycleable paper and metal products—sometimes from home environmentalists.

Two of the state's major paper recycling companies are located in Lexington and Louisville, according to the beautification section of the state Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection's special programs division.

The two basic paper grades reclaimed by Re-cy-co, Inc., located at 760 North Limestone in Lexington, are newsprint and corrugated. In addition, the company also recycles other grades, ranging from mixed office waste to high grades, such as IBM tabulating cards, cups, and envelope stock.

Re-cy-co's prices are determined on a daily market basis and are dependent on the product being delivered to Lexington or picked up by the company's equipment. For Re-cy-co, the most economical way of receiving waste material is by high volume transport, such as trailers or compacting units.

A Lexington firm, Harry Gordon Scrap Materials, Inc., recycles both paper and metal waste products. The company's maximum prices per net ton for the different types of waste are: Baling materials, $23; iron, $50; cast iron, $30; corrugated cardboard, $25; newspaper, $20; and white manila tab cards, $150. The most economical means of taking material to the company's plant at 637 Patterson Street is truck or car.

Located at 1371-1379 Lexington Rd., Klempner Brothers, Inc. recycles ferrous and non-ferrous metals at quotation-based prices. That firm accepts scrap brought in by truck, railroad car or barge, but will not accept material brought by car.

The "leading scrap processor in Central Kentucky" is Lexington's Baker Iron and Metal Company which specializes in industrial, mining, farm and automotive scrap. The company's tow processing sites are at 717 North Limestone St. and 757 East Seventh St., where scrap metals can be brought from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday. Each site is accessible to railroad and truck deliveries of scrap. Because prices fluctuate, company officials prefer that recyclers call for a current price quotation.

Kentucky Scrap Material Company of 115 Manchester Rd. in Lexington also buys scrap for recycling. For each 100 pounds, the company pays: Copper, $45; brass, $30, and radiators, $25. Scrap iron bought by the ton brings $30. The most economical means of transporting material to the company is trucks.

Another Lexington firm, Wides Metal Company, located at 700 East Second St., recycles scrap iron and non-ferrous metals with prices varying according to the market. Although the company picks up large quantities of scrap material, recyclers should deliver small amounts to the company yard by truck.

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