Opinion

Labor Day holiday

Celebration, travel, and easy living all ban together for that high spirited, fast paced Labor Day holiday coming up.

Working people push, shove and fight to the punch-out clock as the signal for the weekend sounds. A basket for all common sense, politeness, and the collection of all safety habits is placed at the door for deposit as you leave. Fifteen minutes is spent to pack the old jalopy full with things gathered the night before.

Although the family has grown from four to eight since you bought the boat, it's piled on top of the car and eight life jackets are thrown in. As you pull out of the driveway the oil pan drags on the station wagon with air shocks and you remember what it was you knew you forgot, the car check. No time now, gotta go, get there before the crowd.

What luck! Only two "smokies" were spotted and you saw those in plenty of time to ease the speed from 75 to 55, and the ole boy never knew the difference.

You made it! And before the crowd too, why there's only 500 campers here and the hotel parking lot still has three vacancies. Seems it's always easier to unload than load for a trip. The beach is the first place that catches your eye—a fast swim, eat, and then a boat ride. Don't have time to wait for one-half hour before boating. No one's going to be in the water and it's always fun to watch the starry sky from a boat.

Isn't boating fun! No worries about not breaking speed limits, these waters are never patrolled, no looking out for the other man. A boat doesn't have brakes but that's no problem, just stick the leg, foot or body out of the boat before hitting the dock. Swimmers, well no one swims out here, the bang in the back of the boat, that was probably just a large fish or rock.

Why are there always so many people on the beach? That person looks interesting, that's it just push him in, wonderful way to get acquainted. Everyone knows how to swim, besides the water here has only been over four feet once or twice and that was years ago.

Time flies when you are having fun, always the last to leave. No worry, gives you a nice chance to look the place over and say goodbye till next year. How different things look when they are deserted, deserted did you say? Well, almost, except for the paper there, cans here, and bottles over yonder. Why clean it up, someone will do it, just because they have a million and two other odd jobs to do before the next crew of people wanting to get in one last fling before winter. They're getting paid for it. Besides that, the trash can always seems so far from where you are and sometimes it even looks full.

Homeward bound once again. How nice. Seems like you read something in The Mercury last week about having a safe, clean, relaxing Labor Day holiday.

Sen. Ford disturbed by postal costs

(Editor's note: The following is a reprint of a floor statement which Senator Wendell Ford delivered during floor consideration of the Postal Service Organization and Financing Act. It explains very well the plight of the small newspapers regarding continuing increases in postal rates.)

"Mr. Ford. Mr. President, I want to raise my voice in support of the Senator from South Carolina.

Mr. President, once again the Congress has been confronted with the necessity of bailing the U.S. Postal Service out of its latest financial crisis. As we consider what course of action to take, I want to remind my colleagues of a small but important group that will be greatly affected by our actions—the small daily and weekly newspapers of this land.

Rising postal rates have had a disrupting impact on Americans of all walks of life, but nowhere has this impact been greater than on the publishing field. The larger newspaper and magazine enterprises, because of their volume and diversity, are better able to cope with the new and additional mailing costs than the smaller operations who now find their very existence threatened.

In Kentucky alone, more than 160 small daily and weekly operations are dependent on the mails to deliver the paper to subscribers.

We are witnessing a trend among the larger metropolitan papers to devote less space to coverage of news in small towns and rural areas. For many papers, this is a matter of simple economics.

Yet, as this occurs, a greater responsibility falls on the small daily and weekly papers—the community press—to transmit the news of local events.

Those of us with roots in small or rural areas have strong feelings about the community press and recognize how a small daily or weekly paper can serve to tie together the various elements of a community.

That is why I am disturbed about the impact and implications of yet another hike in postal rates.

In recent weeks, I have received a considerable amount of mail from the publishers and editors of Kentucky's community press, many of them still family owned and operated. These letters spell out the many pressing problems which have been left for them to shoulder as a result of an unstable Postal Service.

In the first six months of 1976, it has not been unusual for postage expenses to increase between 30 to 50 percent over the first half of last year. These added costs of production are, of course, shared by the subscribers, and it is the very real fear of these editors and publishers that the cost of subscribing to their papers might soon become prohibitive.

I, for one, hope that day never comes. I cannot imagine it being the intent of our Founding Fathers, who went to such great lengths to insure a free and strong press, to see a time when the citizens of this land could not afford the costs incurred in the dissemination of news.

I strongly support a moratorium on postal rate increases as well as a moratorim on the closing of small post offices.

I urge my colleagues to keep these thoughts in mind as we deliberate what needs to be done in order to restore order and stability to our Postal Service, while at the same time preserving the health and well-being of this essential part of American life—the community press.

I thank the Senator from South Carolina."

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Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Praying mantis

This insect didn't want to live up to its name and cross its legs in a praying fashion.

It seemingly had a bad case of the fidgets in that it took some five shots before Jimmy Smith was able to catch it as it went up or down one side of a number 10 envelope. Several mantis were to be found on Carlisle streets last Thursday morning following a shower.

—MV—

All hand-set

Part of an issue of The Carlisle Mercury dated July 15, 1886 and all put together with hand-set type, was found behind a mirror by Mrs. Manuel Crawford at her home on Douglas Court. We show a portion elsewhere on this page.

—MV—

Ides of March

No it isn't March, but come Sept. 15 many of us have that feeling.

I can remember when one worried with I.T. just once instead of every quarter.

All of which may or may not explain why I have a note on my desk, "Income Tax Payment Sept. 15th", Hopefully what with increased printing costs, postage costs and general inflation one will be able to make payment on time.

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FOR SALE.—I have 40 cord of wood in the rick that I will sell cheap—mostly oak and ash. ABE CAMPBELL,
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Our accounts for July are now ready and we ask our customers to call and settle up, as we need money to pay our accounts, and to those who owe accounts due January last, we insist upon their settlement at once, or we will have to place them in other hands for collection. Respectfully,
BUMGARDNER & DYER.
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'Pardon', a carefully chosen word Van Curon points-out

FRANKFORT—One of the early issues, an emotional one, in the presidential race arrived last week before the American Legion convention in Seattle.

Democrat Jimmy Carter appeared first and spoke favorably for giving pardons to the Vietnam War draft evaders. He drew a large round of objections, but it should be noted that he received a standing ovation at the end of his speech, after he had cleared the pardon barrage.

Republican vice presidential candidate Robert Dole told the Legionnaires that President Ford's position on the Vietnam draft evaders is "unequivocal . . . no blanket pardon, no blanket amnesty, no blanket clemency." The Legionnaires applauded Dole loudly on this score where they had booed Carter.

This may not be one of the big issues in the campaign in Kentucky, but Carter had earlier served notice that it will be one of the "posture" issues with him in telling President Ford to task for pardoning President Richard Nixon after the Watergate debacle.

Carter intimated that a President who could pardon Nixon over Watergate should pardon the Vietnam draft evaders. He carefully chose "pardon" instead of amnesty to accent the fact that Nixon had been given a full pardon. In this way he tried to nail the entire Watergate affair on President Ford's door.

There is a fine distinction between pardon and amnesty and herein lies the narrow battlefield you may see skirmished over during the campaign.

Pardon is usually referred to in reference to an individual. A full pardon wipes the slate clean, forgives the transgressor of his misdeeds and his sins.

Amnesty is usually used in reference to a group, such as the Vietnam draft evaders of the Southern soldiers during the Civil War.

The chief action of President Andrew Johnson causing impeachment charges to be brought against him was his declaration of amnesty May 26, 1865 to all Confederates except certain leaders if they would abolish slavery and ratify the 13th Amendment.

A condition was attached. Johnson's amnesty enraged Congress when the Southern States included anti-Negro provisions. Congress had intended to enfranchise all Negroes and disenfranchise all Confederates.

President Ford, acting on the precedent set by Johnson, issued a conditional amnesty to all Vietnam draft evaders. The provision was that they report in at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana for processing. The condition was that they perform a year of public service.

Watergate figure John Erlickman tried a variation of amnesty when he offered to work five years with American Indians on their reservation rather than serve his prison sentence. Erlichman was refused.

This fine distinction is why Dole told the Legionnaires that President Ford's position is "unequivocal . . . no blanket pardons, no blanket amnesty, no blanket clemency."

This is the fine distinction between amnesty and pardon.

This is also the campaigning technique on why Carter chose pardon instead of amnesty. There is a difference.

President Ford has granted the Vietnam draft evaders amnesty, but there is a certain vocal element that wants a full pardon.

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20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, September 6, 1956

Dr. B.F. Reynolds, Health Officer of the local health department announced that a concentrated program for the school children of Nicholas county is being planned. The program includes the examination for physical disabilities and general health determents in the first, fifth and ninth grades of all the schools in the city and county. This service will be brought to all the school by the personnel of the health department.

The following new courses were added to the curriculum of Nicholas County High School: Physics, Algebra II, additional vocal music, and part time vocational guidance service.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hardwick, a son, Monday.—To Mr. and Mrs. James D. Gaurice, a daughter, on Thursday.—To Mr. and Mrs. J.C. James III, a son, born Sept. 2.

DIED—Mrs. Etta Duncan Alexander, 81, of Paris, Sunday.—Mrs. Ella Cassity Mastin, 83, Wednesday at a nursing home in Lexington.—Mrs. Louise McFarland Bussell, 79, Wednesday, in Dayton, Ohio.—Dr. G.G. Buntin, 88, Monday at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington.—Mrs. Dora Snapp Ritchey Demininske, 60, Monday in Muskegon Hospital, Muskegon, Mich.

Thursday, September 3, 1936

Henry Herndon, prominent farmer of Pleasant Valley, is in a serious condition at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington as the result of injuries sustained Tuesday night when his left arm was struck by a log protruding from a truck as he was passing the truck in his automobile.

"Forest Retreat" the old home of Governor Thomas Metcalfe, is being restored by Dr. and Mrs. Ealie Asbury of Cincinnati.

Water service at the CCC camp, the courthouse and a few other large users was discontinued Tuesday as the water situation here became more serious.

Mrs. C.C. Shrout and Mrs. Walter Hazelrigg have been selected as managers of the penny lunch at the Carlisle City School for the ensuing year.

MARRIED—Miss Ada Lynam, to William Towles, Sunday.

DIED—Mrs. Catherine Freeman Frey, 86, at her home on Chestnut Street, Friday.—Mrs. Avalene Bramblett Wasson, 81, at her home near Little Rock last Wednesday.—William Edward Barnett, 70, at his home near Blue Licks last Thursday.

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Bluejackets win opener, 7-0

by Apdra Mann
and
Kay Conley
The Nicholas County Bluejackets won their 1976 football season opener Friday, Aug. 27, against the East Carter Raiders by a score of 7-0.

The first quarter got off to a slow start. Joe Ruddell then made an 80 yard touchdown run after catching an East Carter punt. Tim Moreland's point after touchdown made contact and the score then stood as it would remain the rest of the game, 7-0.

Later in the first quarter, Joe Ruddell got the ball on Nicholas County's own 39 yard line and ran it to East Carter's 34 yard line. Ruddell, on the next play, passed the ball to Tim Ockerman who made an easy run to the end zone. However, there was a flag on the play. Nicholas County was called offsides, the play was called back, and Nicholas was penalized five yards.

Ruddell's next pass was intercepted by East Carter. East Carter gained the ball at the Nicholas County 29 yard line as time ran out.

The second quarter began with the ball in East Carter's possession. When the Raiders failed to make a first down, Nicholas gained the ball. The Bluejackets then achieved a first down. Damon Booth carried the ball on the first down. Anthony Williams carried the ball on the second down and was tackled with one yard remaining for the first down.

Williams then carried the ball for a gain of 24 yards.

Later in the second quarter Nicholas County was penalized five yards for illegal procedure, and 15 yards for personal foul.

East Carter was then penalized five yards for illegal procedure. East Carter failed to make a first down and the ball was turned over to the Bluejackets on Nicholas County's 33 yard line. The ball was passed to Clifford Thompson who ran it to East Carter's 48 yard line. A pass to Tim Ockerman was incomplete.

On the next play, Anthony Williams ran the ball to the end zone, but there was a flag on the play. Nicholas was penalized 15 yards for clipping and the touchdown was nullified.

Nicholas County was penalized five yards for being offsides two plays later. Thompson carried the ball for a gain of four yards to make the fourth and three. Damon Booth then carried the ball for a first down.

Thompson carried the ball again for a gain of eight yards to make it second and two. Anthony Williams then carried the ball for a gain of one yard to put the ball on the four yard line. Thompson then fumbled the ball and East Carter received it as the second quarter ended.

During the second half, the Bluejackets made another touchdown, but it was nullified by penalties.

The Jackets were in scoring position one other time, but lost the ball on a fumble on the Raider three yard line.

East Carter's only scoring threat was stifled in the fourth quarter when Greg Letcher recovered a Raider fumble in the Bluejacket end zone for a safety.

Nicholas County's total yardage of the game was 220 yards while East Carter gained 83 yards. Leading rushers were Joe Ruddell, 36 yards, Clifford Thompson, 47 yards, and Damon Booth, 97 yards.

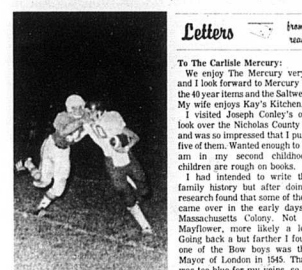
The Bluejacket defense was again outstanding, the leading tacklers being Cliff Shumate, 14, Damon Booth, 8, Greg Letcher, 8, Timmy Ockerman, 7, and Anthony Williams, 7.

Nicholas County outscored East Carter in first downs with Nicholas 12 and East Carter having 6, but Bluejackets lost in penalties with 40 yards against them and the Raiders having 10 against them.

The next game will be Friday night at Bellevue at 8 p.m.

On Saturday night Nicholas County plays the Kentucky School for the Deaf on KSD's own field.

Nicholas County tailback, Clifford Thompson, scampers around left end for a gain in last Friday's opening game for the Jackets.—A. Mann photo



Joe Ruddell gets grabbed by the collar as he attempts to break a long gainer in last Friday's opening victory for the Bluejackets against East Carter.—A. Mann photo

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

We enjoy The Mercury very much and look forward to Mercury Vapors, the 40 year items and the Saltwell news. My wife enjoys Kay's Kitchen.

I visited Joseph Conley's office to look over the Nicholas County History and was so impressed that I purchased five of them. Wanted enough to last as I am in my second childhood and children are rough on books.

I had intended to write the Bow family history but after doing some research found that some of the family came over in the early days of the Massachusetts Colony. Not on the Mayflower, more likely a log raft. Going back a but farther I found that one of the Bow boys was the Lord Mayor of London in 1545. That blood was too blue for my veins, so I rested from my labors. And then there is the ever present danger of finding a skeleton in the closet.

Sorry to hear of the rock piece that you carry. I have a rock problem, rocks in my head according to my wife. But I am blessed with a very large nose, so I may escape surgery, by natural passage.

When I was a youth, having a large nose caused me quite a lot of concern, but my father consoled me by saying that all smart men had large noses. I asked for an example and he named himself, and Dr. S.R. Fisher of Headquarters. It didn't work for me, only more pain when it got busted.

We were especially impressed by the graveyard listings in the County History. At my age a graveyard seems to be uppermost in my mind. What a morbid thought.

Speaking of the family tree bit brings to mind an incident that occurred in Harrison county many years ago. A prominent family employed a prominent genealogist to do the job. As he was toiling at his task he came upon a member of the family that had been executed in the electric chair at Eddyville. Not wishing to embarrass the family, he stated that this family member had occupied the seat of applied electricity, in a well known state institution.

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'Count on Me' begins Sept. 5

The Sunday School of the Carlisle Christian Church at Locust and Chestnut Streets is inviting many friends and neighbors to be their guests in Sunday School during the "Count on Me" loyalty days beginning Sunday, Sept. 5 and ending Sunday, Oct. 10.

The Double-in-a-Decade Campaign is part of the annual Sunday School emphasis program of the church, according to Eugene White, minister of the congregation.

A vigorous effort is being made to have 100% attendance of the Sunday School members present during the six-week campaign.

Sunday School Superintendent Calvin Vice is organizing the program with teachers and workers enlisted to carry out the activities of the campaign.

Those inviting guests will be responsible to see that each guest receives the "red carpet treatment" upon arrival at the Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

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Russ Metz

When the kids fight, flush your frustrations down the drain

One of the wild tales Comedian Bill Cosby tells is about when he and his brother, Russell, were kids they were playing in their bathroom and Bill said, "Hey man, how'd you like a tour of the city?"

And little Russell came back, "Let it happen, captain."

Then it was in the middle of Bill trying to stuff little Russell down the commode to flush him through the city that their mother came in and heavy-handed the trip.

She was probably just checking up on her retreat when she ran into the action. Because when you put two kids together, you have to assume that sooner or later there is going to be a fight. And a parent needs a place to hide.

You can always interfere and warp their personalities, or you can hide in the bathroom stick your head into the commode and let the running water drown out the screams and crunch of bones.

There are several schools of thought on how to handle a crisis such as your kids fighting and several self-proclaimed behavior experts have made a bundle peddling their own brand of advice.

They vary from Bettelheim's theory of the Teddy Roosevelt persuasion where you never force a child—you just get a bigger club—to a spook named Spock, who pushed his permissive and indulgence theory until it came back to haunt him.

And right in the middle to cash in on frustrated parents is a psychiatrist named Rudolf Dreikurs, who believes you ought to simply let the kids fight it out. Leave the room if you can't stand the sight of blood, but don't reward misbehavior by butting into children's conflicts. This is a particularly good theory to buy if the kids happen to be bigger than you are.

In parent study groups that always spring up when a new old idea is dredged up, Dreikurs offers his "democratic method" of child rearing to any parent with the price of admission.

"In a democracy, you can no longer make a child do anything for very long," he tells them. "Force simply does not work. What you must do is win his cooperation."

I have found this to be true. You use a hickory club only to get their attention. It makes cooperation come easier.

The Dreikur doctrine is a mixture of puzzling do's and don'ts. You don't spank, yell, preach, lecture, command, order, reward or punish, threaten or bribe, or call attention to mistakes. About all it leaves for you to do is go soak your head in the commode and hope your little democratic devils don't use a plumber's friend on you.

Then how should parents act when kids act up?

Rule 1: Stifle the initial impulse to beat them to a bloody pulp. It is an emotional reaction, irrational and certain to make the situation worse.

Rule 2: Ignore the undue demands of the child. You are permitted to dodge falling plaster, pull your jockey shorts up over head and hide or hold your breath for 30 minutes, but don't acknowledge his temper tantrums. They will disappear when he fails to get and audience. And, hopefully, you will be around to notice this.

Rule 3: Withdrawn from power struggles. Bug off. When a child starts argument, refuse to take the bait. Hide in the attic or slink down into the cellar and uncork the dandelion wine barrel. After a few snifters, you ought to be able to stand your child's arguments, or even start one of your own.

Rule 4: Use natural and logical consequences, not punishment. If a child won't put his dirty clothes in the hamper, let him go without clean clothes. If he forgets his lunch, let him go hungry. Toys not put away are taken away. Then you end up with a hungry, dirty kid with the nastiest temper in town. Back to the bathroom, sweetie, for a little more commode therapy.

Rule 5: Each family member is responsible for his own actions; no one has a right to impose his will on anyone else. Nor has anyone a right to interfere with another's liberty. A picture of Patrick Henry on the wall will remind you of this rule.

My mother subscribed to the Dreikurs theory. When she heard I'd had another fight, a rumor that flooded around often in those days, she would have the beefsteak ready for my eye. Only when the butter and egg money ran out would she substitute a cold wash cloth and have the beefsteak for supper.

Because Mom was practicing Dreikurs, I learned several valuable lessons. Always circle your opponent until you got behind him or he fell into a hole. Duck as often as possible without losing sight of the heavy artillery aimed at you, pick on someone littler than you are and never entertain the idea that your fists are more effective than a baseball bat.

It might have helped if Mom had been around to trip my opponents, but I never held that against her. She had her own theory about fighting. I had mine.

Because of my childhood, I vowed never to spank my children. But then I expected to have better children than by parents did.

Dreikurs says parents may interfere if the child is actually in danger. This came to about 99 percent of the time I got into a fight, I found out that results linger on long after courage is forgotten.

A child, who wants to play outside in cold weather without a coat should be allowed to. He'll come in when he gets cold enough. Consequences is the in-thing in teaching kids the Dreikurs way.

They sure are. After one particularly bloody encounter, Mom patched me up and said, "You mean to tell me this happened after you counted to 100 like I told You?"

"No, Mom," I told her. "It happened about when I got up to about 50."

Onward, upward.