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Community Band

Joe Frank Conley, Billy Parker and Mrs. Ed Roberts identified members of this band. They are, front row from left, Dr. G.W. Ware, former band leader, Wise Collier, Paul Bryson, Joe Frank Conley, Paul Walden. Second row, Mrs. Ed Roberts and Robert D. Griffin. According to Mr. Conley, this was a community band, which was in existence for a few years. The date he remembers is 1922.

Northern lights may give Alaska pipeline big charge

Alaskan oil has begun flowing through what could be the largest electrical conductor ever constructed. Researchers at the University of Alaska's Geophysical Institute theorize that the aurora borealis—the colorful fireworks known as the northern lights—could turn the 800-mile pipeline from the Prudhoe Bay oil field to the port of Valdez into one long conductor of electrical energy.

Interaction of the charged air with the magnetic field of the earth could induce surges of up to 1,000 amperes of electric current in the metal pipe, the scientists point out.

Precedents Taken

The discharge of this much electricity from the pipe to the ground would free iron molecules and hasten corrosion of the steel pipeline. To prevent this, cables carrying both a positive and a negative electrical charge have been attached at points where the pipe dips into the ground.

Until now, problems caused by the electrical displays at the earth's poles have been limited chiefly to compass error and radio interference, the National Geographic Society says.

The lights aren't restricted to the polar regions. They caused trouble for the Russian army in the first century A.D., when the philosopher Seneca

described their appearance in the skies over Italy and reported that troops "hurried to the succor of the colony of Ostia, believing it to be on fire."

Earlier, Cartaginians recorded seeing the sky in flames in 302 B.C. Medieval Europeans thought the auroral glow was the fire of battle as ghostly armies fought in the skies. And a 19th-century Norwegian chronicler said the displays were the reflection of fires that erupted at the edge of the flat earth.

The aurora borealis most often is visible within a 200-mile-wide belt that rings the magnetic north pole, receiv-

ing south of Greenland and across northern Norway, Alaska and Canada. Its southern counterpart, aurora australis, normally confines its activity to Antarctica and the surrounding oceans. When auroral displays shift occasionally to other latitudes, startled citizens are likely to flood police switchboards with anxious calls about the imagined conflagration.

Scientists have found the play of lights intensifies during sun-spot activity.

As the sun revolves on its axis, it throws off streams of electrified particles that sweep millions of miles into space.

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Kentucky reflections

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press by which the people can be informed of the events of the day or by which they can be provided with a means of transmitting and receiving the widest variety of opinion and ideas? Except through the growth of knowledge, the search for truth, and the discovery and refinement of useful ideas, how can beneficial and necessary changes in society ever take place?

If the press should be called a special interest because of the constitutional protection granted to it, it should be recognized that it is a special interest of the citizenry, an attitude not invariably grasped by all members of the Fourth Estate.

The press, for us, needs to be vigilant to report concentrations of power, to identify those who may want to silence unpopular minorities, or jail reporters, who want to deny teachers the freedom to teach and students the freedom to learn, or even deny those who through negligence or oversight deny access to the knowledge citizens should be given.

One can recognize the need for full and open debate when one considers the conflicting social values implicit in the current debate on providing public funds for abortion, the right to live, or the right of a woman to control her own body. We recall when various groups in Louisville organized to shut down debate in public meetings on such matters as the death penalty.

So with sympathy for those good and conscientious citizens who give of their time, it is nevertheless essential to recognize that the press may well be defending our interests in understanding the unpleasant task of minding the members of the University of Louisville Board.

One recalls the number first expressed by Judge Learned Hand a generation ago that "it was not the violence of our enemies that would most us, but the shallowness of our convictions."

Honor author

Gov. Julian Carroll has proclaimed Aug. 4 as Jesse Stuart Day in Kentucky in honor of the author's 70th birthday.

Over the past 47 years, the Greenway native has brought fame to Kentucky by writing, speaking and teaching in more than 30 nations. His stories, novels and poetry about Kentucky have been translated into 30 foreign languages.

Stuart has served as Poet Laureate for the Commonwealth for several years.



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Another form of pollution

By Laraine Niemus

Pollution is a fact of modern life. Almost everyone is aware of the dangers to them and their environment posed by dirty air and dirty water.

But there is another form of pollution that is just as common and just as hazardous to people exposed to it. It's a type of pollution that is perhaps more insidious because we become so used to it we tend to take it for granted, not even realizing the damage it is doing to us.

It's called noise.

And noise pollution is becoming such a serious problem in our heavily industrialized society that several scientists at the University of Louisville-like scientists throughout the world—are studying noise and its effect on people in an effort to find ways to decrease the damage it does.

One of them, Dr. Michael Loeb, director of the experimental training program in U of L's psychology department, says that most people are exposed to far more noise than they realize and that noise doesn't even have to be noticeably loud to do its dirty work.

Obviously, people who work in factories, or nightclubs with loud music, or machine shops will be exposed to loud

By Dr. Irving Silverman, assistant professor of pediatrics at U of L, said that even office workers are not immune from noise pollution. For in even what seems like a quiet office, people are almost continuously bombarded with the sounds of typewriters clacking, telephones ringing, conversations buzzing, the air conditioner humming, cars and trucks whizzing by outside and even so-called "speakers" music flowing in through open doors.

All this can add up to a great deal of annoyance—even unconscious annoyance—in people surrounded by it. In fact, Silverman said, is a critical factor.

Most people know that intense levels of noise can do a good deal of physical harm—they can cause deafness and, in extreme cases, even death.

But Loeb and Silverman said that noise can do a good deal of psychic damage as well.

It can interfere with a person's sleep, with his work performance, with his ability to concentrate and even with his emotions and physiology.

For example, Loeb pointed to research performed in Europe showing a higher incidence of cardiovascular disease among workers in noisy factories. And, in research done in Sweden, where the noise level is very low, persons studied showed lower blood pressure and less hearing loss. Additional studies indicate that children who live in noisy apartments have lower IQ and trouble learning to speak clearly.

In each of these studies, Loeb pointed out, there may be other contributing factors. But most scientists agree that noise practically ruins their whole working

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