

# Opinion

## Good news, O'Hair failed

We were given some very good news last week by Rev. Eugene O'Hair, who reduced to one out of 27 editorial "whop that ariah, now!" Rev. White informed us that the Federal Communications Commission denied Madelyn Murray O'Hair's petition (H.M. 3491) to eliminate the prohibition of anything religious in the airways of America. Apparently the FCC was flooded with letters favoring religious broadcasting and it acted accordingly. This shows the power of letter writing. If enough people state that to say more something (or for something), it will be ignored by public officials. We are mighty glad that enough

people took the time to state to the FCC their opposition to Mrs. O'Hair's petition. Mrs. O'Hair presumably eliminated prayer in the public schools, she should not be permitted to do any more something (or for something). We applaud the FCC's denial in this instance. We are mighty glad that enough

## Ten percent of population may seek mental health aid

Approximately 10 per cent of the American population will seek some kind of mental health services during their lifetime. Much of the adult problem could have been prevented if they had been helped while still children when the problem was small.

because of the difficulty in understanding the child outside the context of the family, the child's behavior affects others in the family, and it's important to involve family members because they can have the most influence on the child.

There is a greater chance of being effective when problems are identified early and attended to. Dr. Carol Lowery, a clinical psychologist who recently joined the staff of the Bluegrass West Comprehensive Care Centers as co-ordinator of children's services. By age 25, the pattern has been going on half their life, it's just very difficult for people to change. We need as when I think about some of the clients I have seen because I could have worked with them ten years earlier before a network of problems developed.

The highest category of young patients are those who show disruptive behavior of some kind — temper tantrums, defiance, fighting, the more visible kinds of things. Parents are more involved to come in over these kinds of behavior. Speech disorders are also high on the list. However, she said the child she gets the most concerned about is the withdrawn and passive child, who is overly quiet, who may have friends, and is anxious and depressed, isolated. That kind of child may not disturb anyone else, maybe doesn't make adults aware.

Dr. Lowery said she has a strong interest in preventive programs, and will try to develop educational programs for high risk groups, such as parents going through divorce. "How they handle that can be very important for kids. I will also try to develop a program for single parents, to help them handle their situation so it is not so stressful for them and their children. She also plans to have some program for parents who are interested in learning more about how to handle just the normal kinds of questions that come up in child rearing — such as dealing with the developmental milestones or nightmares or the overly active child. In terms of direct services, she said she expects to work a lot with families

Her job, she said, breaks down roughly into three equal parts. One-third is direct services, which includes evaluation, diagnosis and therapy. Another portion is case consultation, seminars, and other work with Comprehensive Care staff. The other third is community liaison work. This includes being available to civic, church and other groups to provide programs to increase awareness of mental health services and other mental health matters. The administrative headquarters for Bluegrass West is 191 Doctors' Drive, Frankfort, phone 224-2127. The Nicholas center is located at 228 Locust Street, Carlisle.

## Drafts and chills

Drafts and chills don't cause colds. But they don't do your body much good, either. Colds are caused by viruses, and there are almost a hundred different cold viruses. But cold weather can be a shock to your body and throw it off balance, too. Your skin is directly exposed to the elements when it's chilled, the blood vessels near the skin contract drastically. Normally, 50 to 70 gallons

of blood flow through your skin every hour. But when your blood vessels narrow, the amount of circulating blood every hour is reduced by 10 to 15 gallons. Because active muscles help supply

## If you live long enough things may go full cycle

by R. C. Van Curen

Some who man some said if you live long enough the government agencies are telling petroleum utilities to convert their energy requirements from petroleum products to coal, but this produces a contradiction with another long organized group in this nation.

Some states now allow utility companies to sell home appliances to their customers on the time-payment plan with the monthly payment on the appliance added to the utility bill. Kentucky used to allow this up until the late 1970's, but retail merchants and lending institutions got together and got a bill passed to put the utilities out of the appliance business.

At the same time, retired families, living on fixed incomes, find themselves hard-pressed between an ideal of the federal government to reduce fuel consumption and how to live on a small fixed income. A lot of people would like to see an answer as to how to get a home insulated so it will be able to live within their income.

## Burley average \$22.43

Thursday, December 1, 1977  
Miss Sylvia Ruth McCarty of Myers, who is attending the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago this week, has been named a national winner of a \$400 scholarship in the safety awards program.

A. V. (Doc) Allison, tax commissioner of Nicholas County, was given the title of office for another four-year term. Roy Scott Post 15, Central West Virginia County of Clarkburg, W. Va., visited the local scout troop from Thursday until Sunday. Mrs. Frankie Hughes entertained with a miscellaneous shower, Friday night for Miss Betty Lou Vico, bride-elect of Jimmy Carter.

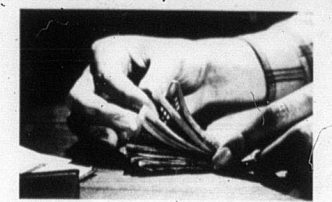
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These students at Ginger's School of Dance are practicing for the Revue "Entertainment Galore" to be held Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. at the Nicholas County Elementary Cafeteria. The school, directed by Miss Ginger Myers (pictured in the poster in the background of the top photo) started its first class in the winter of 1973. Top photo, dance is Daviana Jackson and Melissa Mitchell. Bottom, Jill Irvin (back turned), Cindy Allison, Susan Marrelli, and Julie Wills. The proceeds of the Revue will be donated to the Nicholas County High School Band. Ray Conroy (pictured in the poster in the background of the top photo) started its first

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## Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Like all times Let me plan to leave town early, like last Wednesday, Nov. 21, and it always happens. This time it was a load of paper sacks. The kind we use to mail the Carlisle Mercury in. The load was just 54,000 individual envelopes or put another way 27 heavy bundles. I had just finished carrying a bundle in, when in pops Alvin Clendenen, also loaded-down — it was like old times. We both started carrying the bundles in front of us, but Alvin soon decided that it was less effort to lodge the bundle on one's shoulder for the trip to the back shop. Before we had the truck unloaded, Linda Conley, Mercury bookkeeper took her share of bundles. I had sent Janie Duncan, assistant-to-the-publisher, to deliver the newstands — not an easy job in itself. Let me assure you, there may have been a time when I could have handled all the bundles at a time, but all help was appreciated. —MV—

Note this From KBSA comes the following: Marriage, family and child rearing have profoundly altered the United States in recent years. The divorce rate is now 49%, the highest in the world. Over 11 million children over age 11

about one in six — live in one-parent homes. The number of marriages dissolved by 78 between 1973 and 1975; one estimate says the number is now 1 and 1/2 million young... Teeth chattering experiences It was cool enough Saturday afternoon, but not standing under the downdraft of a large Army helicopter, but the power that was a picture of the craft landing at the new Carlisle Army, and I am usually game to try anything else. I had been alerted some 20 minutes earlier by Lt. Foster calling from Harrodsburg, saying that MG Richard Pymire and party had just departed via helicopter. I asked the lieutenant what the ETA was and he stated he didn't know — I guessed it 20 to 30 minutes. I didn't have but about 10 minutes outside the car to be cold, but the chills factor was something else when that big bird started lowering over me. I don't think I have ever been quite so cold. Later talking to Lt. Thomas E. Little, Public Information Officer, Kentucky Department of Military Affairs, Frankfort, I learned that riding in that big bird for even 20 minutes in cold weather wasn't any picnic. He was as thoroughly chilled as I.