

Opinion

National health insurance

One of the hottest debates in Washington right now is over national health insurance. With the election of Jimmy Carter and an overwhelmingly Democratic Congress, it is a foregone conclusion that some type of national system will be forthcoming.

Five major legislative proposals are expected to be reintroduced when Congress convenes. They range from a bill that would provide cost coverage for all families in the event of a medical catastrophe (an approach favored by the Ford Administration) to a cradle-to-grave, comprehensive medical program wholly paid for with tax dollars.

The second plan, which Carter led toward during the recent campaign, is principally sponsored by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Representative James C.orman (D-Calif.).



Agree or Not Letters

By S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—While Gov. James Rhodes of Ohio was so apprehensive about a flood in the Ohio River Valley last week that he asked for a meeting of the governors of states bordering the river, spokesmen for the U.S. Corps of Engineers at Cincinnati and Louisville wondered where Rhodes was getting his information.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, February 14, 1957
There was good news for Nicholas county supporters Wednesday night as it was announced that Ned Jennings had signed a grand-slam to play for the University of Kentucky. Jennings, who has been the pride of the Nicholas county team for two years, will graduate in May.

Criticism along the Kentucky and Cumberland Rivers are always apprehensive about flood conditions during winter such as this since a warning on the snow pack in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, where the streams originate, always holds the potential of flood conditions.

Big Sandy River that is headed up in Pike county always is susceptible to flood conditions in weather like this. However, spokesmen for the U.S. Corps of Engineers in both Louisville and Cincinnati see no danger of a flood, although there is "always a possibility."

John Lane, public relations specialist with the Corps of Engineers in Cincinnati, says he sees no danger of flooding in the Ohio River Valley from the long range weather forecasts available to him.

Martin Pedigo, in charge of public relations with the Corps of Engineers in Louisville, last Thursday he sees no danger of flood, and he too wondered what Governor Rhodes was getting his information.

"Pedigo said if all of the snow that has been in Kentucky along the Ohio were reduced to water, "it would amount to about as much as a half of rain," he said. Pedigo said the problem on the Ohio is that there isn't enough water in the river to support normal barging traffic. Barges have been delayed in an area about 25 miles on the river near Paducah. Ice has been one of the big problems in moving propane gas, fuel oil and salt for highways and other necessary items to fight this unusual winter.

Traffic began to move Thursday on the Ohio River gates at the locks were raised to build up a good of water between locks on the river.

Lane said all of the reservoirs in the Ohio River Basin, along the Cumberland, Kentucky and Big Sandy Rivers are drawn down for the season low and "they should be able to take care of any excess water" in the case of a rain on the mountains.

There are 10 reservoirs in the Ohio River Basin, eight on the Cumberland River and three on the Big Sandy. He said that the Ohio River Basin handles a normal rainfall on top of the snow. It would have to rain a whole lot for a long period" to flood, he said from the information he has.

"We would expect a pretty good warning from the weather service," Lane said.

Ewell Balltrif of The Harlan Daily Enterprise said people in his area are apprehensive about a flood. "This is virtually the same pattern we had the big flood of 1963 and the flood that hit New Year's Eve in 1970," he said.

Poor Pork and Clover Pork merge in downtown Harlan to form the Cumberland River. Balltrif said about 12 inches of snow has fallen in the valleys during January, but on Black Mountain the snow measured 30 inches and varied on other mountains in the area. "Measurements are 25."

Thursday, February 14, 1937
Ben H. Pumphrey, local distributor for the Gulf Refining Co., suffered first degree burns about the hands in a fire which destroyed the company's distributing plant on the Moorefield road morning. The fire started from a spark from an electric motor in the pump room.

County Judge D.M. Curry last week received notice from the State Tax Commission that the assessment of Nicholas county would be increased five percent on farm lands, five percent on town lots and improvements and five percent on livestock.

Thomas M. Hardin sold his farm of 160 acres on the Mayville and Lexington road to Thomas McCown and Jack Shannon at a private price.

According to reports, tobacco land is in great demand this year and a record acreage will be produced in Nicholas unless Nature interferes.

Approximately 120 members of the Carlisle CCC camp returned to the camp Friday after two weeks duty at Mayville in which they assisted in cleaning the city's streets after the flood.

Up until noon Wednesday County Clerk John F. Sugg had issued 28 automobile licenses and 54 truck licenses.

MARRIED—Miss Mabel Collins of Flemingsburg and Frank Browning of Mayville are married, Jan. 28.—Miss Betty Wallace (Gaskill), Bourbon county, to Arnold H. Daniels, Fayette county, Sunday.

DIED—Mrs. Sophia Lee Coy Murphy, 69, Monday at her home in Lexington.—The Arnold Unterbach, Terre Haute, Ind., Monday.—Will Tom Hughes, 94, Tullahoma, Mo., Thursday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jesse Lawrence in Dorseysville.—Mrs. Helene Ward Brierly, 80, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Atkins, near Elizaville, Friday.—Mrs. Minnie Craig Marshall, 66.—Robert Lee Curtis, 60, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W.C. Talbert, Thursday.

MISSOURI METZ
The mark of a good newspaperman is: (a) One who will trade a Bob Dylan tape for two of Richard Nixon's. (b) One who can tap over wall paper colors in a single bound. (c) Someone who can look through a

metaphor with both eyes without getting a glazed view. (d) The rump-spragging in his chair in his own bed. (e) Circulation of the paper. (f) Circulation of the publisher. (g) Advertising revenue. (h) Internal nervous.

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Mercury Anabors

by Warren R. Fisher

Hardheaded I guess
My letter had prevailed upon me to get a pair of long Johns something I have never had. I had been told that for many a year, all the time remembering the cold winter of yesterday. Just one day of wearing one of the two-piece thermal knit varieties quickly convinced me I'd been misled on the warmth. I didn't lose any time in acquiring another pair.

I suppose every good thing has a faulty side. No doubt the warmth comes from the use of synthetic yarns, and therein hangs the trouble. Just let me see anything synthetic in the cold dry air and I immediately take on a charge. I've even lit a fluorescent tube slightly in a cold dark room. I sometimes wonder, if these charges were out of being shocked taking newspapers off the press as a byproduct or the rubbing of two unlike bodies or substances together. Of course I'll latch onto the latter theory.

If I think of it in time I usually grab a key or metal stick against any available metal surface first, but most of the time I just put up with the shocking discharge of voltage.

Had him cornered
A breathless Jimmy Smith greeted me Sunday afternoon saying I've not been cornered. The "bit" I wanted to be a squirrel of which gender I do not know. Smith who was developing pictures in the upstairs darkroom had the pattern of feet on the hallway floor and thought the place was being invaded by rats. Said squirrel was cornered in the darkroom when I entered upon the scene and a spark flew off his tail. I had a letter to write, then we'd be about getting him out of the building without changing the varial again.

Finishing my chore downstairs I armed myself with a Cto fire extinguisher, slipped into the room with the animal and managed to get a window open, though it really didn't matter, what the squirrel had done to blinds, curtains and flies in its scramble for freedom can be left up to you.

Good samaritan
Some kindly disposed soul found my left glove the other day and brought same into the post office, where some two hours after losing same, I returned inquiring if they'd seen it left hand glove. The store I'd gone to in the meantime didn't have my size left in stock, which as it turned out, was just as well.

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anything else. (d) If you can pass a saline test. Can a newspaperman hope to get to heaven? (a) Hell, yes. (b) If your boss will sign a travel voucher. (c) Why, if there is a story up there? (d) Only if he becomes a church page editor.

Should I specialize, say in sports? (a) Most newspapermen are natural sports. They have sporting hobbies for them. (b) If you have a one-track mind. (c) That's why the full-court press was invented. (d) Were you one who chose (a) of the three questions?

Or you can take the advice of J.P. Morgan when young Cornelius Vanderbilt III announced he was going to work for a living as a journalist. "Arthur!" blurted the old titan of finance, his muscular facey creasing with electricity. "There are two things that can become a journalist—the can turn a publisher's name into a fortune. Frankly, I do not know which is worse."

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Jackets fall 67-57

by Jimmy Smith
The Nicholas County Bluejackets broke a long weather related lull last Friday night with an low milder at Mayville against St. Patrick. In a game that saw the Nicholas County squad pull back from a time point deficit to take a lead in the closing seconds of the third quarter, the Jackets were again forced to swallow defeat. The loss dropped the Jackets season record to three wins and 18 losses.

"I'd had to point out one thing that was the cause of the loss against St. Pat and the reason for our record so far," commented Jacket Coach Bill Anderson, "It would be our poor shooting percentage. You can't win if you don't put the ball in the bucket."

The young Jacket netters played an emotion filled game against the Saints but were unable to overcome their own needless turnovers and a poor night on offense. During one stretch of the game Nicholas County turned the ball over eight straight times down the floor before they could muster a score.

INSULATION

The lady of the house overheard him. She smiled and told him, "Go over and move that painting. Go on just move it to the side."

He struggled, then did it. It had been covering a bar. The lady of the house explained that she and her husband were Methodists and their minister had a habit of dropping by without warning. She said they chose the painting for its quantity and its quality—it was long enough to cover the opening to the bar, "but there's actually Methodist in my madens."

How cold is it?
Then J. Estelle Bell writing in the Union County Advocate says: "Dickie Cameron, Union county trucker or 222 per year—that the newspaper told us the other day that a fellow said he saw two Beagles trotting across his front yard. He says he's a suspicious case so they could start a rabbit!"

The glum side of things
Besides the fact that printing costs continue to rise, and newspaper has gone up some 20 per cent, (in 1976-40) it is a fact that the newspaper is an expensive way to purchase it today, the cost has passed \$300.00 per ton in winter, what that equates to is a newspaper a subscriber may cost start 8 cents per copy, but \$1.00 per subscription. The newspaper has become a devalued static electricity problem with the kitchen table, which really has nothing to do with the main problem—unless our National Newspaper Association and the U.S. Postal Service can't turn the Appeal Court ruling, rural newspapers, as we know them today, can soon become a thing of the past, which as it turned out, was just as well.

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