Opinion

TV violence proven affecting adults

In a study just published in the American Journal of Psychiatry, Dr. Roderick Gorney of UCLA has shown that television programs have a powerful effect not only on the young but also on adults. His study was of 183 middle-class, educated males who watched either violent television or helpful television shown for one week. The wives kept careful diaries of anger outbursts, quarrels, etc. without knowing what their husbands were watching. The husbands also rated how aggressive (violent) their moods were. In only one week there was a 19% decrease in aggressive moods reported by the husbands watching helpful programming. Even more important, the wives reported 37% more hurtful behavior by their husbands if they were watching violent television compared to the group watching helpful programs.

Another group in the study who watched whatever they wanted to watch were as hurtful as those watching violent television, probably showing that much of the television watched by middle-class males is violent. A fourth group who watched neutral programs—not violent or helpful—had almost as little hurtful behavior as those watching the good, helpful programs.

This study now joins the many showing that tv violence causes children to be more violent. Dr. Micheal Rothenburg, well-known for his study on the effects of tv violence on children published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, points out that of 50 different studies covering 10,000 children all show that violence viewing produces increased aggressive behavior.

The National PTA has started a campaign to stop television violence. The American Medical Association has given $25,000 to continue the measuring of television violence so that action can be taken. Many organizations are recommending a nationwide boycott of the advertisers to provide the financial support for violent programs.

The Committee on Children's Television recommends that concerned citizens write their local stations, their State and Federal Representatives, the Federal Communications Commission (1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554) and the sponsors of tv violence. They also recommend organizing on the local level, perhaps through the Nicholas County Elementary PTA, as the National PTA is now doing.

Senator Warren Magnuson has informed the United States Senate that the Senate Commerce Committee will study television violence. Most networks and stations are opposed to anyone regulating what they show on the public airwaves. However, the National Association of Broadcasters' own code states that "By law the television broadcaster is responsible for programming of his station. He, however, is obligated to bring his positive responsibility for excellence and good taste in programming to bear upon all who have a hand in the production of programs, including networks, sponsors, producers of film and of live programs, advertising agencies, and talent agencies . . ." In the past the NAB actually opposed an FCC plan of using NAB's own code as a guideline and even organized committees in each state to lobby against it!

Public opinion polls show the large majority of Americans are concerned with television violence. It appears that the subject will be more seriously considered this year than ever before.

'Hustler' conviction

Should porno crackdown extend to sex ed films?

The widely publicized conviction of **Hustler** magazine publisher Larry Flynt in Ohio recently on state charges of pandering obscenity and engaging in organized crime is but the latest example of the growing furor against pornography in this country.

Flynt, whose **Hustler** publication is, widely acknowledged to be one of the most explicit of the mass circulation sex-oriented magazines in the United States, was sentenced to seven to 25 years in jail and fined $10,000 on the organized crime charge. The obscenity charge carried a penalty of six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

In a similar case last March, a court in Memphis, Tenn., convicted porno actor Harry Reems and 11 others on federal conspiracy charges for their participation in the production of the movie **Deep Throat**. Also last spring Al Goldstein, publisher of **Screw** magazine, was convicted in Wichita, Kan., of distributing obscene materials by mail, though this conviction has since been overturned on appeal.

Even many liberals and civil libertarians, who once could be safely counted on to defend the peddling of pornography on "freedom of speech" grounds, are now having second thoughts.

In a recent **Washington Post** article dealing with the growing exploitation of children in the production of pornographic materials, for instance, New York lawyer Charles Rembar, who successfully defended **Lady Chatterley's Lover, Fanny Hill** and **Tropic of Cancer** against obscenity charges in the 1960s, was described as now in favor of cracking down on the theaters and book stores that distribute such materials.

A major factor in the convictions of Flynt, Reems and others has been the Supreme Court's **Miller v. California** ruling four years ago. In that decision, the court left it to each community to establish its own standards of what constitutes obscenity. Prior to that ruling, it had been necessary to prove that a sexually explicit film was "utterly without redeeming social value."

With "community standards" now the judicially established norm by which to define obscenity, it is not inconceivable, ironic as it may sound to those who were educated in a saner era, that materials used in the schools to teach sex education could turn out to be illegal. A possible case in point is a film entitled **About Sex, produced** by Planned Parenthood, and used in many schools for the purpose of teaching junior and senior high school students about the facts of life—and a good deal more.

George Archibald, who serves as administrative assistant to conservative Rep. Eldon Rudd (R.-Ariz.), showed this film at the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington recently as part of his presentation during a panel discussion on "The Crisis in American Education." And if the reaction of the men and women from all parts of the nation who witnessed that particular showing is any guide, it may not be out of line to conclude that **About Sex** does indeed violate community standards in many areas of this country.—Condensed from "Human Events"

Portable heaters may be illegal

Portable heaters began appearing in business offices across the state this winter when thermostats were set back to 65 degrees as a gas-saving measure. But an official of the state fire marshal's office warns that the use of some portable heaters is illegal.

Gilbert Ellis, of the office's hazardous materials section, said several businesses in Kentucky are using kerosene, fuel oil and propane heaters which may be banned by state regulations. He said the fire marshal's office is requesting the immediate removal of the kerosene or "salamander" heaters when they are discovered. He added that if the businesses did not comply with the request, they could be shut down.

Kerosene heaters can tip over easily, rapidly setting fire to an entire building, Ellis warned. He explained that their use in an improperly vented room could lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Portable electric heaters to not pose as great a threat as kerosene ones, Ellis said, but he also advises extreme caution when using electric heaters. Clothing can easily ignite after coming in contact with the heated metal, he said.

Other fire prevention methods suggested by the state fire marshal's office include:

—Use only an approved heater.

—Use only the proper fuel for each heater.

—If using an approved heater or heating stove in the bedroom, turn the heater off or down before going to bed. If using a fuel burning heater in the bedroom, open a window.

—Never close a fireplace damper while hot ashes remain in the fireplace since smoldering ashes could produce a fire within the room.

Anyone requesting further information on winter fire prevention methods may contact the local fire department or call the state fire marshal's office on a toll-free number: 1-800-372-2967.

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20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, February 28, 1957

Nicholas County **Homecoming** Queen, Miss June Tedder, and attendants, Sue Jones, Patsy Ritchie, Barbara Wills and Lillian Higgs, reigned over the basketball game against Winchester on Friday night.

The Carlisle Younger Woman's Club, assisted by Jimmy Carter and William Harper, collected $448 for the 1957 Heart Fund, according to Mrs. John T. Hamilton, local campaign chairman.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Blake, Ramsgate, England, a daughter, Diana Lee, Feb. 20.—To Mr. and Mrs. Delano *Smoot*, a son, Feb. 19, at Paris.—To Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lawson, Dayton, Ohio, a son, Timothy Allen, Feb. 17.—To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Thomas Grimes, a daughter, Lesa Bell, Feb. 9, at Ft. Hood, Texas.

MARRIED—Miss Bonnie Ruth Bradley, to Ralph Donald Toy, of Bethel, Sunday, Feb. 10, in Moorefield.—Mrs. Norma Pauline Smith, to Harold Myers, Feb. 15, in Jeffersonville, Ind.—Miss Betty Jean Spencer, Versailles, to John Thompson, Woodford county, Jan. 26, in Carlisle.

DIED—Robert M. Kerns, 73, Friday, in Frankfort, Ind.—Charles Ritchie, 80, at his home, last Wednesday.—Linda Lou Trussell, three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Trussell, last Wednesday in Lexington.

Thursday, March 4, 1937

At the regular monthly meeting of the City Council Monday night, the tax rate levy for 1937 was fixed at one dollar on each $100 worth of taxable property.

A petition containing the names of more than 1600 qualified voters of Nicholas county was filed with the county court Monday, asking that a local option election be held in Nicholas county.

A four-inch show, the heaviest of the winter, blanketed Central Kentucky Saturday night but melted rapidly Sunday.

Clinton Dayton purchased privately last week the farm of Wells heirs on the Maysville and Lexington Road at a private price. The farm contains 139 acres.

Ray Stump, who has been conducting a shoe repair business here for several years, has announced that he will retire from business.

March was ushered in like a lamb, albeit a forlorn, chilly lamb. Although the first day of the month was clear, snow lingered on the ground.

Miss Sallie Hamm suffered painful cuts and bruises when she fell at her home on the Upper Jackstown Pike Saturday.

DIED—Miss Nannie Vice, 85, Sunday, at the county infirmary.—Mrs. Rachel Crawford Farris, 59, at her home Friday.—Miss Emma May Sloop, 18, Monday morning at Johnson Memorial Hospital.—Enoch Omar Ralls, 57, Sunday at his home near Sharpsburg.—Robert Woodward, 78, at his home near Winchester Monday night.—David Benjamin Knox, 74, at Paris on Wednesday.—Mrs. Elizabeth Catherine Whaley, 71, at her home near Moorefield Sunday night.—Jesse T. Earlywine, 66, Wednesday morning.—William Anderson, 78, last Tuesday at his home in Maysville.—William Owings, 87, retired Nicholas farmer Friday in Lexington.—Mrs. Rhoda Spencer Donnell, 87, Sunday night at her home.

Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I clipped this recipe out of the "Rural Kentuckian" magazine several years ago and have saved it for future reference. I never had to wash clothes like this but surely do remember my mother washing this way, with one exception; she gave the children a bath in the last rinse water, (and never threw out a baby with the bath!)

I believe the times will come when we may have to wash this way again, so ladies, save this recipe, for yourselves or your daughters!!

So ladies, when the washer stops running, try this for a real change of pace:

"Kentucky Receet for Washing Clothes"

1. Bild fire in back yard to het kittle of rain water.
2. Set tub so smoke won't git in eyes if wind is pert.
3. Shave one hole cake lie sope in bilin water.
4. Sort things. Make 3 piles; 1 pile white, 1 pile cullord, 1 pile werk britches and old rags.
5. Stur flour in cold water to smooth, then thin down with bilin water to make starch.
6. Rub dirty spots on bord, rub hard. Then bile. Rub cullord but don't bile, just rench and starch.
7. Take white things out of kittle with broomstick handle, then rench, blew and starch.
8. Spred tee towels on grass.
9. Hang old rags on fence.
10. Pore rench water in flower beds.
11. Scrub porch with hot soapy water.
12. Turn tube upside down.
13. Go put on clean dress—smooth hair with side combs—brew yourself a cup of tea—set and rest and rock a spell, and count your blessins.

Mrs. S.T. Minton

Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Made our day

And it wasn't Mike Douglas that did it either! Penned at the bottom of a subscription return envelope was this message by Doris and Bill Cannon, "we enjoy The Mercury from front to back".

—MV—

At today's rate

The National Geographic says, at today's rate of burning energy, the world will consume in the next 25 years alone an amount equal to all the energy used by man in recorded history.

—MV—

Time management

One thing in particular that all this cold weather and lack of natural gas for heating seemingly has done for my part, is to teach me to manage my time a mite better.

Things printing-wise that I thought impossible to do within the framework of shortened hours, are now being done. Maybe, after all, this is Nature's way of shortening the work week. Something many unions have been seeking.

At 50 degrees my thought processes are slowed, so instead of trying to bang out this column in the early morning I'm trying a suggestion from one of the many daily newspapers that come our way. Turn the heat down a half hour before you retire. Well I'm not at the moment retiring, but the tax rate levy for 1937 was fixed at one dollar on the warmth of an electric blanket. But since the others left at four o'clock, and the heat's down here in the office perhaps my fingers will stay supple enough to reach the typewriter keys, which if you were to ask our CompuWriter operator makes converting my typing to type much easier.

That thought of the electric blanket and all the warmth it puts forth for the measly cost of 1¾ cents per night, is making me wish I had electric hand warmers which would allow one to type—since even I can't read my own writing when it gets cold. Like I said, things are beginning to slow down!

—MV—

From out California way

The following items are lifted from a pamphlet put out by Pacific Gas & Electric:

Walking down a country road, a city man saw a farmer holding a pig up to a tree to gobble apples from its branches. The farmer repeated this with several pigs.

"Excuse me," said the city man, "but isn't it an awful waste of time to feed pigs that way?"

The farmer caught his breath and replied, "What's time to a pig?"

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Then this one, and maybe I'll stop: Two caterpillars were crawling across the grass when they saw a butterfly flutter past above them. One nudged the other and said, "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!"

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The golfer hooked a tremendous drive completely off the course. Giving it up for lost, he kept playing. Soon a policeman came up and asked, "Is this your ball?"

"Yes," said the golfer. "Where did you find it?"

"This ball," said the officer, "hit a truck driver. He lost control and demolished three cars, a light pole and two store fronts. Luckily no one was killed but there are a lot of injuries."

"That's awful," said the man. "Is there anything at all I can do?"

"Next time," said the policeman, "try turning the clubhead a little to the right, like this."

—MV—

"Expletives deleted" at Maryland school

Dress codes may have passed their peak, but a Maryland elementary school has adopted a "language code" for its students. "We owe it to our children to let them know that some language is offensive to other people," says the principal of Wheaton Woods Elementary School in Montgomery county. The code says any word or expression a listener finds offensive should be reported to the principal's office. A second offense requires students to call their parents, in the principal's presence, and repeat the offending language. The principal says no second offenses have yet been reported.

Parents voted unanimously to support the language code after they were shown a list of offensive expressions that had been "collected" from the students. In addition, not only has the language on the campus improved, but students don't write the forbidden words on the school walls.

Agree or not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—The special review committee handling the controversial James E. Pepper warehouse lease in Lexington closed its business last week without further enlightening the public.

They left several questions unanswered that are going to hang like a threatening cloud over the present state administration. You can bet your bottom dollar that it will be one of the big issues in the 1979 gubernatorial campaign, and the Republicans probably will use it for every ounce of advantage they can squeeze out of it.

The review committee recommended that Gov. Julian Carroll sign an executive order defining "emergency" situations wherein the state can lease property without advertising for bids.

They also recommended that the 1978 legislature pass laws governing state leasing of property.

The astonishing thing is that the review committee didn't recommend that some form of public reprimand be made on the officials involved in the secret deal that was made to pay the owners around $320,000 per year for just part of the property they had purchased just days before or just a small fraction over the rental figure.

These are the important questions unanswered for the public:

Why was the deal put together? How was it put together and who was involved?

The review committee chose to adopt the Franklin County Grand Jury's report and to take some recommendations made by State Auditor George Atkins.

The lease was cancelled without any rent being paid. The committee also recommended that the state reimburse the University of Kentucky $17,132 spent in labor preparing the warehouse for use by the state.

Finance Commissioner Russell McClure said several weeks ago that the state got enough good timbers out of the old distillery warehouse to compensate for the cost. McClure had the timbers, stored on state property in Frankfort, appraised by a qualified dealer.

The warehouse was to be used to store surplus commodities for the state Department of Agriculture, now stored at Winchester, and for a motor pool for the state to be operated by the University of Kentucky.

The grand jury said the warehouse was not suitable for the state's purposes and found that no emergency existed. The emergency was the excuse used by the state for leasing the property from a firm headed by Lexington attorney Robert S. Miller and Frankfort businessman Rodney Ratliff. Miller has since sold his interest to Ratliff.

A panel of Lexington real estate men were hired by the state to establish a fair rental price for the Pepper property in question. They came up with a figure of about half what the state had agreed to pay in the lease.

The state called an investigation when the "hurry-up" lease, without advertising for bids, was revealed by **The Lexington Herald.**

Several Kentucky newspapers editorially called for a grand jury investigation and Franklin County Commonwealth Attorney Ray Corns had the same idea about the same time.

The jury found no laws violated but decried the lack of laws governing such matters.

Peter Conn, now secretary of Human

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Miss Jones Miss Kentucky Teenager finalist

Miss Jennifer Belle Jones, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald S. Jones of Paris, has been selected to be a finalist in the 6th Annual Miss Kentucky Teenager Pageant to be held at Georgetown College, Feb. 25, 26 and 27. The Miss Kentucky Teenager Pageant is the official State Finals to the Miss National Teenager Pageant in Atlanta, Ga. Lynn Riddle, of Paducah, is the reigning queen. Former state winners are Karol Olive of Ft. Knox, Cindy Ison of Greenup, Terri Martin of Cadiz, and Peggy Harrel, of Morehead.

There will be contestants from all over the state competing for the title of Miss Kentucky Teenager 1977. Judging is based on scholastic achievement-leadership; poise-personality and beauty. Each contestant will recite a 100 word speech of her own composition on the subject, "What's Right About America".

An all-expense paid trip to the National Pageant and $500 in cash will be awarded to Miss Kentucky Teenager 1977. Ten thousand dollars in cash scholarships are awarded yearly at the National Pageant. Trophies at the state level will be awarded to the top five contestants, three speech winners, Miss Congeniality; Miss Photogenic; and the Citizenship winner.

Miss Jones is a freshman student at Bourbon County High School. She takes dancing under Mrs. Hayley at the Town and Village School of Dance, located in Paris, and is also a student teacher of dancing. She has two sisters, Libby Sue, age 19, and Melinda Paul, age 11. Her father is owner and operator of Jones Carpet Sales located in Carlisle. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul I. Moore of Millersburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Jones, of Paris.

Miss Jones

HOSPITAL NOTES

Feb. 11 to Feb. 17, 1977.
ADMITTED: Edith Bryant, Lyda Moore, Jackie Wells, Rosie F. Faul, Mary Beckett, Ben Trussell, Juanita Scott, Paul Trecher, Carlisle; Irene Thornsburg, Bethel; Paul G. Price, Jane Duncan, Tonja McIntyre, Ewing; Bernard Tyree, Mt. Sterling; John Anderson, Louise Poe, Nellie King, Gilbert Curtis, Mt. Olivet; Lovell Linville, Brooksville.

DISMISSED: James Whirles, Samuel T. Stone, Roger Terrell, Bessie M. Hunt, Jackie Wells, Charles Purcell, Lyda Moore, Grace Allison, Carlisle; Margaret Marie Jolly, Paris; Jane Duncan, Paul Price, Ewing; Elmer L. Brown, Brooksville; Norwood Auxier, Sharpsburg; John Anderson, Wesley Wells, Suzanne S. Fuller, Mt. Olivet; Bernard Tyree, Mt. Sterling; Wilburn Fuller, Moorefield.

Agree or not

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Resources, was then in the governor's office and had been assigned the task of developing the motor pool at Lexington to be operated by UK. He has not been linked with the lease.

McClure has not revealed anyone connected with the lease except Agriculture Commissioner Thomas Harris who had requested storage space in the Lexington area. He was assigned more than twice what he had asked for.

The governor denies any knowledge of the lease until it was exposed to the public.

Why all the secrecy? Why not let the public in on the inner workings of how the deal was developed?

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Miranda and Carlisle West Homemakers meet

Miranda

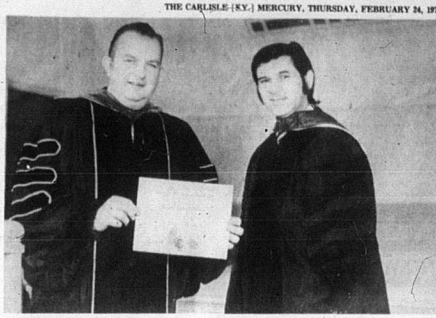
The Miranda Homemakers meeting was held last week at the Extension office. The 15 members who attended selected new lessons for the year. Roll call was answered by giving experiences during the recent snow and cold weather. Mrs. Cecil Smart gave a lesson on managing feelings.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Albert Booth at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 9. An auction will be held.

Carlisle West

The Carlisle West Homemakers met Friday, Feb. 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Grimes Caywood, president. Thirteen members and the Home Agent Mrs. Margie Wilson were present. Roll call was answered with "Why I have a thankful heart!". The devotional, "Time and How We Use It" introduced the morning business session.

A sit-down luncheon and dessert was served at noon. The afternoon meeting included the Family Life sheet, the January program on "Managing Your Emotions," lessons chosen for the 1977-78 year, and the February Fact Sheets concerning Consumer Products Safety.



Rev. August C. Peters [left], pastor of the Hillsdale Baptist Church, 15 South Howell Stiget, Hillsdale, Mich., was conferred the degree Doctor of Divinity on Sunday, Jan. 23 at the 11 a.m. worship service. Rev. Peters is a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Carlisle. Dr. Frank J. Catanzaro, president of Brainerd Theological Seminary of South Carolina, made the conferral. Rev. Willard Martin, director of missions of Central and Huron Associations of Michigan, assisted in the conferral service. Rev. Peters was born in Atlanta, Ga., and grew up in Carnegie, Ga. He attended Florida State University where he received the bachelor and masters degrees. Following three and one-half years service in the U.S. Navy, Rev. Peters attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, where he received the master of divinity degree. He has pastored Union Baptist Church, Cynthiana, and the First Baptist Church, Carlisle [1961-67]. He has been pastor of Hillsdale Baptist Church since he and his family started the church on Oct. 1, 1967.

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