Opinion

It pays to buy at Home!

(Adapted from a Mercury editorial, Dec. 7, 1950—still makes good sense today!)

Maybe this recent confining snowfall was a Godsend. Maybe it meant that Mrs. Housewife didn't hop in the truck with her husband to take the tobacco crop to be sold. Maybe she didn't have a chance to view what other foreign shopping centers had to offer, just yet. Maybe Carlisle stores will have one more shot at a portion of the tobacco check that is often spent in the town where Mr. Farmer's tobacco crop is sold. Maybe not.

We do know this, however, a whole lot more money is made in Nicholas county than is spent here in return. Every Christmas, a great amount of money is spent elsewhere on Christmas gifts—gifts that can be had right here in Carlisle much cheaper. Yes, much cheaper, when you figure gasoline and eating costs expended on a trip to out-of-county shopping marts.

It isn't necessary or practical to go outside of Carlisle to do your shopping. Give the local merchant an opportunity to show you his wares. Prices are much the same as you will find elsewhere. If you can find it elsewhere cheaper, then it is only common sense to buy it, but at least know first that the item cannot be bought in Carlisle at the same figure.

A person told this newspaper last week that he made a special trip to Lexington some time ago to buy an appliance that, he found out later, he could have purchased two blocks from his home. He said he never had seen it advertised here and didn't know the merchant had it in stock. There are a lot of items in stock in the various stores of Carlisle that should be advertised to offset out-of-town buying, stimulated by daily paper advertisements. Merchants here have only one issue a week to tell the buying public what they have to sell. They must compete with seven daily issues a week. And still some business houses fail to take advantage of the best place in the world to advertise—that's in their weekly hometown newspaper.

To local advertisers we say ADVERTISE so that Mr. and Mrs. Buying Public can see for themselves through the medium of The Mercury that choice selections are no further away than their favorite store.

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, January 31, 1957

The Busy Bee 4-H Club of Carlisle was selected this week as the most outstanding club in the 4-H Achievement Contest sponsored by Kentucky Utilities Company. This is the second year they have won over more than 1,000 Kentucky clubs. Mrs. Nelle Brayfield is club leader. Betty Lou Vice was 1956 president, and Katie Lou House is 1957 president.

Frank C. Henry, Charles T. Whaley and Norwood Autier, officials of the Nicholas County Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors, will leave Feb. 3 to attend a national conference in St. Louis, Mo.

Pending the outcome of a city school board meeting Wednesday night, tentative plans call for petitioning the Nicholas County School Board for consolidation of the two systems, Cleary Flightmaster, chairman, stated Tuesday.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Houser of Ermine, a son, Kenneth Gregory, Jan. 26 in Shelbyville.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Stone of Barterville, a daughter, Patsy Faye, Jan. 24.—To Mr. and Mrs. Benny Donovan, U.S. Army at London Bridge, Va., a daughter, Deborah Kay, Jan. 18.

DIED—Ola Firth Hillock, 68, Sunday, in Lexington.—Allen Bussell, 52, Jan. 24.—Joe Jefferson Prather, 53, Monday at his home.—Howard Keene Veach, 72, former mayor of Carlisle, Lexington.—H.J. Dahlke, brother of Mrs. Robert Fisher, Washburn, Wisc., Tuesday.

Thursday, February 4, 1937

Paul Herndon filed a deed of transfer of 60 acres near Brannard Valley to J.D. and Minnie Henson for $1500.

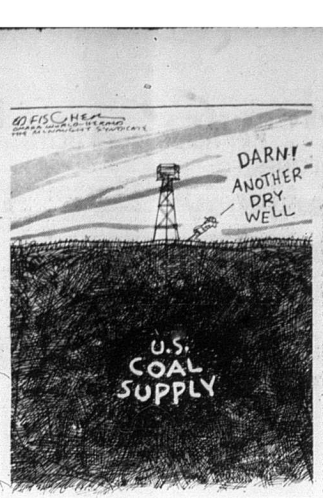
Albert Foster, aged 74, one of the best known men in Nicholas county, died Friday night of pneumonia. Foster was the oldest resident of Henryville, suburb of Carlisle. He was a plasterer and noted for the excellence of his work.

At a meeting of the fiscal court Tuesday, support was allowed for 19 indigent families.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Kendall on Jan. 31, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Letcher Harris, Jan. 30, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Smith of the Concord Road, Jan. 28, a daughter.

MARRIED—Maggie Belle Dampier and George Earl Bowles on Saturday afternoon.—Miss Esther Storey and Edward F. Williams of Wurtland, Jan. 21.—Miss Helen Clark and Robert McChesney, Jan. 22, in Hopkinsville.

DIED—Mrs. Thompson Guyn, 42, at her home in Charlotte, N.C., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Eliza Jane Greene, 82, at her home in Barterville, Wednesday.—Mrs. Adam Foor, 88, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Kachler in New Castle, Ind., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Lizzie H. Campbell, 77, Saturday afternoon, in Lexington.



Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

This is one of those "someone should do something" letters. Basically most of us see a good job done and say "someone should say something about it."

I am referring to the wonderful way in which our city and county officials have handled the weather crises in these last few days. I have traveled inter-county in the surrounding areas, and I definitely see a difference in the way the situation has been handled in other counties and cities.

Mayor Power and the City Council are to be commended on their efforts to keep utilities operating within the city. We tend to find the weaknesses of these people instead of sympathizing with them with the problem they have of trying to keep us all pleased.

Gayle Vanlandingham and his crew have worked continuously to keep homes supplies with water, to keep the streets passable, to see that every humanly possible thing is done to make things better for the residents of Carlisle.

Judge Clark and her co-workers in the Fiscal Court have also made a great effort to keep the roads as passable as possible. They have provided many services to the total residents, and they have even done things for individuals who had illness or death.

Joe Smart and his crew have worked just as tirelessly as the city employees. They have spent extra hours trying to make possible easy navigation through our county. Of course some of the roads have not been kept as well as others, but priorities have to be set. I feel that they have set the right priorities.

Another group who has gone the second mile is Bill Darnall and the cemetery crew. They have had to work hard in sub-zero weather to dig graves and fill them. Their efforts to keep the roads passable in their domain should not be overlooked either.

We aren't finished with this weather yet, but if we will keep our tempers and our emotions as cool as the weather, we will all feel better after the crisis is over.

Sincerely yours,
H. Dallas Sugg

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Enclosed is a money order for $7.00 for which send one year. The Carlisle Mercury for one year. We have recently moved up here in Delaware from Kentucky and would like to keep up with all the hometown news. I was born in Nicholas county and am a sister to Paul Sapp of Nicholas county and the late Joe Sapp.

Thank you.

Mrs. Richard McIlvain
Route 2, Box 221
Middletown, Del. 19709

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Kay's Kitchen is one of the most popular features of the Mercury. I have gotten so many good recipes from it and I can rely on the fact that you have tried them before they are put in your column.

Let me wish for you and yours and the Mercury staff a New Year filled with many good things and the blessings of good health and prosperity.

Enclosed is my check for a year's subscription to the Mercury. I miss the column on predictions of things to come or something to that effect. I have always enjoyed reading of predictions about governments, purposed laws, new drugs and treatments, clothes and etc., etc.

Sincerely,
Carl Banta
Lexington, Ky.

To The Carlisle Mercury:

On behalf of the staff and the residents of Eastern State Hospital, I wish to express our sincere appreciation for your kind and generous contributions to the success of our Christmas program.

It is through the concern of citizens and organizations of our community that we are able to offer such variety and enrichment to the lives of our residents. Especially at this time of the year our residents need a feeling of love and self-esteem.

Your continued interest throughout the year will be gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,
Michael Schaffer, M.D.
Medical Director

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Agree or not

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—The recent move of Peter Conn from the governor's staff to become Secretary of the Human Resource Cabinet is just one of many transfers since Gov. Julian Carroll took over as an elected official in December 1975.

Carroll moved up from lieutenant governor in December 1974 to take over for Wendell Ford who was elected to the United States Senate.

Don Bradshaw resigned as Finance Commissioner and Cabinet Secretary after Ford left office. He was succeeded by William Scent in both positions. Scent left shortly after the 1976 legislative session was completed and was succeeded as finance commissioner by Russell McClure.

Jackson White was brought down from the Legislative Research Commission to the governor's office as Secretary of the Cabinet. White recently resigned this post to return to private law practice and was recently appointed by the governor to the Council on Higher Education, a non-paying position.

White was succeeded by James Gray who had served as Secretary of Transportation and Highway Commissioner. Gray had succeeded Billy Paxton who resigned to run for circuit judge in his home district at Central City.

Gray resigned the highway department post to help in Carroll's gubernatorial campaign and was succeeded as Secretary of Transportation and Highway Commissioner by John Rob-

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Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Sleeplessness

Sunday evening I sorta had some difficulty in falling asleep and before that moment came I picked up a magazine from a stack kept by my bedside for just such occasions.

Dynamic Maturity I believe is the title and the story you guessed it, "Insomnia"! Therein followed 27 ways to help the insomniac. One of the ways that sticks in my memory bank was to review in your mind a room and remember each article within that room in a counter-clockwise fashion. Anyway something worked.

Now this morning, Tuesday, was another story, promptly at 3 a.m. I'm wide awake. The 27 ways didn't help, looking at electronic circuits didn't work, so at 5 a.m. Kay and I went to the kitchen, where she had a cereal and I a whole grapefruit. I'd had some six hours sleep, but my better half professed to have slept only a couple. I'm hopeful that she was able to return to dreamland after I left.

—MV—

Going full circle

That alternate fuel.

Back in 1947, the fall and winter, the Mercury had a coal furnace in the back of the concrete block building and a coal grate in the front office.

Rachael was always getting ashes in the ink fountain, of course the soot didn't matter, all ink that was used was black anyway.

Well as the year progressed and times became a little better we had the coal grates removed and an oil burner installed. Boy that was heaven, no more clinkers and no more trips down the rickety stairs to the basement under the front office. Of course the place was cold as a tomb when one forgot to order oil or when the weather was really cold and the oil line from outside would freeze. But it did heat the place, maybe not as well as natural gas that has lulled us into comfort and given rise to the feeling that we can't work in lower temperatures. But work we must, and I'm betting that we all can muddle through and get the job done again. At least for my part, I'll be in there fighting and I believe the others that make up the Mercury team can and will put up with some discomfort.

And if it becomes necessary to return to coal, maybe we can confine the ashes to one section and keep all over the building. One thing certain, time will tell.

30 days hath Peanut One . . . Windy, Weepie and Whoopity-do

Maybe it's brought on by the winter blahs, or someone doesn't get his copy of the Playboy centerfold calendar, but periodically you'll hear the hue and cry going out to change the calendar.

They want to make it more efficient, like having Christmas and Thanksgiving fall on Thursday so everyone will get a four-day weekend, or give each month the same number of days so we don't have to keep resetting our dated wrist watches.

Monkeying around with the calendar is old stuff. Every civilization has had a crack at it without much success. About the oldest calendar was the Roman republican calendar, which was similar to the Greek calendar, except the Roman calendar was all Greek to the Greeks.

The Roman calendar had nine days in each week, the ninth day set aside for marketing and going to beauty shops. It was presided over by the pontifices and priests, who sort of played it by ear, even stretching it a few notches on occasion to accomodate a favorite magistrate, who wanted to campaign on that day.

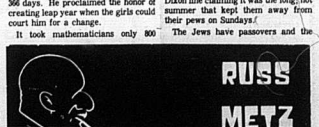
Julius Caesar caught his toga in too many doorways on those short weekends and felt it would be easier to change the calendar than face those grueling one-day round trips to Egypt every ninth day. Besides, the republicans had gotten their months so fouled up, winter was overlapping summer and he never knew whether to wear gauchos or long johns in the tourist section of overnight chariot to Cairo.

He went all over Rome ripping down calendars and putting up his own, declaring a 67-day moratorium between November and December while he was recalibrating his sun dial and straightening out his appointment book.

The real reason was he hadn't bought Cleopatra a Christmas present and it took him that long to get custom mag wheels for her chariot from a speed shop in Venice. The fact that 46 BC turned out to be a vintage year of 445 days didn't seem to faze Caesar, who shrugged it off with, "Who's counting?" The cost of living in Rome was rising faster than his graft index, so he was more concerned about bringing fresh taxpayers into the empire than having the right numbers under his girlie calendars.

An astronomer, Sosigenes, came to the rescue and devised a solar calendar, which ran off sunlight and had 365¼ days in a year. Then the chariot union demanded a full day's pay for that one-quarter day and Caesar stepped in again and established a four-year cycle in which the first three years had 365 days and the fourth 366 days. He proclaimed the honor of creating leap year when the girls could court him for a change.

It took mathematicians only 800 years to figure out Caesar the classroom dunce was dipping girls' pigtails into inkwells instead of hitting the arithmetic books. His Julian calendar was off enough that every 128 years one full day popped with no place to go.



Then the church had a hand at it. Pope Gregory XIII drew up a new calendar giving each year 365.2422 days, instead of 365.25. He had the only pocket calculator with floating decimal point in Rome at the time and he had also claimed the tropical year was the true standard. He was tired of his church members south of the Mason - Dixon line claiming it was the long, hot summer that kept them away from their pews on Sundays!

The Jews have passovers and the Egyptians, Chinese and Hindus their own calendars close enough to the Gregorian model that TWA can fly over there on schedule without drawing ground-to-air missile fire from Israel or the Palestine Liberation Front.

We have calendars plastered all over our walls and can never remember the day of the week, unless it is payday, a holiday, or the day we planned to go squirrel hunting. Other days are just not important enough to remember.

Each year a local undertaker marches in and puts up a new plastic calendar on our office wall. He always reminds us the things now cost him a fortune to have printed and if we don't want it he has others waiting in line for them.

Where else, we tell him, could we find one big enough to cover up that hole in the wall, but undertakers putting up calendars is a little morbid. It looks like he is giving us the count-down for the day he will change our status from daily to eternally.

Once we had a calendar with a pretty gal on the top of each month. That didn't work either. We shuffled through, picked out the one we liked the most and left her up the whole year.

Sometimes our negligence got us in trouble. One year we completely missed National Sauerkraut Week and another time went to an oyster supper three months late. But normally, it incurs only a few minor surprises, like seeing it snow in July or getting the pole beans off to a bad start.

We do manage to keep Thursdays straight. The paper comes out on that day, that's how we know it's Thursday.

When the Spanish invaded the Yucatan, they ran into the Maya calendar, which gave them a severe case of jet lag. With such names of the months as Pop, Zip, Mac, Zotz, named after breakfast cereals, the Spaniards spent almost as much time collecting boxtops as they did gold.

At one time, the Greeks named their months for priests or politicians, which worked out fine until Alexander the Great became miffed because they had run out of months before they got to him. He took his elephants and left town and promised not to return until Alexander 22, 336 B.C.

Beware of Greeks bearing gifts. You wouldn't want our American calendar months named after politicians, would you? Then the only way you could keep track of the days would be by repeating:

"30 days hath Carter, Humphrey, Muskie and Teddy K. All the rest have 31, except Jerry Ford which has 28."

And, by the time you memorized it, they'd raise the 24-hour ceiling to where even a Roman republican couldn't tell where Reagan ends and McGovern begins.

Onward, upward.

How to figure the wind-chill factor

Estimated Wind speed in mph	Actual thermometer reading (°Fahrenheit)											
	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60		
	Equivalent temperature (°Fahrenheit)											
Calm	30	20	10	0	-10	-20	-30	-40	-50	-60		
5	27	17	6	-4	-15	-26	-36	-47	-57	-68		
10	22	10	4	-9	-21	-33	-46	-58	-70	-83		
15	16	9	-5	-16	-26	-45	-58	-72	-85	-99		
20	12	4	-10	-25	-39	-53	-67	-82	-96	-110		
25	10	0	-15	-29	-44	-59	-74	-88	-104	-118		
30	8	-2	-18	-33	-48	-63	-79	-94	-109	-125		
35	7	-4	-20	-35	-49	-67	-82	-98	-113	-129		
40	6	-6	-21	-37	-53	-69	-85	-100	-116	-132		
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Pesticide certification meetings to be held

As of October of 1977, every Nicholas county farmer must be certified before he can apply an insecticide, fungicide or any other pesticide that falls under the "restricted use" category.

One of the specifications of a 1972 amendment to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act requires, among other things, that all users, or applicators, of "restricted use" pesticides be certified as competent to use such chemicals.

Chris Conrad, extension extension entomologist with the Entomology Department of the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, is urging that Nicholas county farmers contact the local agricultural extension agent, Monte Conrad, as soon as possible to learn about the private applicator certification program. The extension office is located in the basement of the courthouse.

Applicators of pesticides fall into two categories—the private applicator and the commercial applicator. Most farmers have the designation of "private applicator."

"The private applicator is a person who applies, or supervises the application of a restricted use chemical for the production of agricultural commodities on property he or his employer owns or rents, or on the land of a neighbor as an exchange of services," Conrad explains. "In other words the private applicator can apply the chemicals only in his own farming enterprise, or for a neighbor and cannot make the applications on several different farms for a fee."

A commercial applicator is described as one that makes the applications on a for hire basis.

The Cooperative Extension Service has been given the responsibility of adult education in the certification effort—certification meaning that a person has proven his competency in the use of restricted use chemicals.

Conrad said the Cooperative Extension Service is not involved in any way in the actual regulation of pesticide use, "but we are involved in educating people so they can become certified applicators and will have the subject matter knowledge required to achieve certification.

"As far as the private applicators are concerned," Conrad said, "certification is just an education program. There's no test involved. All the private applicator has to do is go to the County Extension Office where he can view a series of slides keyed with explanatory tape recordings to learn the fundamentals of the program. After he has seen the slide presentation, he then fills out a form that shows he has completed the instruction session.

"The form is sent to the Pesticide Section of the Department for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection in Frankfort, and a card, much like a credit card, will be sent to the individual—the card serves as his evidence of participation in the Kentucky private applicator certification program," he explained.

A person who has his private applicator certification card can then go to a pesticide dealer, present the card and be able to purchase the "restricted use" chemicals.

"However, we don't know at this time what the restricted chemicals are, because the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) has not published a list," Conrad said. "But we do know that some of the more toxic chemicals will probably be on that list and that farmers have used some of these toxic chemicals in the past in their farming operations.

"So, if they want to maintain the flexibility they have had in the past—the ability to produce their crops most efficiently with the least amount of pest damage at the least cost, it's really to their advantage to go through this simple training program, pick up a lot of good information and become certified."

He pointed out that certification "is really not all that big a problem."

The county agent has copies of a special pesticide tabloid that contains all the information in the slide presentation, so the farmer will have something to take with him to use as a reference.

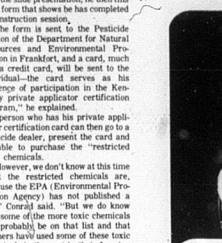
The slide presentation covers seven areas—how to understand the labels and the effort that goes into getting a pesticide labeled for a specific use, the various types of pesticides, pesticide safety, environment, equipment, equipment calibration, and finally, pests and pest biology.

He noted that in contrast to the private applicators, all commercial applicators are required to take special examinations before they are issued certifications.

Certification can be obtained by attending any one of three meetings held on the following dates: Feb. 3, 9 or 10. All meetings will begin at 6:45 p.m.

Conrad adds that it is important to call his office immediately to indicate your preference of meeting dates as the meeting site will be selected according to response.

Notices will be mailed out informing you of the site and serve as a reminder of the meeting. Anyone asking for training after this series of meetings will be placed on a waiting list until a sufficient number is available for an additional meeting or meetings. The phone number of the extension office is 289-2312.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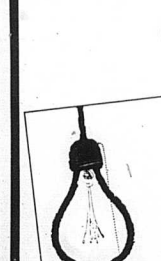
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