Opinion

Most tooth decay preventable

We now have the technology to eliminate most tooth decay through preventive sealing agents and the various fluoride therapies, but people will have to take advantage of the new technology.

Fluoridation of community water supplies can eliminate 60 per cent of cavities. And the weekly fluoride mouthrinse program in schools further decreases the change of decay by 20 to 40 per cent. Kentucky also has fluoridation units in 129 rural schools where fluoridated community water is not available.

Kentucky is already a leader among the 50 states when it comes to fluoridation and the use of the fluoride mouthrinse, we want to go a step further by using a sealer on biting surfaces of school children's teeth.

The sealer is not widely known to the public but has been shown to be effective. The plastic agent protects the most vulnerable areas of the teeth, the pits and grooves on the chewing surfaces of molars and premolar teeth. The sealer makes them very resistant to decay. These surfaces represent 12.5 per cent of total tooth surface but account for 45 percent of the cavities.

No grinding or drilling is required to apply the sealer which is about 90 per cent less expensive than a filling. A dentist or hygienist can simply paint the sealer on a tooth.

Tooth decay is one of the most common health problems; almost everyone has it and it's expensive to treat and often painful. Thirty-seven and one half per cent of Kentucky's population 18 years and over have no teeth according to limited surveys done in Kentucky. This is roughly double the national rate.

But now we can prevent much of it. The preventive sealant is here and available now as well as the weekly mouthrinse in schools. Dental assistants and hygienists can apply the sealing agent but Kentucky law requires continuous supervision and inspection by a dentist.

An obstacle to the use of the preventive sealant is lack of knowledge. There is little demand for new products such as this one because the public is not aware it exists.

There are very few areas in health where we can see the obvious need so clearly and have the technology to meet that need. We would like to see a generation of children with excellent teeth. Maybe the preventive sealers are one answer.

State's per capita income up

Gov. Julian M. Carroll has cited Kentucky's economic development programs as a major factor in the dramatic increase in the state's personal and per capita income.

Kentucky now ranks sixth among the 50 states in growth in per capita income.

The U.S. Department of Commerce reported that personal income in Kentucky increased 12 per cent in 1970 over 1975 and that per capita income during that period increased 11 per cent.

During that period, Kentucky moved from a position of 44th nationally to a ranking of 39th. The Commonwealth moved ahead of North Carolina, Louisiana, West Virginia and North and South Dakota in per capita income ranking.

During 1976, personal income increased nationally 9.9 per cent and per capita income increased 9.1 per cent. As a per cent of the national per capita income average, Kentucky is 84 per cent of the national average.

It should be noted that this remarkable growth in personal and per capita income in Kentucky is in keeping with the goals of the Carroll administration. Gov. Carroll has established economic development as one of the primary goals of his administration.

Gov. Carroll, Short and Commerce Commissioner W. Terry McBrayer recently visited in New York City, along with 38 other Kentuckians, to meet with industry officials in an effort to attract industry to Kentucky.

In addition to the Governor's goals, the 1976 General Assembly appropriated record amounts of money to stimulate economic development.

There also is another important factor—the viability and strength of the private sector. None of this growth could have been accomplished without the initiative and foresight of the private sector, the private industries and businesses that chose to come to Kentucky and to expand operations in Kentucky. Private industry has provided us with jobs.

Evidence of Kentucky's commitment to economic development is given by the newly established Office of Developmental Planning and Research, which is attached to the Development Cabinet.

The purpose of this office is to develop a long-range plan for economic development for the state. This office currently is providing staff support for the Governor's Economic Development Commission and the Task Forces on industrial development, agriculture, finance, energy and tourism/travel.

Through the past two decades Kentucky consistently has made progress in approaching the national per capita average. In 1960, the state was 69.4 per cent of the national average and in 1970 the figure was 78.4 per cent.

Per capita income increased from $4,886 in 1975 to $5,423 in 1976. The growth in per capita income placed Kentucky sixth nationally and was surpassed only by Massachusetts at 12.5 per cent, New Hampshire 11.1 per cent, Maryland, 11.6, Michigan 13.4, Mississippi 12.2 per cent and South Carolina 11.1 per cent.

Officials in Washington attribute the rapid acceleration in personal income in Kentucky to the following:

—Personal income attributed to construction industry grew by 19 per cent compared with 7 per cent for the nation.

—Manufacturing income increased by 15.7 per cent while the national increase was 12.29 per cent.

—Farm income was up by 17 per cent as opposed to a 9 per cent decrease nationally.

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I submit the enclosed comments re: trash dumped from parked cars around Lake Carnico with some misgivings. Do the people involved ever read these comments? Would it make any change in their practices if they did read it?

On Sunday, April 24, an Audubon group of men and women out on a bird walk drove over to the entrance of "J" Section and parked their cars. There was a car already parked at the intersection and in it were two men and a girl. The situation in which the "parkers" were found made it a question as to who was the most embarrassed; the "parkers" or the Audubon group.

I guess youth must have their fling, but I wish to heck they would fling it somewhere else than at Carnico.

Sincerely,
Larry Flewelling
2072 Dogwood Dr.
Lexington, Ky. 40504

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I wish to thank all those who voted and worked in my behalf. Without your generous support, I would not have won.

Lynn Bowles

20 and 40 years ago

Thursday, June 6, 1957

The Carlisle School board selected Tebay Rose, former Carlisle coach, as superintendent of the Carlisle School.

An estimated crowd of 1500 attended the ninth annual VFW Horse Show Saturday night. History maker, owned by Jim B. Robertson of Mt. Sterling won first place, and a silver julep cup presented by Mrs. Lida Mae Wade, president of the VFW Auxiliary.

Charles Sexton of Paris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sexton, who is commander of Bourbon Post, American Legion, was in charge of the Memorial Day services held Sunday in the Paris Cemetery.

Sue Jones, Betty Vice, Patsy Ritchie, Sylvia McCarty, Linda Power and Judy Giffin presented ribbons at the Horse Show, Saturday night.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Darbro, a son, Douglas Gene, May 28.—To Mr. and Mrs. Sammie House, Moorefield, a daughter, Debra Jean, May 30.—To Mr. and Mrs. Art Ruble, a daughter, Ardith Kay, May 13.—To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Jolly, a son, Roger Darrel, June 1.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Feldman, Erlanger, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, June 2 in Covington.

MARRIED—Miss Nan Ingels, Paris, to Donald Pember, of Fostoria, Ohio, Saturday in Middletown, Ohio.

DIED—Otho Gilvin, 34, at his home in Fleming county, Monday.—Gilbert Ratliff, 59, last Wednesday in Cincinnati.—Mrs. Agnes C. Rush, South Ft. Mitchell.

Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Good reasons

I was beginning to think that the "alert" feature of my weather receiving set had forgotten how to function, since each Wednesday morning around 11 o'clock NOAA usually sends out the tone signal that keys the instrument. Of course there are those times when they don't send the signal on Wednesday for good reasons, really too long to go into in this column.

Sunday night I had adjusted my alarm clock to awaken me at or around 6:15 a.m. Usually I can get to the clock which is across the room before the alarm blasts off, I seemingly can hear that little click that precedes the full alarm.

So, imagine my surprise Monday morning at 6 o'clock on the button, the weather alert feature blasts off and the set gives a garbled message. I did a double take in my sleep, if that is possible, grabbed the volume control and turned the gadget down a mite, told my better half, Kay to go on back to sleep, then switch that silence on the machine. I then hurriedly dressed, headed for the office where I put my scanner on the weather channel to see what was being said—utter silence—there was no carrier being broadcast, so all I could do was assume that the National Weather station at Bluegrass Field had suffered storm damage Sunday or that routine transmitter preventive maintenance was being performed.

I still don't know what their excuse was for awakening me 15-minutes earlier, but they're forgiven, for now I know the alert feature works, even if I can't understand what's being said.

Additionally I suppose I'll have to deprive myself of the use of the gadget and have its innards repaired.

—MV—

Time does pass

Last week in a conversation via telephone with my sister Barbara, I was informed that she was umpteen years old, my immediate thought was, well you're still not as old as Brods! But again you're catching up. How old is she? That's one statement you won't catch me making!

—MV—

A first time

According to the Kentucky School Board Reporter there is a first time in Kentucky PTA history—The president and vice president are both men, namely, Harold Steele of Lexington, and Jack Hendrix of London.

Agree or not

by S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—Gov. Julian Carroll should not have any problems in the 1978 session of the General Assembly since all of the legislative leadership were re-elected or had holdover terms in the Senate.

The most important item facing legislators next session will be the biennial budget, but it's adoption is always a foregone conclusion although the Committee on Appropriations and Revenue threatened last session to present its own budget, but the governor persuaded them against such action.

The budget for this biennium was $5.67 billion. It is expected to be around $6 billion plus for the next two years since it grows at the rate of around seven per cent a year. Total state income is now in excess of budget estimates.

State government continues to grow every year as more services are demanded by the people, much of it brought on from actions taken by the federal government which shares funds for many state programs.

The next most important area for legislation in 1978 will be implementing the federal strip mine bill when it is adopted. The state must pass laws to conform with federal legislation.

The second legislative session of every governor's term is devoted to carrying out the program he got passed in the first legislative session, and this will be Gov. Carroll's chief goal.

Sure, there will be some consumer legislation, but the administration won't have a large package to hustle through the legislative mill.

This doesn't mean there will be a large reduction in the number of bills introduced every session, more than 1,200 in 1976, because legislators will have their own bills, many suggested by constituents. But a lot of these have been through the mill before and will be doomed to defeat.

Some key newspaper people in Kentucky are expecting some attacks on the open meetings bill passed in 1974 and the open records bill passed in 1976, and they are expected to fight any move that would affect these rights adversely.

The Democrat leadership in both houses is expected to be the same since the governor usually carries the same leadership through both of his legislative session where possible.

Willian Kenton, House speaker from Lexington, had the narrowest squeak among the leaders gaining re-election. Lloyd Clapp, Wingo, is deputy speaker; Bobby Richardson, Glasgow, is majority floor leader; Bill Donnermeyer, Bellvue, is caucus chairman and Dwight Wells, Richmond, is party whip. Republican leaders in the House are Harold DeMarcus, Stanford, floor leader; Herman Ratliff, Campbellsville, is caucus chairman, and Raymond Over-

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FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 19.

To The People In District 2

I want to thank each and everyone for their warm reception when I was campaigning for the Magistrate's race.

A special thanks to the ones who voted and supported me in any way; it was deeply appreciated.

I shall continue serving you to the best of my ability.

Paul Tincher

To The People of Nicholas County and Carlisle

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all of the people who supported me in the May 24 Primary.

I ask that each of you will continue to support me these next four years as I strive to do the best job possible.

Thanks again,

Reese Smoot
Judge/Executive Elect

Cubs hold wiener roast

Monday night, May 23, Nicholas County Cub Scout, Den 1, Troop 58, held their monthly pack meeting at Blue Licks State Park. A wiener roast was held prior to the Bob Cat Awards program. Mrs. Arthur Buzzard is Cub Master. She is one of two women Cub Masters in the state. They are the only two Kentucky has ever had. Mrs. Bobby Berry is Den Mother. After Monday night's program the pack was divided into two dens, with Mrs. Berry, Den Mother of Den 1, and Mrs. Veach Berry, Den Mother of Den 2. Mrs. Roy Dotson and Mrs. Bobby Duncan are assistant Den Mothers. Scouts receiving a Bobcat patch, the first award a Cub Scout receives, are from left, Matthew Guthrie, Darlin Dotson, Jody Duncan, Greg Berry, Paul Noll, Gary Steele, Kevin Ritchie, Woody Buzzard and Mark Price. Parents who attended in second row are, Mrs. Bill Guthrie, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dotson, Mr. and Mrs. Veach Berry, Mrs. Bobby Duncan, Mrs. Leon Steele, Dr. Jim Noll, Mrs. Patricia Ritchie, Mrs. Arthur Buzzard, Mr. Buzzard and Mrs. Ann Price. The next pack meeting will be held Monday night, June 27 at Blue Licks State Park with a swimming party and potluck supper. Saturday, June 18 is the Midland Trail District Field Day in Winchester, from noon till 4 p.m. Scouts should mail in their reservation slip. —Bobby Barnett photo.

40 persons compete in golf scramble

Over 40 persons competed in a scramble golf tournament at the Carnico golf course on Memorial day. The winning team of John Peters, Bob Darbro, Russell Bell, and Edwina Johnson came in with a 67, five under par.

The second place team of Dave Zachary, Ralph Taylor, Bob Curtis and Roberta Watkins were close behind with a four under performance of 68.

Agree or not

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street, Liberty, is party whip.

In the Senate it is Tom Garrett, Paducah, majority floor leader; Joe Prather, Vine Grove, president protem; Pat McCuiston, Pembroke, assistant president pro-tem; Danny Yocom, Louisville, caucus chairman; and Kelsey Friend, Pikeville, party whip. The Republican leadership consists of Eugene P. Stuart, Louisville, floor leader; Walter A. Baker, Glasgow, caucus chairman, and Joe Graves, Lexington, party whip. Graves will not be back since he chose to run for mayor of Lexington instead of the Senate.

One of the major points of interest to come from the 1978 session will be who emerges to run for statewide office with the blessing of the present administration.

Carroll is known to favor Terry McBrayer, Greenup, who is now commissioner of Commerce. Lt. Gov. Stovall already has made a token announcement that she intends to run for governor and George Atkins, state auditor, has all but made the announcement that he will be a candidate for governor.

Some of the lesser constitutional officers are expected to play the old musical chairs game in 1979 since the state consistution prohibits succession in the same office.

Secretary of State Drexell Davis probably will try to return to the Treasurer's office, and State Treasurer Frances Jones Mills probably will run for Secretary of State.

The Clerk of the Court of Appeals will be appointed by that Court and the Clerk of the Supreme Court will be appointed by the highest court. The clerk has been an elective office in the past, but the new court system has changed that.

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My efforts and interest have been, and always will be, to help keep Nicholas County flexible to change, as change we must, but still be the finest place to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Ralph E. Shearer

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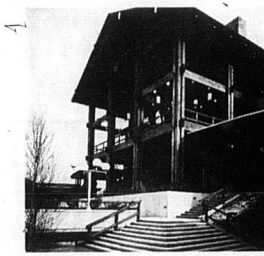

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