Opinion

Fireworks may hurt you

This year's July 4 celebration is going to be chocked full of exciting, fun-filled things to do. Unfortunately, there will be far too many who will remember this year's Independence Day for the rest of their lives because of permanent injuries caused by careless handling of fireworks.

Last year in this country over 9,000 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms for firework related injuries. Now here comes the real tragedy; over half of them were under 15 years of age.

Since Kentucky along with 32 other states prohibits the sale of fireworks (except for the less potent kind, such as sparklers, smoke bombs and other slight novelties) it is highly unlikely that these youngsters purchased their own firecrackers and cherry bombs. It is somewhat hard to visualize a 13-year-old child traveling across state lines to purchase fireworks, or even buying them under the counter. And it doesn't take us three guesses to find out who is supplying them with the dangerous little "toys": good ole, loving, Mom and Dad.

While no parent would deliberately watch his child sit there and blow off a finger, how many will present their offspring with firecrackers as gifts and then give them permission to go out in the back yard and shoot them off. (By the way, unless you have posted a $500 bond and obtained a special permit from the state, you may be fined $100 along with the possibility of a 20 day jail sentence for shooting your firecrackers and cherry bombs within the city limits, or any other public place.)

If you are going to give your children fireworks this year for entertainment over the 4th, would it be too much for us to ask you to also give them a little time for adult supervision. After all, what kind of gifts are blindings, amputations, and severe burns.

State Fire Marshal, Warren Southworth, offers these suggestions to help eliminate July 4th trips to the hospital:

—Always read the instructions on a fireworks package.

—Always have an adult supervisor.

—Never experiment with fireworks by taking them apart, trying to mix them with other substances, or attempting to make your own.

—Always light the fireworks outside in a clear area away from houses and flammable materials.

—Light one device at a time.

—Keep a bucket of water nearby for emergencies.

—Stay a safe distance after lighting devices.

—Dispose of the fireworks properly and soak malfunctioning devices with water.

—Never allow small children to handle fireworks.

—Always store fireworks in a dry, cool place and avoid rough handling that might damage the fuse or handles.

—Never ignite fireworks in a metal or glass container.

Let's do it again!

We read with pride in the latest edition of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce publication "Kentucky Business" that Carlisle has indicated its intent to enter the "All Kentucky City" contest this year.

The Carlisle-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce, under its president, Paul Ramsey, is to be congratulated on this decision. It is also to be wished "Good Luck" in this endeavor.

Carlisle was named an "All Kentucky City" in 1970, and almost made it again in 1972. These are the only two times that the local Chamber has made a serious attempt at obtaining this honor.

The Chamber contest encourages pride among its recipients. It is an awfully lot of hard work. The necessary ingredients are here, there remains the hard work of getting it all together on paper and in the slide presentation required.

We hope that the local Chamber can obtain this well-deserved honor again.

Want to keep Saturday mail delivery?

On April 18 of this year, the Commission on Postal Service recommended to President Carter and Congress that the Postal Service act to abolish Saturday mail delivery.

If the Postal Service acts on this recommendation, Saturday mail delivery could be just a memory by Aug. 15.

If this happens, some of our outlying mail subscribers will not receive their weekly Mercury until Monday. And, in the case of a Monday holiday, not until Tuesday or Wednesday!

We are sure The Mercury subscribers want Saturday mail delivery service to continue. However, unless our public officials hear from us, strongly resisting such a change, abolition of Saturday mail delivery will become a reality.

Now is the time to make your wishes known. Even a short delay may be too late. We hope our readers will rise to the challenge of this highly important issue by immediately writing to the public officials listed below.

Your letter can help! You need not write a long letter; a short note expressing your feelings on this issue is sufficient.

Mail subscribers are entitled to better service, not less service. You may be assured that The Mercury is doing whatever it can in opposition to the abolishment of Saturday mail delivery. But strength lies in numbers.

And your help is needed!

Write to:

Rep. Carl Perkins
House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sen. Walter Huddleston
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Sen. Wendell Ford
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Every day is Poppy Day for hospitalized veterans

For hundreds of long-term disabled veterans in Veterans Administration Hospital and Domiciliaries and in State Veterans Homes, every day is V.F.W. Buddy Poppy Day.

These are the men who assemble the Poppies, tie them in bunches of ten and pack them in boxes of 500 or 1,000 for shipment to some 9,000 Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the nation.

Poppy assembly is a year-round project in some 15 veterans facilities and a part-time program in others. Some are under the direction of the V.F.W. organization in the state in which they are located, and others are supervised and directed by the National V.F.W. Buddy Poppy Department.

The assembly procedure varies from facility to facility, depending upon the emphasis given to the various aspects of the program by the project director.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars pays the disabled veteran for his work. In most cases, the money provides extra income for the disabled veteran to pay for the little luxuries which make hospital life tolerable.

Sometimes the Poppy assembly is used as a therapy program, under direct supervision of hospital personnel, to provide exercise for fingers and hands crippled by wounds, disease, and the effects of old age.

One of the most successful adaptations of the Buddy Poppy assembly program is its use as a step toward the rehabilitation of psychiatric patients. The experience and training in concentration and supervised work in assembling Poppies has led to more complicated duties and eventual discharge.

From the time it leaves the hospital till it graces the coal lapel or dress front of the individual citizen, the Poppy provides care for the widow and orphans of deceased veterans at the V.F.W. National Home in Eaton Rapids, Mich.; provides funds for veterans rehabilitation services on the State and National level; pays for direct relief to the families of needy and deceased veterans; and serves as a memorial to the dead of all wars of the U.S.

More than 15 million Buddy Poppies will be assembled this year and will be sold by V.F.W. Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the nation. Each of them will have traveled a long way; and each will have helped to make someone happier.

The annual sale of Buddy Poppies is the only public solicitation conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The sale in this area will be on **Thursday, July 7 by ladies of Auxiliary 8066.** Won't you buy a poppy next Thursday?

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

It gives me great pleasure to tell you that my friend of days gone by, Mr. Otto Ingram, Deputy Commissioner for Rural and Municipal Aid, and his assistant Mr. Smith has agreed to replace the fallen old iron Somerset bridge between Nicholas and Bourbon counties with a new 20 ft. wide bridge at a cost of $150,000 to be free to Nicholas county, as the state will pay for it from "The State Emergency Bridge Fund."

I feel sure this will be very acceptable by the Nicholas county taxpayers.

It will be complete this summer.

Sincerely yours,
H. Stanley Blake

To The Carlisle Mercury:

It came to my attention that the people of Nicholas county are worried about losing their library. That is really a shock to me. I figured that everyone had gotten used to the fact that high officials could promise anything then weasel out of it. Take for instance,

In the Spirit of '76, let us Honor America by pledging allegiance to the Flag. . .

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Honor America — June 14 - July 4

I pledge allegiance
to the flag
of the United States
of America
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation *under God,*
indivisible, with liberty
and justice for all.

Black Root Rot prevalent; gas flow struck at 90 feet

Thursday, July 4, 1957

Tobacco of the No. 16 variety is being affected by Black Root Rot in some cases in Nicholas county according to William T. Straw, county agent.

The Nicholas County Board of Education accepted the resignation of John M. Adams Jr., agriculture teacher at Nicholas County High School. Foster Pumphrey, present veterans teacher of agriculture, has been employed to replace Mr. Adams.

The Board of Health of the Nicholas County Health Dept. Tuesday morning voted to employ Mrs. Eva Donovan as clerk-typist to succeed Mrs. Maude Seamands.

Bill Klinger, manager of the local Kroger store, verified a rumor Tuesday that the Kroger Company would cease to do business in Carlisle in the immediate future.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. George McCann Jr. of Newburg, N.J., a daughter, Julie Ann, June 20.—To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hurak of Ewing, a son, Richard Mason, June 24.

MARRIED—Miss Patsy Faye Ritchie, to Joe Dudley Blount, Moorefield, June 30 at the Carlisle Baptist Church.

DIED—Charlie Campbell, 77, of Cynthiana Wednesday.

Thursday, July 8, 1937

The plant of the Farmers Stock Yards will soon be left standing as the last vestige of Carlisle's once famed tobacco market with announcement of the sale of two of the large brick warehouses here, both of which will be torn down.

While drilling a well for water on the Forest Retreat Farm of Dr. Ellie Asbury of Cincinnati on the Maysville and Lexington Road near Carlisle last week, O. Beck Turley struck a strong flow of gas at a depth of 90 feet.

Two thousand, five hundred, thirty-five head of stock bring top prices at Tuesday's sale at the Farmers Stock Yards.

Holiday death toll totals 535 in the nation.

The steam fire engine pumper of the Carlisle water works which was taken to Louisville to be used in pumping out basements after the flood last January, was returned to Carlisle last week.

Lightning struck a new tobacco barn belonging to W.T. Richey and Sam Day in the Rose Hill section Sunday night. The barn ignited and was completely destroyed.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Marion Purcell, a son, July 1.—To Mr. and Mrs. Angus Jacobs, of near Moorefield, a daughter, July 29.—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson, a son, June 16.—To Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Anderson, a son, July 4.

MARRIED—Miss Opal Rena Robinson and Elgin B. Martin, Saturday.—Miss Dorothy Mae Cameron and Stewart Moore, both of Carlisle, Tuesday at the Methodist Church.—Miss Ruth Wheatley and Glenn Robertson, both of Maysilck in Mason county, June 26.

DIED—Mrs. Mary Jane Bloom Highlander, 85, at her home near Locust Grove Monday.—John T. Patrick, 74, at noon Saturday.

Agree or not

by S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—The new concept of power equalization for financing primary and secondary education in the state goes into effect July 1, the beginning of fiscal year 1977-78.

This change means that the state this year will collect the first 30 cents per $100 property valuation of school taxes and then distribute it to the school districts. However, the local school districts will receive all above the 30 cent rate from the sheriff directly.

The state will put a total of $459,256,600 in the pot for primary and secondary education when schools open this fall, or an increase of $45,157,200 over last year, Fred Johnson, assistant superintendent, Bureau of Administration for Local School Districts, said.

The major part of this increase will go for instructional salaries. This means an increase of $705.00 per classroom unit for teacher salaries.

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Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

The catch all spot

My desk drawer seemingly catches all the items that are hard to classify and are usually marked thusly: MV?

In May, 84 persons were killed on Kentucky highways.

That is about average for the past 16 years, Kentucky State Police Safety Education Director Lt. Ernest Bivens said recently, "but that's 84 lives."

Bivens said he is "optimistic about keeping the overall traffic toll down for 1977, though."

In the State Police monthly report for May, Kentucky equalled the national average of four deaths for every 100 million miles traveled. This is lower than last year with a five per cent increase in total miles traveled over 1976 figures.

The worst year for traffic fatalities was in 1973 when 1,117 lost their lives on Kentucky roadways.

Be careful over July 4 weekend!

—MV—

Be careful
filling gas tank

If you didn't get the message here's another danger signal:

Evidence has been accumulating for the past 50 years that benzene causes leukemia and other blood diseases. So if you're a driver who fills his own gas tank you just might be helping yourself to cancer, as well? It's a possibility. Benzene is added to raise the octane rating of gasoline.

—MV—

Digging in the files

Saturday morning past was spent with Cartmell Lester going through microfilm to determine when the Blackberry Festival began. I thought it was sometime after 1947 and it was found to have begun in 1949. The first coronation began in 1950 with 11 young ladies vying for the queen title. Whether the pictures we tried to copy from the 27-year-old issue will show up or not remains to be seen. Anyway I supplied Mr. Lester with copies for the June Rawlings show. In case you would like to know, Juanita Bradley was the first festival queen. She is pictured second from right, top row.

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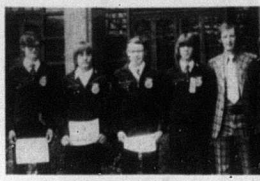

Attend state FFA meet

Nicholas County F.F.A. Chapter members, along with Jim Brumagen, Chapter advisor, are pictured in front of the Gault House in Louisville, where the State F.F.A. convention was held June 8-10. Three members received their State Farmers Degrees. They are from left: Allen Tincher; Jackie Alexander, president of the local Chapter and past Bluegrass Region treasurer; Steve Duncan, Chapter Sentinel. Next is Mark Terrell, vice president elect of the local chapter, and a voting delegate to the convention; Mr. Brumagen; and Frank Terrell, Chapter president elect, also a voting delegate. Mr. Brumagen and two delegates attended all three days of the convention. The State Degree recipients, were in attendance June 10.

Local students and teachers attend FHA leadership camp

Three members of the Nicholas County Chapter of Future Homemakers of America (FHA) and their advisors attended the 1977 FHA Leadership Camp held at Hardinsburg, June 20 through 23. Approximately 250 FHA members and advisors from throughout Kentucky attended.

The theme of the meeting was FHA Leadership Olympics. The purposes of the meeting were 1) to become aware of leadership qualities, 2) gain new ideas and information, 3) plan programs of work for state and regional organizations, 4) plan the State Project on March of Dimes Birth Defects, "Healthy Babies—Chance or Choice".

While at camp, members participated in leadership training sessions and camp recreation. Speakers at the Olympics were Dr. Bruce Carpenter, University of Kentucky and Mrs. Sherry Postich of the National Foundation March of Dimes. Sessions were also held on "Team Work for Action" by Agnes Foster, State FHA Advisor and "Award Winning Etiquette", by Brenda Southwick, Trigg county.

The three girls from Nicholas County Chapter who attended were: Miss May-Ann Harper, state reporter, Miss Michelle Knapke, regional secretary and Miss Patricia Fair, regional reporter. Local advisors were Mrs. Martha Taylor and Mrs. Bonnie Metcalfe.

Miss Harper led the training sessions for the regional reporters.

Manpower Services seeking employers

The Bureau for Manpower Services has qualified applicants looking for work in many fields. Anyone looking for good employees, please call William Gaunie at 289-7130 or stop by his office in the courthouse to discuss the Kentucky Department for Human Resources free services to both employers and those seeking jobs.

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Gilt cycle started

Jeff Mattox, above right, with his hog, Dave Tipton, center, local Production Credit Association manager, and Jim Bromagen, agriculture teacher at Nicholas County High School. The hog was purchased with funds given by the local PCA to the Future Farmer Association. Mattox will be required to give the FFA a gilt of equivalent size next year, so the cycle can continue.—Smith photo

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Microwave Cooking School
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