Opinion

Wedco focuses on health care

Increasing focus on our country's health care delivery system has made the Wedco District Health Department (WEDCO) more determined than ever to prove public health programs can provide citizens in their service area comprehensive preventive health care at a reasonable cost.

As a result, citizens of Bourbon, Clark, Harrison, Nicholas, and Scott counties are realizing more than ever these days that good health care is accessible.

WEDCO, in cooperation with the local county health centers and community organizations, is exploring a broad range of traditional and alternative plans to community health care. The trained professionals at WEDCO are providing the expertise and innovation for the county health centers and local service groups to pull together progressive programs in public health service for each individual county.

WEDCO's Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) program, the first instruction of this kind in the area, is providing a proven effective standardized program to save lives of individuals who have just suffered or are suffering a heart attack.

The day long course, taught in accordance with American Heart Association guidelines will be offered in the near future to residents of the five-county area for a small registration fee. CPR pilot program statistics from other areas show an approximate 256 percent reduction in deaths from heart attacks when the CPR emergency treatment is administered within minutes of the attack.

Other preventive health service clinics and detection centers are scheduled in each of the five counties this fall. Dozens of women in each county have already been screened this month for uterine and breast cancer and high blood pressure through WEDCO's cancer detection program.

Adult education classes are receiving specialized professional instruction in home health care, emergency treatment and nutritional counseling.

Routine immunizations, regularly scheduled tuberculosis testing, family planning, counseling and referrals are all part of the WEDCO health service program.

Funding for WEDCO is provided through local, state, and federal government grants. The bulk of the agency's funding comes from federal grants for specific health care programs.

Chairman of the Board, Dr. Wendell Kingsolver, explains, "WEDCO's programs are provided to all citizens free or at a nominal cost basically because we want to insure that people in our service area are provided information and access to good sound preventive health care.

"This includes general medical clinic services along with screening, and diagnosis of diseases with referral for follow-up care to private doctors."

WEDCO's environmental program has strong county Board support and Health Officer efforts in all five counties have secured good cooperation from judges and county attorneys. Environmental Supervisor, Bob Wilkerson, states "We have been forced to close our share of food service establishments in the past but increasingly our environmentalists have been successful in securing voluntary compliance with environmental standards on the part of a great variety of community leaders and consumers."

Whether it's an environmental program for consumer health protection through inspection of public health facilities; one of the numerous school health programs, perinatal programs or health services for home bound patients who need special care, the WEDCO team of trained health care specialists is excited about helping people to better health.

They invite your questions and inquiries. — Bert Eyster

Kentucky reflections

[Editor's note: We agree with Mr. Boone on this matter. Carlisle is actively seeking one or two more doctors. However,.we feel that we will have the medical facilities to attract a new doctor when the new Nicholas County Hospital is completed. Also, we feel the quality of life in Nicholas County is such that a family practitioner would enjoy living here. Therefore, it is up to our committee and other citizens to invite prospects to our community so that they can discover these two facts for themselves, and, thus, decide to practice in our rural community.]

by George Street Boone

The month of October sees both Kentuckians and others addressing their common concerns on the problem of the availability of medical services.

In Frankfort, the Interim Legislative Joint Committee on Business Organizations and Professions has approved a measure that would cost graduates of Kentucky's two medical schools if they left Kentucky immediately to practice elsewhere. The bill, prefiled for the 1978 General Assembly, would require physicians to practice a year in Kentucky for each year they attend medical school in the state, or pay back the state's share of the cost of their medical education. Students would be required to sign an agreement to do so for admission to U. K. or the U. of L. medical schools.

State Senator Tom Easterly estimates that it costs Kentucky $14,000 to $15,000 for each year of each student's medical education.

Scholarships for students who agreed to practice in rural Kentucky, offered for many years, have not provided adequate incentives to solve the problem of too few doctors in rural areas.

It is much more than a Kentucky problem and the federal government has sought to affect the problem of the shortage of physicians by requiring that U. S. medical schools receiving federal funds accept transfers of students from foreign medical schools if these students pass standardized examinations. There have been pressures from U. S. students who have secured admission to medical schools outside the U.S. because of the severe competition for the limited number of openings to American schools.

The intensity of that competition is demonstrated by the celebrated Bakke case from California, argued this month before the U. S. Supreme Court. The California Supreme Court has ruled that a university medical school's special admissions program setting aside 16 of 100 first-year openings for "disadvantaged" minority applicants violated the U. S. Constitution because it gave non-whites advantages over whites.

Supporters of the California decision argue that Allen Bakke, white, was a victim of a quota system based on race and the constitution should protect him against reverse discrimination. Opponents of the state decision argue that the value of educating minorities over-balances the legal problems of using race to accept some students while rejecting others.

Compensatory action and preferential treatment are different. Compensatory action includes measures to help disadvantaged groups catch up to the standards of competition set by society. Preferential treatment means suspending the standards.

Similarly, concern is being expressed lest Kentucky's proposed legislation discourage applicants of quality from seeking admission to Kentucky's medical schools. In a profession placing a premium on independence of judgment, will the first-rate prospect be willing to bind himself to remain in any state? Does rural Kentucky provide a young physician the medical facilities he needs or the conditions in which he wishes to live and educate his children? Would not improving the quality of life in such areas be more likely to induce doctors to settle where they are so badly needed! The candidate for no other degree, starting with a B. A., is required to so pledge or to pay the total cost of his education.

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'A great day for Eastern Kentucky', says U. S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins at groundbreaking for new U. S. 80

By S. C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT — While elected public officials hailed the new four-lane U. S. 80 Highway, linking the Daniel Boone Parkway at Hazard with improved U. S. 23 and the Eastern Kentucky Parkway at Prestonsburg, as the last vital link in an arterial road system for Eastern Kentucky, their enthusiasm did not equal that of the residents of that area, long isolated from the rest of the state.

U. S. Rep. Carl D. Perkins said "it is a great day for Eastern Kentucky," as the opening speaker at the groundbreaking ceremony near Hazard, October 18.

Perkins said people of the area have been working for the road since 1935, but the real work began in 1965 when former Highway Commissioner Henry Ward began working through the Appalachian Regional Planning Commission for the road.

Gov. Julian Carroll passed a bill in the last session of the legislature to build the four-lane road at a cost of $212 million. It will be financed through a bond issue to be paid off from revenue from the coal severance tax over a 40-year period. The severance tax is 4.5 per cent or 50 cents per ton, whichever is greater. Not all of the coal severance tax; that produces more than $100 million per year, will be used for this purpose.

Much of it goes to the state's general fund, and the coal-producing counties get a generous share from the coal produced in their counties.

The federal government anticipates that coal production will double by 1985 as the prime source of energy for this nation and other parts of the world. Now, we must rely upon Asia for a good share of petroleum to meet this nation's energy needs.

Perkins said the new U. S. 80 "is going to be a tremendous development for coal in this area.....it will be a great day for all the people in Eastern Kentucky."

The Hindman native said it will open "vast seams of coal for production since the new road will be the means of transportation."

Perkins also said the new road will make the area "the greatest tourist area. There's no way to hold it back."

Tourism is considered Kentucky's second largest industry, bringing in better than $1 billion last year according to the State Department of Parks.

Senior U. S. Senator Walter Dee Huddleston said the method of financing the road is an "imaginative course." He also said that the Federal Transportation Department is studying a plan to help finance and build and maintain coal haul roads in Kentucky. Huddleston asked for the study.

Junior U. S. Senator Wendell H. Ford said "coal will be the answer to the energy problem," adding, "I hope we have the right answer in research for coal for energy. It is the economic answer for this area."

When Ford was governor he appropriated $5 million for research for coal liquefaction and gasification.

Gov Carroll said of the new road, "I am glad I was able to keep this promise."

He also commended the legislature, particulary those from eastern Kentucky, saying, "they got the legislation through to build this road through the coal tax."

He called the road a developmental highway that will boost the total economy, not only of eastern Kentucky, but all of the state."

Carroll pointed out that Kentucky has the sixth lowest unemployment rate in the 50 states and climbed to sixth place in capital growth since 1976.

Businessman dies, opened first Ford garage here in 1915; snow flurries first of season season here

Thursday, October 24, 1957

The Carlisle Musketeers beat the Cynthiana Bulldogs to make a perfect homecoming Friday night. Bill Straw presented the queen, Miss Judy Galbraith, to the crowd. Her attendants were Misses Harriet Clark and Diane Ratliff.

The Carlisle high school sophomore class was awarded first prize for the best decorated window last week denoting the annual homecoming game. The window at Hopkins Drug was decorated by Mary Glenn Feeback, Caroline Smoot, Nancy Henry, Toby Elder, Charles Skeen.

Nicholas countians under 20 years of age and expectant mothers are being urged to get protection from polio before Nov. 1, according to B. F. Reynolds, M.D., Health Officer for Nicholas County.

Mrs. Lida Mae Wade was installed as Worthy Matron, and Brooks Henson as Worthy Patron, of Order of Eastern Star, Marie Chapter, Friday by Mrs. Billy Stall of Williamstown.

Mrs. B. F. Reynolds, Mrs. C. C. Crockett, Miss Maurine Crockett were in Lexington to attend the Central Kentucky Woman's Club meeting at the Lafayette Hotel.

Died—Robert Harper, 91-year-old retired Carlisle businessman, who opened the first Ford garage here in 1915, Friday in Nicholasville. —Mrs. Ella Dudley Spencer, 85, Monday in Louisville. —Mrs. Ruby Grimes Bell, 70, Monday in Lexington.

Thursday, October 28, 1937

The first snow flurries of the season fell here Saturday, but lasted only a few minutes.

The turkey crop throughout the nation this year is reported to be shorter than last year. Nicholas County's turkey production will be about average, farmers report.

Jean Alexander, six, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander, suffered a deep cut on the face when she fell on the walk at Myers School Monday.

Roy Blount of Moorefield, is chief judge and master of hounds at the 38th annual meeting of Kentucky Foxhunters Association which opened at Monticello on Monday.

Married—Miss Helen Dever of Lebanon and L. D. Sweazy of Lexington Sunday.

Died—William O. Booth, 65, at his home Saturday morning. —Mrs. Lydia Thomas Blair, 82, last Friday afternoon at Bethel. —Thomas Croxton Asbury, 65, last Thursday morning at his home. —Mrs. Arthie Wilborn Fisher, 31, at her home Sunday morning.

Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Plaudits, we like 'em

Mrs. Allie Vice called us Friday to say that she had intended to send The Carlisle Mercury force a card during National Newspaper Week, Oct. 9 - 15, but that she was calling instead to tell us how much she appreciates us and that she enjoys reading The Mercury each week. We appreciated her call more than words can say. It was thoughtful thing to do. Thank you, Mrs. Vice.

—MV—

Who were they?

If we hadn't put their names under the pictures, no one would have known who was pictured. No one has bothered to tell us how awful a series of pictures were, so we're taking the liberty of reproducing them again via the half-tone film method. We hope this time they will be legible enough to recognize the individuals. We just plain goofed last week, and at the moment it's too long a story to tell.

—MV—

Fruit Flies

I picked several apples from the three-in-one tree in the backyard last week. Some I could reach easily, others fell to the ground, but all were saved, plus a goodly number of tiny flies or nats.

My hands are slightly red from slapping at them. They seem to have an uncanny sense, any movement in their direction and they zoom off into the wild blue. I suppose the only way to rid the house of them is to get a can of bug spray.

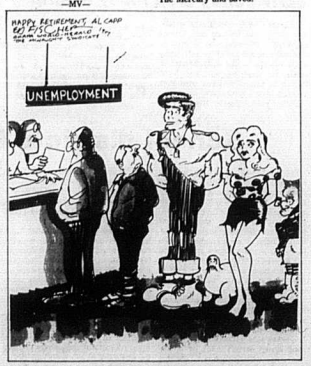
—MV—

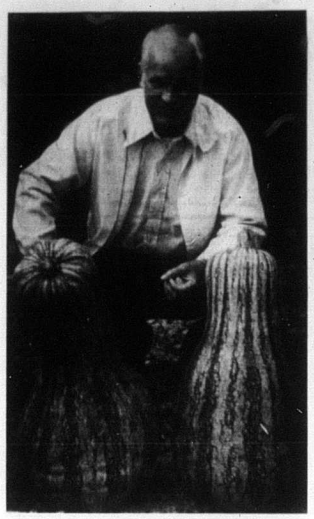
Poetry, poetry, poetry

We've had numerous telephone calls asking when the poetry will be printed, and why wasn't it in the Oct. 13 issue?

Our answer, the poetry will be printed, as soon as we can get it all set, all corrected, and that necessary space becomes available.

More than likely it will be in a section that can be easily pulled out of The Mercury and saved.





Monsters?

Anyone for cushaw pie? Mert Evans has two cushaws that would make quite a few pies. These exceptionally large specimens were grown by Calvin Minton on his farm on Myers Road. Mr. Evans' daughter, Mrs. Larry Minton, thought these newsworthy, and we agree.—Duncan photo

Nicholas County Hospital patients listed

Oct. 7 to Oct. 13, 1977

Admissions: Julia Cannon, Luther Clay, Noble Barbee, Ray Hamilton, Jerry Warmouth, Joan Frederick, Patricia Tincher, Bobby T. Anderson, Diana Herrington, Christine Mitchell-tree, David Payne, Ollie Howard, Ann Brierly, Carlisle; Becky Davis, Nancy Ingram, Cynthiana; Margaret Gray, Odia Mitchell, Gerald T. Kimes Jr., Elizabeth Craig, Ewing; Mary Ross, Michael Cooper, Thelma Daniels; Mt. Olivet; Marcie Powell, Sharpsburg; Natalie June Watkins, Moorefield; Allie Jones, Mt. Sterling; Sue Morris, Millersburg; Leonard Allen, Flemingsburg; Helen Rose Blake, Paris.

Discharges: Charles Lenz, Lindsey Tincher, Viola Pumphrey, Howard Hovermale, Jerry Warmouth, Rosie F. Faul, Martin Bussell, Noble Barbee, Luther Clay, Elberta Hunt, Patricia Tincher, Bobby T. Anderson, Ray S. Hamilton, Julie Cannon, Carlisle; Thelma Daniels, Michael Cooper, Mary Ross, Mt. Olivet; Gerald Kimes Jr., Margaret Gray, Ewing; Becky Davis, Cynthiana.

Sept. 30 to Oct. 6, 1977

Admissions: Rosie Faul, Carl R. Ishmael, Charles Lenz, Elberta Hunt, Evelyn Riggs, Martin Bussell, Viola Pumphrey, Linda K. Tincher, Howard Hovermale, Wilson Brierly, Patty Warner, Carlisle; Lorena Glass, Flemingsburg; Cosby Gray, Paris; Raymond Curry, Ewing; Thelma Daniels, Mt. Olivet; Ada Virginia McGlothin, Mayslick.

Discharges: Charles Lee Fryman, Minnie Marr, Billy W. Prather Jr., Jessie Hill, Patty Warner, Wilson, Brierly, Carl R. Ishmael, Clayton Curtis, Carlisle; Brenda Kelley, Marshall Crouch, Cynthiana; Patsy Teitsplin, Cosby Gray, Paris; Patricia Gray & Baby Girl, Ewing; Lorena Glass, Mary Talley, Flemingsburg; Paul Graves, Millersburg; Eartha Duley, Germantown; Ora Jones, Mt. Olivet.

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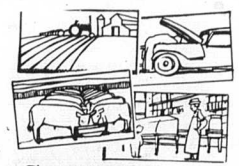
The Headquarters United Methodist Church revival services which are in progress will continue the rest of this week and all through next week. They will end on Sunday night, Oct. 30. Rev. Gaylord Gillespie is evangelist and Rev. Howard Livingood, pastor. Services are at 7:30 p.m.

There is special singing every night and on Saturday night, Oct. 22 the Singing Instruments Quartet from Paris will sing.

Everyone is invited to attend.



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