Opinion

Labor Day, marks the end...

Labor Day sorta marks the end of summer, the beginning of another year of school, the start of football season, and a holiday all in one.

Many of us will head for what may be our last outdoor activity this year. Picnics will abound, weather permitting. Some will swim for the last time this year.

Need it be said again? Drive carefully! Many people are headed for needless tragedy over this long weekend. Don't you, or any of your family, be one of them.

But also, it's the beginning of the time to prepare for winter. None of us like to think of another winter like last year, but we can almost be certain that it is coming, if predictions are correct.

We must seriously consider many things—energy shortages, clothing changes, transportation difficulties, and many more.

Winter is not a pleasant thought for many—especially a harsh one. But, it is a fact of life. We are reminded, oh too much, of this approaching fact as we enjoy the Labor Day holiday once more.

How can anyone be so mean

How can any human being be mean enough to shoot a childrens' pet—or any one's dog?

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Day of the Rose Hill community are offering $50 reward for the arrest and conviction of the someone or the someones who did just that recently.

A registered Irish Setter, belonging to the Days' son, Steve, disappeared a couple months ago. Steve's cousin, V.L. Day's registered Brittany Spaniel more recently disappeared.

The dogs were found dead this week along side a fence on the Day's property line. The Irish Setter with a rope around his neck, had been shot at close range. The Spaniel had also been shot. Both had been dead for some time.

Who could be this mean, we ask?

Who could disrespect their neighbor's property this much?

Who could have such little empathy for the boys' love for their pets?

Who could have such disrespect for the animals' lives.

It seems to us that those who committed these almost unforgiveable, wicked acts against their neighbors, deserve more than any reprimand we can give here. But, there isn't much else we can do than publicly deplore these sinful deeds. **We do deplore them!**

If our pets can be shot or poisoned at will, where can the line be drawn? Respect of life and property is one of the prerequisities in-order to live in a society such as ours. If persons are permitted to live in this society without this respect for others rights, then none of us are safe.

We can only hope that someone's conscience is bothering him very much about now.

Glaucoma: the gradual darkness

If you're 35 or over, you should know about glaucoma.

"Glaucoma is an insidious disease, and accounts for one out of seven cases of blindness in this country," said Elinor Zollinger, executive director of the Kentucky Society for the Prevention of Blindness. "An estimated 28,400 Kentuckians have the disease and half of them don't even know it."

"Nibbling away at vision without pain or noticeable symptoms, glaucoma has often been called 'the Sneak Thief of Sight'," she said. But this is one thief that can be arrested with medication or surgery if it is discovered early enough. Glaucoma cannot be cured and any vision lost cannot be cured and any vision lost cannot be restored, but the sight destroying process can be halted.

A simple, painless test called tonometry that measures pressure within the eye gives early clues to the presence of glaucoma.

Increased pressure damages the millions of nerve cells in the eye that transmit the "picture" to the brain. Gradually, and without pain, the field of vision narrows bit by bit, so slowly that the victim is often unaware of the change. If not controlled, all vision may eventually be lost.

To those age 35 or over, the Society recommends a glaucoma checkup every two years, or if there's glaucoma in the family, every year.

For information about the Society's free glaucoma clinics, for films or literature on glaucoma, write the Society, Box 132, Louisville, Ky. 40201.

Library lease still conservation topic

by S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT—The abortive library lease deal is a topic of conversation around Frankfort that still raises a lot of questions.

One of the questions is why lease a building from a private developer instead of the state building one on land it already owns?

Gov. Wendell Ford put $3 million in his 1974-76 budget for construction of a building for Library and Archives.

This explanation was in the budget: "The present State Library facility, Berry Hill, located in Frankfort, requires in excess of $100,000 of repair work. With the necessary repair work there will still be no space for additional books. Therefore, it is recommended a new Library and Archives Building be constructed to house book storage including all technical processing of books and the archives library. The facility will contain approximately 42,500 square feet for administrative office space and stacks of the state plus 24,500 square feet for technical processing, storage, and library for the blind and physically handicapped. The facility will be financed with Federal Revenue Sharing funds."

Ford turned the governorship over to Carroll in December 1974, less than six months after the new budget became effective. No plans were in the works for construction of a library building and Carroll didn't start any planning for one when the budget was effective.

Carroll served a full year of Ford's elective term and then was elected for a four year term. Ford's budget ran until July 1976.

Carroll's elective term began in December 1975. His first budget was approved by the 1976 General Assembly and became effective July 1, 1976. Carroll didn't include a library building specifically in his budget although he had capital construction money in it.

The state owns several acres of land along East Main that was formerly the site of the old Training Home and Hospital for the mentally retarded. At one time the Training Home operated a farm and dairy on the land. The state is now constructing a road from U.S. 127 on the west side of Frankfort that will cross the river near the Capitol and extend through this land to the new Human Resources building on East Main and then to U.S. 160 on the east side of town.

This would be a good location for the proposed library building. It would be much more accessible than the location proposed by B.T.J., Inc. that had signed a lease contract with the state for the construction of a new library building on the west side of town. The lease was cancelled at the request of officers of B.T.J. They said they could not raise financing for the $3 million plus proposed building.

The contract called for the state to pay more than $200,000 per year for rent. There was a clause in the contract that would require the state to purchase the building if the lease were cancelled before 1990. None of the rental payments would be credited to the purchase price. Another clause provided that the price of the building might be increased above the proposed $3.4 million cost.

The Carroll administration contended that this was a good deal for the state. But State Auditor George Atkins questioned the constitutionality of the lease on the grounds that the state cannot obligate itself beyond one legislative session.

Atkins indicated he would file suit and Attorney General Robert Stephens said, just before the lease was cancelled, that his office would look into the matter.

Although the new 28-story Towers Office Building was completed in Ford's term in office, and a new Human Resources building has been completed, the state is still leasing a large amount of office and storage space in Frankfort and is still advertising for more space.

LAUGH OUT

"Last week a grain of sand got in my wife's eye and she had to see a doctor. It cost me $20."

"That's nothing. Last week a fur coat got in my wife's eye and it cost me $1,000."

Veterans Hospital patients to be Legion Post's guests

Thursday, September 1, 1927

On Labor Day Attorney Joe Frank Conley, his sons Bill and Jock and daughter, Kay moved books and furniture into his new office on Locust Street.

A group of boys from the Moorefield community defeated a team from the Myers-Ellerslie community in the county softball tournament.

A team of boys from the Moorefield community defeated a team from the Parks-East Union community to win the championship in the county softball tourney played at Nicholas County High School. Members of the Moorefield team are: Marion Campbell, Brookie George, Douglas George, Jimmie George, James Mitchell, Kenneth Mitchell and Tommie Ring. Edward Mitchell is team manager.

Some 30 patients at the U.S. Veterans Hospital near Lexington will be guests of Nicholas Unit No. 17, American Legion Auxiliary, at an annual picnic Thursday at the city reservoir.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ray Snapp, a son, Aug. 23.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe William Smith, a daughter, Aug. 23 in Paris.—To Rev. and Mrs. Ray Elford of Midway, Ohio, a daughter, Debra Rae, Aug. 27.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, Bethel, a son, Earl Kenneth, Aug. 31.—To Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Sanders, a daughter.

MARRIED—Miss Lula Jeane Foley, Lexington, and Charles William Finnell, Saturday in Versailles.—Miss Joyce Kathleen House and John Peter Frank II in Lexington.—Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Wesley and Harry Winston Bacon, Barbourville, Sunday in Somerset.

DIED—Mrs. Rhoda Adamson Frymas, 41, Monday.—James Tevis Perkins, 44, of Chicago, Tuesday.—Mrs. Etna Frances Jolly Cooper, 59, Thursday.—Floyd H. Dixon, 66, last Wednesday in Lexington.—Henry Shields, 81, Moorefield, Friday.—George Washington Clay, 87, Aug. 30 at his home.

Thursday, September 9, 1937

The Carlisle public school opened Tuesday morning with an enrollment of 420 pupils with the freshman class of 60 the largest in history.

The list of jurors from which the grand jury and petit jury to serve at the September term of circuit court were furnished the Sheriff Tuesday.

The Nicholas county rural schools started Monday morning with the smallest number of schools in operation since the county school system was established. A total of 1,044 students were enrolled.

O.R. Cecil, resident engineer for the State Highway Commission, has been transferred to Carlisle and has opened an office in the building of Miss Jane Tilton on Broadway.

Rain Sunday broke one of the hottest periods of weather during the summer, and the thermometer dropped from above 90 degrees to around 66.

Harvey "Jack" Davis, for many years an employee at the local freight depot, died Monday morning at the home of Henry Brambiett at East Union. Davis had worked for Mr. Brambiett alternately for 25 years.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Edmon Martin of Bourbon county, a daughter, Sept. 1.

MARRIED—Miss Mollie C. Laughlin and Thomas McClanahan of the Ellisville section Saturday.

Kentucky reflections...

Elkton

by George Street Boone

Perhaps the motto for any republic (or Democracy) should be: Citizens, never take your ease.

When a government undertakes the solution of a problem, be prepared to watch for the new problems which will almost certainly result. If we could learn to consider this challenge as a game, government could improve.

Classic examples of the governmental creation of new problems occurs throughout our regulatory agencies at the state and federal level. The growth of competing telephone companies in a single community or the duplication of railroad services or electric power demanded attention and the response of government was often to grant a monopoly within an area and then establish a board or regulatory agency to provide controls which would normally flow from competition. Kentucky's Public Service Commission grants certificates of convenience and necessity to water companies, gas companies, telephone companies and similar public utilities. The Commission then sets standards of service and approves charges.

A detailed study by a U.S. Senate Committee has found that, at the federal level, business interests almost totally dominate regulatory agencies. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee investigated more than a dozen agencies which regulate communications, transportation, energy, nuclear power, the securities market, and food and drugs. The Committee unanimously concluded that, at agency after agency, the participation by the regulated industry often overwhelmingly dominates the process.

How often have regulatory agencies set up to protect the consumer become the servant of the monopolies they were invested to control?

From time to time facts emerge which show the ineffectiveness of an agency. Earlier this summer, Laker Airways, a British Company, secured U.S. approval to offer round-trip New York to London service for $236 while the regular New York-London economy fare on scheduled airlines has been $625.

Surprised Kentuckians find a telephone call to a distant city outside Kentucky may cost less than a call of similar duration to a nearer city within the state. Intra-state rates are controlled by the Kentucky Public Service Commission, while charges for calls across state lines are fixed by a more detached federal agency.

The goal of business is to make and increase profits and there are unremitting pressures on these regulatory agencies intended to provide protection for the user. Kentucky's Attorney General's Office has a Division of Consumer Protection, but it is small and by no means well-funded. It has battled the massive resources and the expensive talent at the command of the large utilities. Too often, a single low-paid young lawyer appears before an agency, a David with his sling, challenging a battalion of legal and technical experts for which ironically you ultimately pay.

The Senate Committee study recommends establishing strong, independent consumer advocacy offices within the agencies themselves, with access to their expert knowledge and talent.

We could fare better if we would give our defenders at least some finely polished stones for their slings.

Mercury Vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

New writing style

The morning after the New York City blackout we notice the following statement in the lead paragraph of a story: "New York City was hit by a power failure at about last night." Now how about that?

—MV—

They will dry

When that alarm clock blasted off this Tuesday morning, if I'd had good sense I would have shut the thing off and returned to bed until the rain was over. Both feet are sopping, but they will dry.

—MV—

Thought of the month

We've seen this before and have probably used it in this column, but we think it worth repeating:

"Why is it? A man wakes up in the morning after sleeping on an advertised blanket, in advertised pajamas. He will bathe in an advertised tub, wash with advertised soap, shave with an advertised razor, drink advertised coffee after his advertised juice, cereal and toast (toasted in his advertised toaster), put on advertised clothes and an advertised hat. He will ride to work in an advertised car, sit at an advertised desk, and write with an advertised pen. Yet this man hesitates, saying that advertising does not pay. Finally, when his unadvertised business goes badly he will then advertise it for sale."

Late arrival

A picture and a story about the Central Kentucky Scottish Weekend held at Millersburg Military Institute Aug. 26-28, mailed on the 22nd from Georgetown, arrived a day and one-half too late. I don't know whether it was the "pony express" or just mailed too late, but if we don't get it by Tuesday morning's mail, it has missed that week's edition. A funny note at the bottom of the article was to the effect I could run the story and picture as many times as I liked.

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