

# Opinion Sign OUR name

It has come to the Mercury's attention that a letter to the editor that was printed recently may have been signed with a fictitious name. It is understood these claims are hard to prove, especially in this age of the computer and word processing. After the matter was brought to our attention we checked with the post office and found out that no such person lives on the route that was designated in the return address.

Not that this means the person doesn't exist; they may have merely made a mistake in typing the route number or they may have been getting their mail under a similar, but different name.

A second inquiry was received from this mysterious character which contained a poem for the Mercury's poetry section. Ordinarily we would have gone ahead and run it but the poem is somewhat controversial in subject matter, as was the letter. Consequently we decided to withhold publication until we hear from this person in question.

This business of name or pen names is a frequent problem at the Mercury. For the most part we do not verify the names of our contributors and we do not wish to do so. We expect our correspondents to write out for the former while we check back for the latter.

But to write a letter and a poem, expressing the point of view which has been expressed and signing wholesale blame for what you are doing is an isolated incident, and does not sign it makes the writer just as much in the writing as the subject of the writings. Free and open expression is the way to banish out disagreements, not clobber and guarded opinions. If the writer had left the letters unsigned we would have understood that while leaving them in the trash can. But to sign a false name or even that of another is just not the way we do things around here. The best way to get your opinion heard in the Mercury is to sign them legibly and include a return address and phone number if possible. Otherwise your case is over before it can begin.

## Agree or Not

# Frankfort is 'Rumor Town' with solons, FBI lurking

By S. C. Van Owen  
FRANKFORT — The name of the Capital City has been temporarily changed to "Rumor Town."

Whatever version you are looking for as to what will happen in the special session of the legislature, you can get. And if you are interested in the FBI investigation of state government and various government officials, you can get about any version you want to want. Sometimes you get some that are titillating and some others that are grim.

Who's ahead in the Democratic gubernatorial primary? It just depends on when you ask.

As this is being written, the best guess is that the special session will continue as called, Dec. 11, and will convene into January. There will be a short recess for Christmas and one for New Year's but they won't miss many legislative days since Sundays and holidays are not designated as legislative days, and the legislature in regular session seldom meets Saturdays although Saturday is a legislative day.

Consequently, the legislators won't miss but two or three legislative days for which they will get paid.

Since 1976 is an election year in which all 100 House members will be elected and half of the 26 senators, none of them want to incur the wrath of the electorate by idly-dallying and drawing pay.

The problem is, if they take a recess, they will be paid for each legislative day at \$90 for salary and \$70 for expenses or a total of \$160 per day. They can't face the public with that by default.

On the other hand, they can't recess and collect their interim pay of \$750 per month while not in session. That's their dilemma.

They want to get down to business so as not to antagonize the taxpayers. Many of them want to get re-elected. None of the legislators running for statewide office want to get caught in an irresponsible posture during the special session.

They know full well that it must vote for some tax relief included in L. Curtis' special session.

You can't vote against motherhood and apple pie. Gov. Carroll can't go too far much on a limb opposing Mrs. Stallard's ideas if he wants to help his fair-haired boy, Terry McChrister. Sir Julian is caught in a squeeze. The last thing he wanted was a special session before the election year. He'd like to be a bear and liberate for the winter. That he can't do. He must face the music and Thomas knows it.

The FBI investigation has created a lot of nervous Nellies around Rumor Town. Mention a name high in the administration, and someone will tell you that he is in front of the big net the FBI is dragging through state government.

One of the best rumors running around town is the FBI would like to elect a stopping place, but new things are cropping up each day. Informers are increasing daily, if the story goes.

The first date heard for indictments to be handed down by the federal grand jury was Dec. 11. Just last week the rumor date was moved to Dec. 15. Nobody really knows.

The FBI investigation is that the FBI has run out of staff in Kentucky to do all of the investigating in state government, or to follow the leads they are getting daily.

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# Memory Lane Revis publishes first novel; Nicholas backs '39 controls

Thursday, December 13, 1978  
Joe Reavis, a freshman student at Carlisle High School, was chosen Student of the Month.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hamm entertained at Carlisle High School, was chosen Student of the Month.

Reavis published his first novel, "The Hunter," which is now available in paperback. The novel is set in Nicholas County and is a historical fiction. It is a story of a young boy who grows up in Nicholas County during the 1930s. The novel is a historical fiction and is set in Nicholas County during the 1930s. The novel is a historical fiction and is set in Nicholas County during the 1930s.

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Farmers of the entire district control plan for 1979 lead crop. Nicholas favors plant, Kentucky backs it, but other states defend the measure.

A 106-acre bluegrass farm in Nicholas County, which has been owned by four generations of the McLean family, was sold at public auction last week by Mrs. Mary C. Conway, Shapaburg for \$150,000.

The Kentucky Utilities Company office of the \$14 million offered by the Carlisle Business Men's Club for Friday.

## Letters

To the Carlisle Mercury:  
Girl Scouts in Carlisle and Nicholas County need your financial support. It is presently operating at a deficit of the county where there is no active United Drive.

Girl Scouting is a girl-centered organization that is an integral part of the community. It is a starting ground for the youth of our county. It is an informal-education process based on proven ethical values that help expand a girl's horizons. It involves a sense of personal growth and community awareness.

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Mercury Vapors  
by Warren R. Fisher

## The Silly Season

One can only hope that the "rumpy dozen" or so legislators weren't on the state dole when they held their protest Monday afternoon on the capitol steps. Gov. Julian Carroll's postponement of the special legislative session.

It's the "silly season" again — and there's no telling what will come out of the General Assembly's special session when it does get down to meeting.

One thing for certain put yourself in your legislator's shoes and fill-out the questions and comments called for in the questionnaire which appears on page 12. If you will be fair to your answers and sincere with your comments — you will accomplish something of value — you will have provided your legislator with a guide and at the same time come to grips with the awesome realization that there are very few areas in which meaningful tax reduction can be accomplished.

## Above the flood plain

One would think that the Mercury office was high enough on the hillside to miss any flooding. Wasn't so though, we sustained a foot and one-half of water under the front office which took out the furnace blower motor again. Having two motors keeps Dupont Electric's help busy changing them.

The office was cold as a tomb Sunday and Monday. I could keep the backshop warm, but not the front office. Maybe someday we'll lick the flooding problem.

## Getting in the way

Following all that rain, came cold weather and none too soon. At least it stopped the rain for awhile, but almost made us turn to a pair of ice cleats that Earl Hunt saw fit to present us with this summer. Seems Mr. Hunt had ordered them last winter, but didn't get delivery until this summer past. These cleats are called "Prevent-A-Fall" but I didn't have them on Saturday when I fell on Main Street, there wasn't any ice on the steps — I'm just a bit clumsy with my right foot — the step is always getting in its way.

## PI Characters

The following are known as pi characters, they're not found, that is, accessed from the regular machine keyboard which has access to some 102 characters of the 118 on the flimsiprint track.

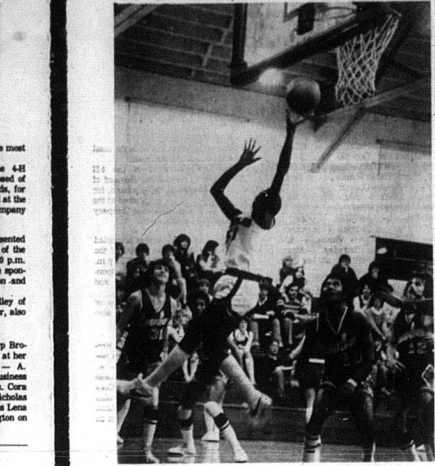
Needless to say they are necessary in composing advertisements as well as reading matter in general.

They undoubtedly got their name from the old Linotype where such matrices did run pi, that is, they didn't have a home in the magazine and were shunted down the pi chute in a tray to be put away by hand.

My how things have changed, now by touching a key called Super Shift/U.C. being striking a key, I thru 0 can access all kinds of dingbats, and if they aren't enough, there's Super Shift/L.C.:

— what a conglomeration, I doubt if I will ever get the hang.

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## Girl Scouts need funds

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## Bourbon tops Nicholas

Where a spectacular football season has ended, Bluejacket basketball is under way. The Nicholas County Bluejackets led the Bourbon County team to the Bourbon County game Friday night.

The game ended 71-58 in Bourbon's favor.

Mike Hanson was high point man for the Bluejackets with 18 points. Mark Ruddle followed with 14. Mark Vice was next with 10. David McCleffer added eight. James Anderson tallied four and Jerry Edwards and Pat Lether scored two each.

The loss put Nicholas at 0-2 with the season opener at Mason County Tuesday ending 64-66.

Hanson again led the Bluejackets with 20. Vice was next with 14. Mark Ruddle added six and McCleffer, Mike Berry and Mike Wells each had two points.

Next game is with Pendleton County this Saturday at home. Game time is 8 p.m.

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# Lady Jackets win first

By Kay Conley  
"Winning feels good," stated Debbie Carlin after the Nicholas County Lady Jackets' 53-32 victory over Montgomery County.

The win is a first for the Lady Jackets in three years.

The team's record stands at 1-1, but Nicholas has come very close to changing it for the better.

The Lady Jackets' fifth game against Mason County went into overtime and Nicholas only lost by five points with a final score of 67-62.

The Jackets took control and left the Indians speechless. With Junior guard Deanna Carroll putting the ball through the hoop and Tammy Ross and Charria Williams rebounding and stopping the Indians' attacks, Nicholas took an easy 10 point lead as the first quarter ended 15-5.

No change occurred in the second quarter except for the scoring as seniors Pam Hopkins and Kathy Lyons helped take hold and add 18 more points to the Lady Jacket lead. The Lady Indians still couldn't catch up as the half ended 31-11.

The fourth quarter brought defeat for the Jackets. Bourbon inched its way to gain a lead that could not be broken, even by the final attempts of freshman David McCleffer, who rebounded twice for Nicholas. The game ended 71-58 in Bourbon's favor.

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