

Opinion

Guest editorials

Equality is all

(Editor's Note: Members of Rich Lane's Journalism class at Nicholas County High School recently wrote editorials as a class assignment. Mr. Lane forwarded several to the Mercury as examples of the class work for publication as guest editorials. The first two are reprinted below.)

For as long as can be remembered the greatest problem confronting our nation has been that of equality among men. In the early 1900's a young man by the name of Martin Luther King marched out of the South with a small group of followers behind him. He had an American Dream of winning equality for his people.

Today, this idea is more than a decade later, we are still confronted

with the same problem. This time it concerns the equality of the American Indian, or the Western Man. This one stark minority of people who are settled on the western plains have now spoken and have made themselves heard.

The American Indian is not asking to move into our finest homes in the wealthiest neighborhoods; he is merely asking for his civilizing living quarters in the far western parts of Arizona. He is not asking for money to the extent of draining our federal budget; in fact, relief of this nature would have an adverse effect on the American Indian cause. He is asking only for enough help so he can help himself.

Greatly disturbing was the coverage given to the American Indian by our T.V. and radio broadcasts and also the print media at the so-called "Indian Uprising" at Wounded Knee in South Dakota. Many times they were reported as saying, "The Indians are on the warpath again."

The American Indian is not asking to be accepted into the main stream of our society. He is asking only to be a red man, not a white man in a red man's skin.

Are they dreaming?

For years, beginning with Sigmund Freud, psychologists have used analysis of dreams to treat mental illness. This method is irresponsible and hardly a sound basis on which to begin treatment.

Some psychologists believe dreams reflect inner feelings and represent hidden emotions people are not willing to face consciously. This is, according to a noted authority on the subject, a

basic factor in creating mental disturbances. These theories give no account for the cooperation of brain cells or injuries causing pressure to the different parts of the brain resulting in mental illness which can certainly not be cured by dreams.

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world war; part of his brain was affected. He could read and understand things with his normal capacity yet he couldn't think. He is considered a mad case yet he does dream supposed to help him.

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Agree or Not

Politics will be picking up after holiday season ends

by S. C. Van Orman
FRANKFORT - Politics will pick up in Kentucky after the holidays. The Democratic primary for nomination as governor of course will draw the most interest since Kentucky is about 51 Democratic. But there will be plenty of scrambling for the minority offices.

The Republicans as of now were awaiting what former Gov. Louie B. Nunn will do... announce some most everyone expects. This leaves former State Senator Ray White of Bowling Green and State Representative Raymond Overstreet to make a decision as to which one of them will stay in the race to confront Nunn for the nomination.

White and Overstreet, according to news accounts, had a conference last week and they virtually agreed that both of them cannot run against Nunn for the party banner.

concentrate on one candidate to beat McCreary. Their reasoning is there is no place from them in the next administration if McCreary wins. It will just be a continuation of the present crowd in office.

Of course, they have to beat the one to be beat because he has the Democratic 51 advantage the OUTFS must make their way in the state before November, but with the financial backing of the present administration and money means a lot in a race in this state.

Observers here also seem to think that Hubbard will be well financed from his position in the U. S. Congress. He has a very strong base in the First District Democratic stronghold.

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The job now is for the strategists among the OUTFS to get together and

Memory Lane

Janie Mann wins bicycle; REA signs up for transferred

Thursday, January 1, 1983
Janie Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mann of Lexington, Ky., won a bicycle as a result of a contest sponsored by the REA. She was one of the winners of the contest which was held in Lexington, Ky. on December 28, 1978.

Miss Anna Kate Minnow, in Covington last week... Miss Anna Phelps Millard, daughter of Paganus Business School, which will open in Nicholas County in January.

Winners in the 11th Carlele-Nicholas County Chamber of Commerce annual Christmas parade... W. J. Clark, Church Street Methodist Church, Business House and Joseph Drug Company, City Street.

Century company reports 96 burials during the year of 1978... Earl McCracken, 49, died of a heart attack in Lexington, Ky. on December 28, 1978.

Kentucky Reflections

Thursday, January 5, 1979
Failure of Nicholas counties to honor the project has resulted in the proposed rural electric district project. Directors of the local group last week voted to turn over their sign-up participations to the successful R.E.A. projects in adjoining Harrison and Fleming Counties.

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A government employee, revolted by the graft and corruption around him, might call a reporter if he has faith in the reporter's ability to keep his name out of it. If the present judicial trend persists, and reporters are unable to protect themselves, the short-term result may be less information for everybody.

The party label doesn't mean as much in Kentucky today as it did in the early part of the century. There are a lot of independent voters, and a lot of conservatives are registered Democrats. The Democratic primary in the lieutenant governor's race has a strong transiency... Senate President John Prother, who already has started his TV advertising, Supreme Court Justice Martha Layne Collins, and Bill Cox, former administrative assistant to Gov. Carroll. As of now, no announced agreement with gubernatorial candidates has been announced by any of these. They all may run independent races.

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Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher
A re-arrangement of the interior of the Mercury is all my fault. It was my idea to get things together in one large area which would be easier to keep warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It also must fess-up the state fire marshal's office had a lot to do with it!

The trouble if one could call it such, lies in the fact that I've moved everything over a period of months from its accustomed niches. And now, only my typewriter and desk are in their original places, and I long for my efficiency manager (the better half) that even this event that I cling to must also be moved.

It's odd how strong habit becomes. I find myself reaching for a knife that isn't there, looking to the left for a clock that has been moved some 30 feet and is completely out of my line of vision.

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Credit tightens but bonds may improve

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Employment - Joblessness After three consecutive years of healthy employment gains, easing conditions in a number of large job sectors will restrict 1979's improvement to only token proportions. During the recession we expect, the number of jobholders could decline, but the tightening ranks which occurred in late 1978 and early 1979 is not in the cards for 1979. Nevertheless, there will be some gain in the number of jobs workers as well as in the unemployment rate. The latter will, in fact, work its way back up over the 7% mark of the civilian labor force, even though it was pushed back to 5.7% in mid-1978. The real problem will not be layoffs but rather not enough job openings to absorb the additions to the nation's labor force.

Consumer Spending Unquestioned over a less sparkling business climate and the specter of labor tie-ups and some job cutbacks will moderate consumers' buying intentions over a good portion of the year. There will be a greater emphasis on reducing installment debt and on building up savings. This will, naturally,

Income expected, the uptrend in personal income should continue next year. On the plus side will be the minimum wage, automatic pay increases and interest will post good gains, and fresh pay raises won't be union settlements. Income from dividends and interest will post good gains, as well earnings in the farm sector. Hence, even though personal income will not climb as rapidly as it has in recent years, consumers will still have a heartening volume of purchasing power.

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year ahead, forward-looking investors will find a wide selection of opportunities in common stocks and convertible securities. The Abbeff Staff expects the Dow Jones Industrial Average in 1979 to hold in the same range as in 1978. But if headwinds are made toward curbing inflation, bolstering the dollar, and improving our trade balance, the DJIA could well lose a drive which would

With interest rates nearing a peak, the bond market should also give a better account of itself in the year ahead. In coming months, investors in need of strengthening their position in fixed-income investments will have ample opportunity to acquire bonds and preferred stocks that provide attractive yields.

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1979 AIR ROLLING NEW YEAR
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Hunt's Ashland Service Station

The domestic fuel-oil scene and the related wage-price restraint program of the Carter Administration will command much attention as the new year progresses. On Capitol Hill, though, there will be no dearth of issues. Making a big push in the coming session of Congress will be proposals for a comprehensive National Health Insurance program, as well advocates of increased funding for seeking alternative fuel and energy sources. There will, too, attempts to redress the energy and tax measures passed by the last Congress, both of which were compromised to the point of multilateral dismantling. Also problematic for the Administration will be the drive to shape a less inflationary federal budget for fiscal 1980.

Foreign Affairs The international arena remains loaded with anti-producting issues. The stop-and-go peace negotiations between Egypt and Israel - still with important points of disagreement at this writing - offer a possible beacon of hope. But the areas of sharply divided views do underscore the vast complexities of Mideast problems. The situation in Lebanon has yet to be resolved, and the turmoil in Iran has even more significant ramifications for the Western World. After all, Iran is a heavy exporter of petroleum. It borders Russia; and it is strategically located in terms of the shipping lanes for Mideast oil. In Africa, continued tensions are likely. Even in Asia, there are deep-rooted conflicts along with contemporary power-struggle connotations. It is noted, however, that an accord on the second phase of the strategic arms limitation talks could improve U. S. - Soviet ties.

Money Supplies - Interest Rates The tightening of credit will not let up for some months, and the rise in interest rates seems destined to persist well into this winter or even into the spring of 1979. Right now, we look for the prime lending rate of the nation's leading commercial banks to peak around the 12% mark, but a rapid and sharp subsequent turnaround is not likely. We do not, however, anticipate

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