Opinion

Pool would help cool

Has this sultry weather given anyone else swimming pool fever? Wouldn't it be great to cool ones weather woes in a clean, luxurious swimming pool. Well, it may be a tough chore locating one unless of course one is a member of the local club where such privileges are available; but if not then that pool is out of bounds and the closest one from there is also an out, and out of county.

The lake? Well, the lake is perfect for those who can make it there from across town and it is also great for those who enjoy the sand and those who don't mind the natural lake waters where Mother Nature and friends frequent. The lake is fine for those who enjoy roughing it but for those who are a bit intimidated by the naturalness there should be an alternative. Namely a public pool.

A pool would be an asset to Carlisle and its citizens because of its cultural impact and its safer swimming environment as well as enjoyment.

If we had a public pool, lessons in swimming could be given that would not only perhaps save a citizens life one day but it would also improve that persons culture by giving him the opportunity to discover the great exercise of swimming. And wouldn't we all be proud of a gold medal swimmer from Carlisle?

Lessons in junior and senior lifesaving techniques, sponsored by the Red Cross, could also be given and would thusly open up job opportunities for our teenagers at one of the many state parks or perhaps a health spa or retreat. Life saving would, at any rate, be a great weapon in which to hold.

Another safety feature a pool would provide would be a separate pool for small children. Whereas at the lake youngsters must swim along with the adults and so be subjected to splashing as well as waves, at the pool the child could swim with children his own size and age and the unsafe swimming condition could be eliminated.

Lastly there are the countless drownings that occur at Kentucky lakes each year. This past weekend for instance there were five drownings, three of which were at a lake. Allowing that these people went to a lake because they so desired, the people of Carlisle haven't that choice. At a pool where there is supervision and where people can have fun in the sun perhaps those who feel less comfortable at the lake could learn to enjoy the sport of swimming safely without discouraging and interfering fears.

And who is to foot the bill for such a pool? Perhaps local organizations with the support from the Red Cross could raise the funds for the pool or maybe local businesses would be interested. After the pool is built, it could then be donated to the Park and Recreations Department and with a reasonable fee from the people using it during the summer months and money from concessions, the pool could well support itself given time.

Agree Or Not

Cox's announcement for lieutenant governor fills up field for '79 statewide campaigns

by S. E. Van Curen

FRANKFORT—William (Bill) Cox's announcement last week that he is a candidate for the lieutenant governorship in the Democratic primary next May just about shapes up the field for the two top spots.

He is the fifth to make his intentions known to seek this office. The others are State Senator Joe Prather, James Vernon of Corbin who worked in the Department of Public Information; Supreme Court Clerk Martha Layne Collins; and former state Senator Richard Lewis of Benton.

Cox directed Gov. Julian Carroll's primary campaign for the governorship and later worked as one of his chief advisors, and then went to Washington in the Department of Transportation.

The field for governor on the Democratic side is even more crowded with six candidates, five of them challenging Commerce Commissioner Terry McBrayer, the governor's choice.

First District U. S. Rep. Carroll Hubbard still keeps kicking the political door open for this race and has been a critic of the Carroll administration.

State Auditor George Atkins keeps challenging the governor over his use of airplanes and other actions, and this keeps Atkins' name in the news constantly. It is quite evident that Atkins has won some support from the public in challenging Carroll.

Lieutenant Gov. Thelma Stovall, a name that has been around in state government for more than 20-years, is making a strong bid. Her support has been from labor and women's groups as well as the "courthouse crowd" across the state.

Former Louisville Mayor Harvey Sloan has been traveling about the state quite a bit and seems to have been the first to set up a campaign organization.

Agriculture Commissioner Thomas O. Harris is also in the race and will be depending upon agriculture interests as his strongest base, but he also has other connections in business circles.

Stovall and Sloan are both from Louisville and are likely to split the vote there in Jefferson County which contains about 30 per cent of the statewide vote.

McBrayer is from Eastern Kentucky while Atkins and Hubbard are both from the first congressional district in Western Kentucky. This portion of the state has had the governorship in the last two times. It could be time for a change.

One of the big questions in political discussions around the Capitol City is will McBrayer choose a running mate among the five candidates for lieutenant governor. Mrs. Collins has always been a strong supporter and close friend of both former Gov. Wendell H. Ford and the Carroll administration. At the same time, Hubbard was a classmate of Mrs. Collins' husband and Carroll spent a weekend in their home in a recent visit to the state.

Prather, president pro-tem of the Senate, also has been a close ally of the governor and served with him in the House. Richard Lewis also has served in the House with Carroll and McBrayer. Vernon is the one with the least ties to the administration.

The big question is, "Will Carroll's support be to a candidate's advantage or be a handicap?"

I keep getting messages that county judges across the state are blaming Carroll for doing them out of their judicial powers in the court reorganization even though this was a constitutional amendment voted by the people. Police chiefs in some of the smaller towns also are miffed over this change. The police chiefs could go to their county judges in the rural counties and get favors done for some of their friends. They've lost this contact. And other county officials don't like the change, but this is not a state-wide feeling; but it is enough to make a difference in a close race.

The campaign won't really get going until after the first of the year, but there are a lot of factors that can make it interesting.

Every administration is able to raise money and swing strong support behind a candidate, but the blessed candidate has to take the thorns with the roses.

Sensing the news / Labor bill needs changing

by Anthony Harrigan

The extended debate in the Senate on the labor bill — S. 2467 — reflects tremendous public concern about the impact of this legislation.

The bill is styled the Labor Reform Act of 1978. But even **The Washington Post**, which usually champions liberal causes, says the legislation "ought to be called the 'Union Organizing Act of 1978'." In making this comment, the Post noted that the bill does nothing to protect workers from unions.

This legislation is before the Senate because unions have lost ground in recent years. Unable to convince workers that union membership is a good thing, they are determined to coerce workers into joining them and to intimidate employers who are reluctant to assist in the process. This bill would make it virtually impossible for a worker to avoid union membership and would make it difficult for employers to oppose a union takeover of their plants.

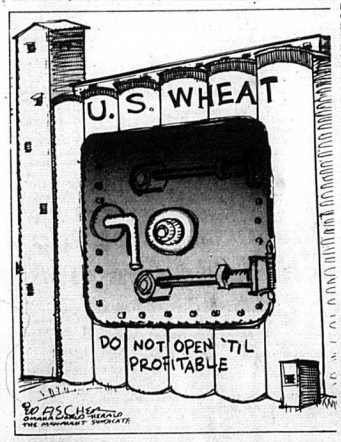
The poor union showing has been amply documented. In 1977, unions lost more National Labor Relations Board-supervised elections than they won — for the third straight year. The union hierarchy, having failed so often in certification elections, now believes it can accomplish its goals by push-button unionism. It believes that the labor "reform" bill will provide the instrument to organize plants across the country.

Among its other provisions, S. 2467 would give union leaders the power to hold "quickie" elections. Existing provisions for hearings would be eliminated. Employers would be forced to subsidize union activity by employees paying for the time to hear union spokesmen.

Companies also would have to provide a forum for union organizers — all at company expense. The NLRB would be given the power to impose wage increases on employees who allegedly refuse to bargain in "good faith". Companies also would be subject to huge penalties if NLRB officials decided that they weren't bargaining in good faith. As **The Washington Post** pointed out, one major section of the bill "would put the government in the business of blacklisting companies" that are deemed violators of labor laws.

The nation needs a genuine labor reform bill. Such a bill has been drafted by U. S. Rep. Phillip M. Crane (R-Ill.). It would place unions under the antitrust laws and forbid combinations in restraint of trade. This legislation would be a powerful weapon against the type of union action that paralyzes industries and entire communities.

The nation's workers also need a labor bill that would provide tougher penalties for union racketeering. But the bill now before the Senate — S. 2467 — would enhance union monopoly power and give hoodlum-run unions tighter control over workers and terrorize employers.



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Memory Lane

'Happy' crowns Blackberry Festival queen; heavy rains hurt crops 40 years ago in July

Thursday, July 10, 1958

Gov. A. B. Chandler crowned Miss Bessie Garrett as queen of the Blackberry Festival Friday night. Miss Garrett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Garrett of Moorefield.

Miss Emma Lou George, Carlisle High School, will be among seven Kentucky girls who will represent local FHA chapters throughout the state at the national meeting in Kansas City, July 7-11.

The Carlisle Rotary Club will be host on July 17 to J. Foley Snyder, governor of the 674th district of Rotary International.

Mrs. William F. Threlkeld has been appointed as head of the Home Economics Department of Carlisle High School. She succeeds Miss Alma Dean Hudnall.

Jock, Bill and Miss Kay Conley entertained Friday evening with a dinner for their house guests, Miss Joan Weisinger and Miss Mary Catherine Tuttle of Lexington.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. David Glenn Purcell, a daughter Glenna Fay, July 1. -To Mr. and Mrs. Estill Hunt, a son, John Wesley, July 4. -To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Herrin, a daughter, Beverly Dawn, July 8.

DIED—Walter Mason, 78, Thursday at his home in Bourbon County. -Mrs. Bessie McCord Smith, 63, at her home on North Middletown Road.—William (Bill) Earlywine, 62, Sunday at the Veterans Hospital, Lexington.

Thursday, July 14, 1938

All roads converged on Carlisle Wednesday morning as Senator Alben W. Barkley, incumbent seeking the re-nomination in the August primary against Gov. A. B. Chandler, spoke in the interest of his nomination.

Nicholas County property owners in the rural sections for the second time in a week took a substantial loss as heavy rains accompanied by a strong wind lashed the area.

Ernest Ward, formerly of Carlisle, is in the Holmes Hospital, in Cincinnati, where he underwent an operation on his eyes Wednesday.

The five-year-old son of Cash Shanklin received a badly cut foot at the softball game Tuesday night when he stepped accidentally on the remains of a broken soft drink bottle.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Smoot, June 28, a son, Jimmie Lee.—To Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie on July 3, a daughter, Ardena.

DIED—Pauline Sue Bretz at birth. -Hubert Taylor Blount, 63, July 10.—Charles Henry Dixon, 79, Sunday at his home on the Moorefield Road near town.—Miss Lucile Henry, 43, Friday at her home on Main Street.

Letters from our readers

Deliver your opinions correctly

This opinion page is open to our readers at all times. If you send your letter to the editor with a hand signed signature before Tuesday of that edition and if you say *nothing* in your letter that would slander anyone's name, your letter will be published and received by our reading public. On the other hand, if a letter does not comply with these rules, it will probably be either delayed or thrown in the waste-basket.

The opinion page is like any other service, it is designed for your benefit but it must be used correctly.

We welcome all letters and enjoy our readers comments but we cannot publish them at someone else's expense whether it be ours, yours or others.

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I don't know who wrote the piece under opinions for the week of June 22, but I think whoever wrote it should get their facts straight. As far as the citizens paying the taxes, we too are citizens and we also pay taxes. As far as double taxation is concerned, I paid taxes on my car in Iowa and when I moved back home here in Carlisle and went to buy any auto license I had to pay tax again, but I presume that the writer wouldn't consider that double taxation. As for food stamps, Medicare, and social security, I have seen or heard of anyone being given these things. I draw Social Security but am drawing money that I have been paying into it since 1937. As for Medicare, I also pay for it and starting July 1 I will be paying more. It's true that the Governor pays part of our hospital charges, but there again we have also paid on that. We have to pay the first $144 and then the Governor pays 70% of the reasonable cost, so that leaves 30% that we have to pay. As you know, what the Governor figures as a reasonable cost is far less than the hospital figures, if you don't think so try going into the hospital on Medicare and see the difference you have to pay between what the hospital charges and what the Governor pays. The $144 is for the first 60 days. For the 61st through the 90th day, we pay $36 each and every day plus the 30% the Governor don't pay. Then for the 60 reserve days, it costs us $72 a day plus 30% the Governor don't pay. If this is called free Medicare, I think the writer should check things out before printing them. As for the Senior Citizen Center where in Carlisle or Nicholas County they can gather for fellowship, a meal which most pay all or part of it costs. How many of the people that come to the Center would the nursing home admit? I can tell you they wouldn't admit one of us and even if they did who of us could afford the cost. The Center is the only place I know of that will furnish transportation to some of the social events going on, and can get us admission prices that we can afford. We have people to come into the Center and entertain with music and song and are very happy to do it. Our minister also visits the Center to give us spiritual uplift. As I say, I think the writer of the article should get his facts straight. I also think they owe the Center an apology for the black eye that they gave the Center. I hope after reading this we will still remain friends, whether you print it or not.

I remain your friend and brother christian always,
Burl K. Hunt

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Bad paper!

A few weeks ago someone called me to the phone to speak to, well by the time the message reached me, they'd forgotten just who, but it was someone with a swimming pool company.

Well, the sweet young thing on the other end, just where and what city I didn't learn either, questions me at length about advertising rates, telling too that her company wanted such and such a sized ad.

The bell rang, that is, something warned me that ad was not on the up and up. So I assured her it wasn't her company's ability to pay, but we'd appreciate a certified check with the ads, and we were quite certain if they complied with that request, why we could fulfill our end.

Making a long story short, (they must of had a Watts line, talk was cheap) the young thing assured me they'd put the certified check and slick into the morning mail and I'd have same before the next edition of **The Mercury**.

Gosh, am I glad I haven't been waiting around for that swimming pool page to materialize, but I'm glad'er still that I had presence of mind to ask for advance payment. You'd be surprised at the bad paper we've gotten over the past 30 years.

—MV—

And an addition

With this issue of **The Mercury** we are returning to a policy that we used to exercise. Except for those good customers who have accounts with us, all classified advertising, those little yard sales and card of thanks and other notices are cash on the old drum head. We may not have as much classified advertising, but by the same token we won't have as many pages of unpaid accounts, those accounts we send out three bills and note that all profit has gone to the U. S. Postal Service. It will be inconvenient, but we managed to live with it before and our prospective customers managed also.

—MV—

A good cause

This week with the publication of Jimmy Smith's story on old Camp Blackhawk and the scouting movement in the County, I'd like to note that the Flag service that the Jaycees have supplied over the past few years will be undertaken by the local Boy Scout Troop No. 50 beginning today July 4th. And many thanks Bobby Barnett for telling me to look for my Flag on the parking meter. That location is much sturdier than the bracket attached to the window frame.

With my thoughts on Scouting I remember a letter received last week asking for donations and after much plowing around in the desk drawer I've found same and will write a check post haste. At the moment I can not think of a program that can do more to help the youth of this County.

In case you didn't get a letter or pay any attention, make checks payable to: Carlisle/Nicholas County Scout Committee and send same c/o Veach Berry, East Main St., Carlisle, 40311. Any donation will help and they're Tax Deductible, as well.

—MV—

Many thanks, anyway

A voice over the telephone Monday evening prompted my better half to say, I'd better let you talk to Warren. Well, if I understood correctly, the voice said he had a mess of live channel cats, and would I care for same? Well, I won't be eating channel cat mainly because I didn't see how I could handle the cleaning chore, the holiday (July 4th), the halftone production Tuesday, and every thing else that goes into getting this sheet put to bed.

But, Robert, thank you for thinking of me, it's been at least 20 years since I skinned a cat and I much prefer that method of cleaning to rubbing with coarse salt or using boiling water.

—MV—

Adding a little for good measure

The old habit of adding a little for good measure has fallen into bad repute, that is if I'm to believe a news release. It says, name brand experts compare the on-and-off action of an oversized unit to driving a car in stop-and-go traffic, while a smaller unit operating continuously is like smooth highway driving. We're talking about air conditioners not Cadillacs. The tendency in the past, both among dealers and consumers has been to estimate the cooling needs of an area and then add a little for good measure. NOW THEY TELL ME! My units are a little oversized!

Fill 'er up with gasohol

Members of Congress last week were given the chance to try a tank of gasohol - a mixture of 90 percent gasoline and 10 per cent alcohol - in their automobiles to prove that it does work. Sen. Wendell Ford, long a proponent of increasing the use of gasohol as a means of extending current gasoline supplies, was among the first in line to fill up his car. "Gasohol can have a great influence on our agricultural community as well as help our energy situation," Ford said. As for his car, "it's running as well as ever. You'd never know I had anything besides gasoline in it."

Camp Black Hawk was THE place

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them down to the depot and gave them to the conductor ... or engineer..., or somebody and he let them off down there for me."

In 1926, the scouts began to make numerous physical improvements to the campsite. They leveled off land and began to build permanent cabins. The first facility to be constructed was that of a kitchen. But others soon followed. It was but a few years until the camp was fully equipped with a cistern, lodgings, running water, and...the rope swing.

Of everyone that I talked to in researching this story, not a single one failed to mention the rope swing. The scouts erected a platform up in one of the trees by the side of the little washed out stream that ran through the camp. They then nailed slats in the tree to be used as steps. They would climb up to the platform and grasp the rope that was suspended from a limb above their heads and then swing across the gulley and back up onto the platform.

"I used to love that rope swing," stated Charles Cox. "We'd swing down through the gulley and then some of the braver boys would try to catch on in midflight as the rope came swinging back."

Ben Pumphrey said that it required a special "knack" to flip the rope into a little knot so that it would remain hanging near the platform.

The next project the scouts tackled was that of constructing some 100 stone steps into the side of the slope across the tracks that went down to the river. It is at this point that Mr. Pumphrey's memories come into focus. "I used to hitchhike down there to go swimming. About the first 10 to 15 feet from the bank were pretty rocky and they hurt your feet. But then for the next 15 or so you were on the smooth stone shelf. The water there was about waist high and the bottom was very smooth. Then at about thirty feet you came to the step off."

Mr. Pumphrey's remembrances are shared by countless others who cooled the summer's heat in the Licking River at Black Hawk. There were those who constructed mud slides that ended with a plunge into the water. Others brought their own version of the famous rope swing down to the river. Only this time instead of swinging back to the platform, they would let go of the rope when they were out over the water and plunge into the refreshing coolness of the river.

After improvements were made at the camp and some of the rough edges were taken off of the term "camping", Black Hawk began to see uses other than those of the Boy Scouts. In the July 28, 1977 issue of the Carlisle Mercury, we find that Miss Mary Francis Fisher took the Girl Reserves down to the camp for a week.

In 1928 Sapp hosted a group of underprivileged children from the slum areas of Louisville. The children were fed by donations from countians and slept in the quarters at the camp. It was on these trips that some of the youngsters saw their first cow, or heard for the first time the squealing of a pig.

It heals forced Sapp away from scouting in the late 1930's. He died in 1941 at the age of 68. An article in the May 9, 1929 issue of the Mercury paid tribute to Mr. Sapp and will serve as an eternal epitaph. It said, "No man in Carlisle has done more or had more influence in the life of the boys of the community than has Mr. Sapp."

With the death of David Worth Sapp, the blaze of the local scout movement began to mellow. Not even the efforts of legendary Scoutmaster, Everett Smith could bring the fire back up to the peak that it had once enjoyed in the early thirties.

The years have passed. Today the site of Camp Black Hawk is not detectable to the unfamiliar eye. Mother nature has reclaimed her cove and only a few traces of wood, cornerposts, and the cistern remain. The steps to the river have long since been loosened and have washed away. Salt Peter Cave is now cluttered with trash where it has been used as an open dump. The tree from which the rope swing used to hang lies, now rotting, across the spot where the "Hawk's Nest" used to stand.

What happened? Who can say. Hord Crouch who earlier shared the story about the hungry campers said, "They just stopped going down there. They never said why, they didn't talk about it much. They just stopped going."

One can't help but think that the "apron strings" that were untied at Camp Black Hawk were loosened in quite a different way than they are today at a rock concert or a drive-in.

Life belt may save a life during unexpected swim

Most drowning victims never even meant to go in the water.

They fell out of a boat or slipped off the bank. Although it may seem silly to caution people to put on a life jacket or life belt before they even get their feet wet, that's just what a UK farm safety specialist advises waders, boaters, and fishermen who can't swim.

Larry Piercy says this might save many of the people who would otherwise drown in farm pond accidents around the state every summer.

He also suggests roping off a safe swimming section of the pond with a gradually sloping bottom that goes from shallow to deep. Put up a sign that indicates the area safe for wading or swimming. Warn of any drop-offs or water that is to shallow or stumpy for diving.

Keep the following rescue items close by, just in case, Piercy adds: (1) a strong 12-foot pole, painted white, for fishing out people close enough to shore; (2) an inner tube and/or a capped gallon plastic jug with about 1 inch of water in it to add weight for throwing. Attach inner tube or jug to about 40 feet of water proof rope and practice throwing it out to an imaginary swimmer in distress.

With children, the best course of action is to teach them to swim very early, keep safety belts or vests on them in boats or when they're fishing or playing along steep banks, and don't ever leave them unsupervised near farm ponds or other water.

"Never swim or go wading without a grown-up nearby" should be a hard-and-fast rule for little kids.

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