

Opinion

As we enter this, the most joyous season of the year, the staff of The Carlisle Mercury would like to join with those messengers of old, who spread the news of the birth of the Christ Child to those simple shepherds tending their flocks on a little hillside near Bethlehem almost 2,000 years ago, in wishing you and yours a most happy holiday season and the best for the months to come.



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Agree or Not

Brown has the chance

By S.C. Van Curen
FRANKFORT — Gov. John Young Brown Jr. in his inaugural address challenged the people of Kentucky to work together to best solve our problems and develop our vast potential.
He also challenged state employees to be proud to serve their state, "to understand the responsibility — to serve the people of Kentucky in their best interests — and to give a full and committed day's work for every day's pay."
In his next few short sentences he issued a warning to special favor and money seekers that state government "will not be a handout agency, but those who work will earn their — those who participate will do their part."
He reinforced this warning with, "Government at all levels has come under a great deal of scorn in the past decade. It has been seen an attitude on the part of the people — 'What can I get from it? — What can it do for me?'"
Brown earlier said he "will attempt to be a governor with fiscal restraint. I do not believe that bigger government means better government. I do not believe that more spending renders better service. A government big enough to give you everything you want is big enough to take everything you have."
This is the platform I ran on and I STAND ON IT THROUGHOUT MY ADMINISTRATION.
In his campaign for governor, Brown ran against the political cartels. He shunned the political machines and made no promises to individuals or specific groups for favors.
Yet, he captured the favors of the voters and won with wide margins in both the primary and general elections.
From this standpoint, he is the freest governor in

recent memory.
He assumed office under the most favorable conditions to set a new trend in efficient and honest state government to deliver maximum services to the people at the least cost.
However, there is danger in the present public attitude. The greatest danger Gov. Brown faces is that the people may expect too much from him and his administration. The least hint of scandal or overt financial favoritism to friends or cronies will draw unbridled wrath from a large segment of the electorate.
There is an old story of a father giving advice to waging a nation for her hand. "Don't overpromise yourself." Some people may take his clean campaign as an overpromise, but people should be careful in such an assessment.
He issued his warnings in his inaugural address as set forth above.
State government is a very complex business with more than 33,000 employees. It is necessary that any governor must delegate authority to trusted employees, else he cannot make the machine function properly.
We all know that people make mistakes and we all know there is an urge in a very few to take short cuts or all of wintergreen. None is of much value, but they're all poisonous if a child accidentally drinks some.

Down Memory Lane

School board members retire; no White Christmas this year

Thursday, December 14, 1989
Two veteran members of the Nicholas County Board of Education, Dan E. Wells, chairman, and H.S. Stephenson, vice-chairman, are retiring as of Dec. 13. Mr. Wells was first elected in Nov., 1953, and served continuously for 21 years as chairman. Mr. Stephenson was appointed in Feb., 1965, and served as a member for 14 years.
Stewart Moore, Shell Oil distributor, was presented a 10-year service award Dec. 17 at a dinner in Paris.
Those from Carlisle named to serve on the Federal Jury in Lexington, Jan. 11 are Mrs. George Roberts, Mrs. Grimes Caywood, Carl Hinson, Paul Stone, W.R. Babson and A.H. Fisher.
The Gift Manufacturing Company has sold another lot to Jane Lynn addition, east of the new factory building erected on the site of the concrete road, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bowen. Mr. and Mrs. L.V. Jacobs of Moorefield recently celebrated their 50th

wedding anniversary at the home of C.B. Lovell Jr. of Lexington.
The weather bureau offers little encouragement for a "White Christmas" in Kentucky this year.
Clark Lee has been appointed census enumerator for Nicholas County to take the census of business and manufacturing, which will begin in January.
Unless something unforeseen happens the congregation of the Baptist Church will have their regular service awarded serving services in the remodeled auditorium on Sunday.
Local distribution of federal surplus commodities ended here Friday until further notice.
Mrs. J. Ed Weathers, suffered a fracture of the left arm, and a skull fracture, Friday afternoon when she was struck by a car as she crossed the road in front of the her husband on the concrete road just outside the city limits. The automobile which

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Takes oath

Kentucky's new governor, John Y. Brown Jr. takes the oath of office last Tuesday from Kentucky Supreme Court Chief Justice John S. Palmer on the steps of the Capitol in Frankfort. Brown used three family Bibles, which Mrs. Brown is holding, for the ceremony. — State photo.

Dry Ridge troopers busy

State police at Dry Ridge responded to the scene of a vehicle accident about every six hours during October.
According to the latest available figures on state police activity, as released here last week by KSP Commissioner Kenneth E. Brander, the Dry Ridge police investigated 127 traffic accidents during October. The troopers also reported 1,418 arrests

for speeding, drunk driving and a variety of other traffic violations.
During the past 10 months, Brander said, traffic mishaps have taken the lives of 45 persons within the Dry Ridge post area. Benton County, with 12 dead as of the last day of October, recorded the most fatalities. Boone County was next with nine.
The remaining deaths were attributed to Bourbon County, seven; Campbell County, four; Bracken County, two; Grant County and one each to Harrison, Nicholas and Robertson Counties. Thus far this year, Pendleton County has reported no deaths.
Besides traffic activity, the Dry Ridge post also was credited with 96 criminal arrests during the month, including six for auto theft. Since last January, the post has reported a total of 73 arrests for auto theft and recovered 114 stolen vehicles.
Other October activity totals for the

Got a trophy buck?

By John Wilson
The second phase of Kentucky's gun deer season ended Dec. 3 and early indications are that the total harvest this season could possibly set a new record for the third consecutive year. Biologists won't know for sure until after the archery season ends Dec. 31, but expectations now are that the harvest will exceed the estimated 1,150 deer taken legally during the 1978 season.
To tally total harvest figures, biologists collect the deer permit stubs which were turned in at check stations, and deer taken on wildlife management areas and military reservations and figure in a mathematically derived "false factor" to account for those deer which were not checked.
By examining the check station stubs, biologists will also be able to judge the impact of Kentucky's first statewide crossbow season. Early indications from conservation officers' weekly reports are that very few hunters took advantage of the 11-day season set aside specifically for crossbows.
If you have taken a deer this year, keep in mind that the game management division of the Fish and Wildlife Department is keeping a list of state trophies. Any buck with a 14-inch beam length of one antler or a field-dressed weight of more than 200 pounds will qualify. A field-dressed doe of more than 115 pounds is also a potential trophy.
An easy way to determine the weight of a deer is to measure its front legs. If the legs are 18 inches around the chest, measure just behind the front legs, should weigh more than 200

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