Opinion

A clarification

An editorial in this space last week offered our opinion that some items were left out of the new hospital construction budget and then reinstated in order to present a brighter financial picture. Since that time we have spoken at length with the architect of the facility, Mr. Reno Runck, who assured us that this was not the case, but that a myriad of factors contributed to the disposition of the items in question.

We apologize to Mr. Runck for any discomfort or anguish our observation may have caused. He assured us that if such had been the case it would have been deceit and his firm doesn't do business like that. We accept that and now that we have learned some of the reasons why the items had to be brought back to the fiscal court, we are of the mind that they were normal oversights, caused in many cases by changing federal regulations. We are familiar with changing federal regulations ourselves and know how confusing they can be. With as many irons in the fire as Mr. Runck and the equipment consultants for the building have, we are sure it must take a little while to keep up with changing federal regulations within the industry.

Our hospital articles have brought much comment from the general public and 99 per cent of the comments were complimentary. We have only encountered two objections to them personally and they were from people who either have a vested interest in the building or who worked to get it approved and under construction.

We have not tried to find any fault anywhere, although our sources tell us that some of the contractors on the job seem to think we are picking on them. That is not the case, gentlemen. From our observations you seem to be doing a good job and the prediction Mr. Runck brings that you will finish the project close to the budgeted amount speaks of a job well done.

No, our mission has been to ask questions and in a subject as complex as this every answer leads to another question. From our reader response it is apparent that many people felt that more information should be made available about the health care complex and we have been establishing relationships with those best able to answer the questions.

We are concerned, not about the building of the facility, but about its future. Last week's articles should give an indication of what we are facing in the future as regards the hospital and nursing home. To meet those challenges will take a community effort, as it should, since the entire community is affected. We are all for the success of the complex and we realize that head-hunting and personality conflicts will only stand in the way of reaching that goal.

Our dream is of a modern, efficient, self-sufficient facility staffed by local doctors caring for local people. If this is your dream too, get in touch with the hospital board members and ask what you can do to help. We have learned from past experience (and were reminded by Mr. Runck) that criticism is valuable only with the tendering of solutions. We don't know the solutions yet but we do know the problems and that is the first step. The next is up to all of us.

The future is now

The news that the Paris to Maysville line of the L & N Railroad will evidently become an active branch again under the ownership of the TTI company should have some Nicholas Countians looking to the future.

While it is true that the reactivation of the line, which has fallen into disuse and disrepair over the years, will add to the county's tax coffers, it will also create some situations that should be looked at by both city and county officials.

Announced plans for the branch have it carrying coal to Maysville from Paris and becoming an important link in Kentucky's energy trail. But it has been so long since a train has run on the line with that amount of expected activity that many residents may have forgotten what it will be like.

Aside from the fact that the trains will disrupt auto traffic on Market Street, there are other factors to consider. For example, the county fire station is located on the far side of the tracks. Unless some provisions are made now we could find ourselves in the shape of a neighboring city, which saw a newly-remodeled house gutted by fire one evening a few years ago because a freight train was blocking all available crossings. That incident prompted the city fathers to begin plans for a second fire station on the other side of the tracks — too late for one unfortunate taxpayer who watched a year's work and several thousand dollars go up in flames.

We are not saying that this will happen here, but the owners of the railroad have indicated they will upgrade the line to full capacity. If this happens, coal trains on Market Street will become common occurances and the potential for a disaster is there — if we do not act before.

The TTI Company is certainly going to a lot of time and expense to acquire and upgrade the line and they should be commended for venturing into such a financially risky business. The line will also serve factories, lumber dealers and farm supply houses along the route and the advantage of a local line will be seen in reasonable shipping costs for these materials.

But let's not kid ourselves. Traffic patterns in Carlisle are going to be greatly affected by a working rail line and the company that TTI is purchasing the line from, L & N, does not have the best "track" record as far as the handling of hazardous materials and derailments go. Along with the benefits of a working rail line that passes through Carlisle will be the disadvantages. Quick, thoughtful action now may help avoid a tragic situation later.

Memory Lane

Feeback Student of Month; Red Cross drive to begin

Thursday, February 19, 1959

Two new student teachers in the Home Economics Department of Nicholas County High School are Miss Shirley Hash and Miss Erma Jean Hammond.

Mrs. Lovell Hollar and Mrs. Clarine Seamands, co-chairmen of the Red Cross Drive this year, are busy choosing the workers for the local drive.

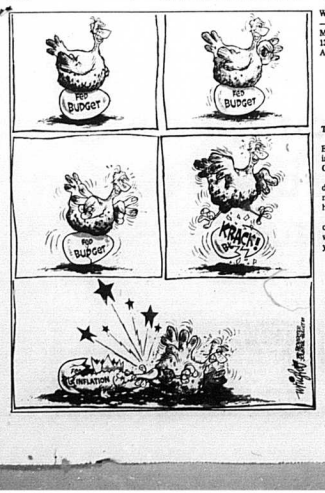
R. W. Smoot, Carlisle; Raymond Coy, Barterville; and Avery Mitchell, Moorefield, have been named Combs-Wyatt committee in Nicholas County with R. W. Smoot as chairman.

The staff of the Musketeer Review proudly presents Mary Glenn Feeback, a junior at Carlisle High School, as Student of the Month.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Glass, a son, Jackie Newell, Feb. 10. — To Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Sexton, a son, Darrell Wayne, Feb. 15. — To Mr. and Mrs. Randall McLean, a son, Feb. 15. — To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frazier, Ft. Worth, TX, a son, Feb. 7.

MARRIED — Miss Linda Ann Turner, Dayton, Ohio, to William H. Collins, West Carrollton, Ohio, Jan. 31 in Dayton. — Miss Linda Sue Parris, Dawson Springs to Robert Blaine Young, Paxton, Ill., Jan. 22 in Paxton.

DIED — William Joseph Scott, 90, Wednesday at his home on Dorsey Ave. — Mrs. Kate Butler, 82, Sunday in Millersburg. — Jerry Lewis Henry, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Henry, Saturday.



Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury

I read with joy the tribute to "Miss Edie" by Neil Wilson Poline, published in the Jan. 18, 1979 edition of The Carlisle Mercury.

I believe her life was full of love, dedication, faith, inspiration, and humor. Certainly we who knew and loved her most feel this.

My sincere appreciation to all of the citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County who loved "Miss Edie" through the years.

A loving niece,
Jean Campbell Leslie
19 Willshire Drive
Avondale Estates, GA 30002

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Just a short note to say congratulations to you and your staff on your publication's accomplishments and recognition at the recent Kentucky Press Association convention.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Fred Stewart, Editor
Office of News Services
Morehead State University

Agree or Not

What did legislators learn? 60 days not enough for budget

By S. C. Van Curen

As the extraordinary session was drawing to a close last week, the big question was, how much independence did the legislature learn?

After a rather thorough searching of the budget, and examination of the sources of revenue, they learned a lot.

But the most important thing they learned is that there is no way, in a legislative session of 60 days, they can learn as much as they need to know about the budget without advance information.

The lesson they learned is that the legislature has to have all of the advance knowledge the governor gets for preparing the biennial budget.

The departments of revenue and finance are continually monitoring income and expenses and their projections are a current operating procedure.

They have these facts at hand to give to the governor several months before budget preparation begins. The governor is also getting budget requests from the various departments and agencies of government many months in advance. The governor also knows the estimated amount of federal funds that will flow through the state budget.

Unfortunately, the legislature knows nothing about this in the early months of budget preparation and legislators have to take the facts and figures that are furnished them in the governor's budget.

In interviews and serious talks with seasoned legislators and the legislative leadership, the one thing that stands out clearly is that the legislature must have the facts and figures before the session starts if they are to understand the budget presented to them.

Legislators have been arguing for independence from the executive branch for years, but there is no way they can approach this goal without having fiscal knowledge before the session begins.

The oldtimers tell me they thought they made a lot of progress when they achieved the interim committee system under Gov. Louie B. Nunn. He put the operating money in the budget for them.

It was a great step forward, but this great progress does not furnish enough gas for them to get across the finish line when it comes budget time.

My suggestion is that the legislators pass a bill in the regular 1980 session that requires finance, revenue and all departments of government to furnish the Legislative Research Commission with all of the information they give the governor for preparation of the biennial budget.

This is the only way there can be an equalizing responsibility, or a measure of independence between the legislative and executive branches of government at budget time.

It was quite apparent during this special session that Gov. Carroll had a great advantage over the legislature in discussing how the budget could be amended to give some tax relief, reduce the traffic fines, and make some other monetary corrections.

At first, the governor told the legislature there was no "free lunch", but he had to back away when the final showdown came and he praised the legislature for its effort, as a way out for him.

The real problem will come in 1980 when the regular legislative session starts. The big question is going to be is the legislature going to have enough sand in its gizzard to pass a bill requiring the Legislative Research Commission to get the same information the governor gets for preparation of the budget.

The simple fact now is that the governor is in control and he just tells the other branches of government not to give the information to the Legislative Research Commission.

The legislature can gain more independence if it will pass this simple bill. Granted, it won't become effective until the 1982 legislative session, but it will be the greatest step forward the Kentucky Legislature has made in all its history.

Taxpayers should demand it.

Everybody uses sugar

by Nevyle Shackelford
UK College of Agriculture

The sugar you use to sweeten your coffee and sprinkle over your cereal has been condemned as a major cause of tooth decay and a contributing factor in a wide range of ailments from diabetes to obesity. Nevertheless, this product of the cane and beet fields remains one of the most popular of all foods that appear on the tables of this good land.

In fact, in one way or another, just about everyone uses sugar and if its detractors were totally correct, there wouldn't be a sound tooth or an ailment-free body in the country.

Sugar may be a sort of controversial subject but on one point there is all but universal agreement. It is a very important and versatile product. It has propelled cannon balls in time of war and furnished the explosive power of bombs dropped from the bays of flying fortresses.

In times of peace it has been used in the manufacture of synthetic rubber, paint and lacquer, plastics, insecticides, and mountain moonshine. It has been used to strengthen concrete, to tan leather, and silver the mirrors in bathrooms and bedroom bureaus.

Sugar has been used to give chewing tobacco a better flavor and to keep some kinds of roll-your-own smoking tobacco from drying out. Then in plant nurseries throughout the land, sugar is mixed with soil to prevent the "damping off" disease so deadly to many young plants and transplants.

A sugar mould also produces a gluconic acid, the lime and salt of which is an essential part of the diet prescribed for expectant mothers. And sugar, of course, is consumed in almost unbelievable quantities by meat packers and producers of medicine and prepared baby foods.

Sugar has long been recognized by nutritionists as a source of quick food energy. It helps prevent dizzy spells or "blackouts" often suffered by aviators flying in the rarified air of the stratosphere.

It is used too, in the preparation of citric acid which medical people use to keep blood from coagulating while it is being collected for the preparation of plasma. Then thousands of pills, cough syrups, and other drugs are made more palatable by coating or adulterating with sugar.

These are only a few of the many uses of sugar, past and present, and research is going on every day to find still other uses. More than just being versatile, sugar is another wonderful commodity that comes from the farm.

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Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Hints are helpful

The following article from a recent issue of **The Christian Science Monitor** is full of useful hints and it would behoove anyone to clip the item and paste it up where it may be readily referred to:

Some handy hints on being systematic

Stephanie Winston, author of "Getting Organized," offers a few hints for getting your act together:

• Set a regular time for your own at-home "office hours" that fits into your existing schedule. Two hours a week either in one sitting or divided up is generally sufficient for most people to take care of correspondence, pay bills, file, etc.

• Confine your clutter (if you must leave things out for a few days) to one chair, or one corner. That way it stays comprehensible. If you strew it around the room, it soon appears overwhelming.

• Will this item come in handy someday? That's the Catch-22 question. Avoid it. If you have not used the object for a year and if it has no particular value to you, part with it. "Many of my clients know what they should do to de-junk," says Miss Winston. "But they need me to assure them that they'll survive. Their life will go on, and they'll feel a lot better after the clutter is gone." A good friend can do the same — hold your hand and spur you on.

• Provide yourself with a single small notebook that travels with you, and in which you make all your notations about errands, things to do or to buy, and general notes to yourself on anything that requires action. List there six elements of your life that need to be put in order. Then divide up each complex problem into manageable segments.

Never say "clean out closets" because that is a frustratingly unrealistic goal. Instead, list "clean lower left shelf," and tomorrow list "clean lower right shelf," etc., until the job is completed. Do not, under any circumstance, empty the whole target closet at once. This warning is crucial.

• Procrastination, or putting off work, is to a large degree caused by setting impossibly high standards for oneself. Never impose on yourself a standard of perfection that you could never attain. It only brings on guilt.

• Mix aggravating problems with more pleasant projects, so it isn't all uphill going. But break everything into small jobs which can be easily accomplished.

• The most common filing-system mistake is excessive complexity. Keep headings big and broad.

—MV—

He hasn't won a game yet

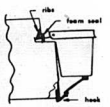
A friend of mine was telling me the other day that he'd purchased a checker board to while away time on snowy evenings and so far he hadn't been able to win a single game playing against his better half.

I can sympathize with him, I never could win at checks, but for some crazy reason or other could occasionally beat my opponent at chess, but even that game I haven't played for 25 years or longer. Besides I seem to always have something I'd rather do.

—MV—

Fogged photographic paper

We had our Ektamatic processor set up in front of a large window in the backshop which reflects much light into the room from the snow outside. The machine has an attachment called an Autofeeder which enables one to process Ektamatic paper from the Compugraphic machines in the light (that is one doesn't have to go into a darkroom to carry out the development process) since the cassettes are placed inside the light tight box, but just carrying the cassette toward the window usually resulted in fogged paper if one were not very careful how he held the cassette on the trip across the room.



Hopefully with the machine now at right angles to the window and the intense light we'll get better results. At least the first few times I've used it in its new location shows no fog. The fog sometimes meant that the type work would have to be re-set which somehow always seems to go against the grain.

Jackets top tough Rowan quintet 64-52

by Kay Conley

A third consecutive win for the Nicholas County Bluejackets over the Rowan County Viking 64-52, Tuesday, Feb. 6, reversed the Jackets' from a losing slump to a winning streak.

(Rowan County recently defeated Tates Creek by 10 points.)

A tremendous performance by senior co-captain Mark Ruddell gave Nicholas a six-point advantage to start the first quarter. The Jackets set-up their lead after the opening jumpball, when Mike Hatton tossed a pass to Ruddell who trotted under the basket with a lay-up and two points. After the Vikings' faulty ball handling, the Jackets took possession of the roundball and scored again with a goal by Ruddell. On a rebound by Mark Vice and basket by Ruddell, Nicholas took a 6-0 lead.

No matter how hard the Vikings struggled, a score was difficult. Finally, following another hit by Ruddell, Rowan placed one-point on the board by hitting one of two free throw shots. An inside shot by Mike Wells put the Jackets ahead 10-8, as Rowan attempted to catch up. With 1:30 left in the quarter, the Vikings were only down by four, 14-10. A drive and fake to David McGuffey by Hatton widened the Bluejacket lead 16-11, as the quarter ended.

To begin the second quarter, both teams were ready for action. A shot by Hatton with 6:21 on the clock gave the Jackets a seven-point lead, 16-13. A hustle by Hatton added two more points, making the score 23-14. Two tosses at the free throw line by Wells, with 4:55 on the clock, jumped the Jackets' score to 28-13. A one-plus-one (bonus shot) by Vice towards, the quarter's end, made the score 30-15.

As Hatton dumped two free throws in at the line, the score was raised 32-18. A steal by Hatton and assist to Vice completed Nicholas County's scoring to end that quarter, 34-25, the Jackets' ahead.

Rowan County was no match for either the Jackets' offense or defense, as Nicholas County kept their lead the entire third quarter. A shot by McGuffey marked the score up 44-32, with 1:44 on the clock. With 40 seconds remaining in the quarter, Hatton pitched the ball to Mike Sowell who shot a goal, making the score 46-32. With only three seconds left in the third quarter, a successful shot by Ruddell from 25 feet, made the score 48-32.

As the game came to a climax, the Bluejackets turned on their stuff. In the fourth quarter's opening, Hatton shot two good free throws, advancing the score 50-36. With 4:42, Ruddell hit two free throws to raise the score 53-40. As 2:36 showed on the clock, Ruddell again marked two free throws in making the score 59-45. As time ran off the clock, Nicholas County was victorious over Rowan County 64-52.

Mike Hatton led the Bluejacket team offensively with 19 points. Mark Ruddell followed with 16. Mark Vice had 14, James Anderson had five, Mike Wells and David McGuffey had four each, and Mike Sowell had two.

Nicholas County will travel this Friday night to take on Lewis County. Game time is set for 6:30 p.m. for junior varsity and 8 p.m. varsity.

Little League cage scores

Scores in last weekend's Jaycee Little League basketball were:

A Teams

Colts 10, Jets 9; Phillies 14, Stars 10; Rebels 8, Raiders 5; Patriots 23, Hawks 15; Hornets 20, Demons 15.

A team standings are: Division I — Colts 7-1; Jets 6-2; Rebels 1-6; Rookies 1-6; Raiders 0-8. Division II — Patriots 6-1; Bears 5-2; Hawks 5-3; Hornets 4-3; Demons 2-5. Girls — Stars 6-2, Phillies 2-6.

B Teams

Jets 2, Colts 0; Stars 10, Phillies 0; Raiders 10, Rebels 0; Hawks 2, Patriots 2; Demons 4, Hornets 0.

B Team standings are: Division I — Jets 8-0; Colts 5-2-1; Raiders 5-3; Rookies 3-4; Rebels 0-6. Division II — Bears 4-2-1; Hawks 4-3-2; Demons 1-4-1; Patriots 1-4-2; Hornets 1-5; Girls — Stars 5-0-3; Phillies 0-5-3.

Rec League cage scores

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