

Opinion

Miscellaneous

Attention vets
All Vietnam era veterans should read the article on page 7 of this week's Mercury carefully and ask if it applies to them.

The article is about a chemical, called Agent Orange, that some Vietnam servicemen were exposed to. The chemical causes any one of a number of side effects and veterans who were affected by it are eligible for medical treatment.

Agent Orange is perhaps the most insidious killer to come out of the Vietnam experience and often the symptoms are not noticeable for several years.

The other article on page 7 deals with ways to make GI Bill payments come in regularly when a veteran is using them to further his or her education. Articles such as these, while not exactly "local news," deal with situations that can involve local people, which is one reason the Mercury prints them from time to time.

Blackberry festival
The 31st annual Blackberry Festival came and

Agree or Not

Highways need money

Regardless of who is elected governor this fall, Kentuckians may be called upon to pay more taxes during the 1980 session of the General Assembly.

That is, if the people want to maintain their highways to proper standards and provide for some new construction.

This is the message delivered last week by Transportation Secretary Calvin Grayson to the state's 1980 legislative session.

Transportation officials have concluded that the road fund will fall short about \$300 million by mid-1980 when the next budget is to be approved by the 1980 legislature will become effective.

The culprits are three segments of the economy: inflation, gasoline shortage and inflation. Income is pegged primarily to the state's 8 cents per gallon gasoline tax for road maintenance and construction, although other automobile taxes support the fund. The drop in sales of automobiles is also alarming.

Normally, people think the inflationary spiral automatically increases the state's tax incomes. In most cases it does, but this is not true of the road fund since the tax is based on 8 cents per gallon instead of a percentage of the purchase price of gasoline.

The mistake that was made last time the gasoline tax was increased two cents by the administration of Gov. Wendell H. Ford was not changing the tax to a percentage basis, instead of the gallon basis. This was discussed thoroughly at the time, but the decision was made to stay with the gallon yardstick instead of the percentage.

The reasoning was that the percentage would sound too high in comparison to the 2-cent increase. For example, the legislature could have fixed the tax as 20 percent of the price per gallon of gasoline which was then around 36 cents.

Happily, the state has relied upon the increased consumption of gasoline chiefly to provide the needed revenue for the road fund. Now, the shortage of gasoline, coupled with the high price of gas, is working in the opposite direction.

Grayson is also calling for a boost in automobile license. Nunn moved the charge from \$5 per car to \$12.50 per year at the request of the highway department. Democrats immediately poured upon this as a political ruse against Nunn, although it was a predominantly Democratic legislative.

Truth of the matter is, Kentuckians seem to have a choice, let the roads go to pieces or pay a little more in taxes.

This should not become an issue in the political campaign.

SOFT COPY
Soft copy was absolutely unknown until about the beginning of the Christian Era.

"The two greatest stimulants in the world are youth and meat."

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Down Memory Lane

Galbraith closes Buick agency; high winds, rain damage crops

Thursday, July 10, 1959
Charles Edward Wilson was employed by the Nicholas County Board of Education as coach at the Nicholas County High School at the July regular meeting.

Glenn Darroh Jr. of Lexington, was recently employed by the Nicholas County Board of Education as coach at the high school.

H.C. Galbraith and family moved this week to Lexington. Mr. Galbraith closed his Buick Agency here in May and has purchased a restaurant in Lexington.

Norman Broderick recently enrolled in Pugh's Business College, Lexington. Donald L. Guthrie graduates today from the Hospital Corp. School at Great Lakes, Ill. He is the son of Mrs. Mattie Kate Guthrie, Carlisle.

Jewel Viet, who has been taking basic training at Ft. Knox since first of May, is home on a 15-day leave. At a meeting held Monday the tournament team of the Nicholas County-Carlisle Little League was selected by the managers and coaches to play in Lexington the last week of July.

DIED — Mrs. Beas Dudley Vinmont, Millersburg, Saturday in Lexington. — Mrs. Katherine Prather Hamilton, Education in Paris. — Ellen Louise Corbison, infant daughter of John and Corbison, King Harrison, Lexington, Monday. — John Bowen Patton, 47, Tuesday in Hobart, Okla.

Thursday, July 11, 1959
M.P. Nichols was employed as county agent of Nicholas County by the Nicholas Fiscal Court last Wednesday afternoon at the regular monthly session. Mr. Nichols has been Mashburn County Agent for the past several years.

A hard rain, accompanied by a high wind struck Nicholas County about 7:00 Saturday night and caused thousands of dollars damage to crops, fences and buildings along streams. The rain continued for more than two hours and all streams quickly overflowed their banks.

The Baptist congregation votes to remodel the church auditorium at a cost of \$300. — Mrs. Julia Roberts, J.J. Isaacs of Paris, is named to succeed J.V. Lawrence as head main-tenance man of the Carlisle exchange Southern Bell Telephone Company. Mr. Lawrence has been transferred to St. John's Catholic Church in Carlisle, Sunday night at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Covington. — Mrs. William Bowen, 64, last Thursday at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

Letters

To the Carlisle Mercury:
On Tuesday, June 5, 1979, a giant step forward was taken in Nicholas County. On that day, the new hospital in the new Nicholas County Hospital. As expected, this new facility has already proven to be a blessing for the people of the county and surrounding areas. We at the hospital are, as with any new facility, finding new problems every day. But with a genuine air of cooperation we are also coming up with solutions and ideas based on good patient care.

The cooperation and concern of the people of Nicholas County and the staff of Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc., was never more evident than during the move from the old hospital. Volunteer help was abundant, not only showing the interest in the hospital, but helping to keep our moving cost to a bare minimum.

Enclosed with this letter is a list of the volunteers who helped us in the move. As with any list, I am running the risk of omitting someone, and will apologize for this. You know who are, and you also know how much we appreciate the help.

This list will also be entered into the minutes of the Johnson-Mathers Health Care, Inc., Board meeting, to become a part of the permanent record.

Again, thank you for your help. With your continued support, we can keep the entire facility one that can tend to the health needs of this and future generations of Nicholas Countians.

Sincerely,
Robert W. Hester

Mercury vapors
by Warren R. Fisher

Thanks for mailing the coat!
Monday I carried an umbrella with me on most of my ad rounds and thankfully didn't leave it behind. Tuesday morning before leaving the house I eyed the gadget and thought to myself, NOA hasn't exactly hit it this time, maybe the morning mail will bring that old London Fog from up Virginia way — I can put the umbrella up now and wear the coat until I leave it somewhere again. Perhaps the thought that I would do that again. Thanks mightily sister-in-law for mailing it!
—MW—

Apple crisp or apple transparent
My main breakfast dish of late has either been apple transparent pie or apple crisp, just a small portion and a cup of steaming coffee. Not too many calories.

The three-one apple tree really came forth this year, and well it should, the wild plum trees that I put much trust in decided this wasn't their year to bear fruit.

That wild plum nectar spread on a piece of buttered toast can assuage most any hunger pang.
—MW—

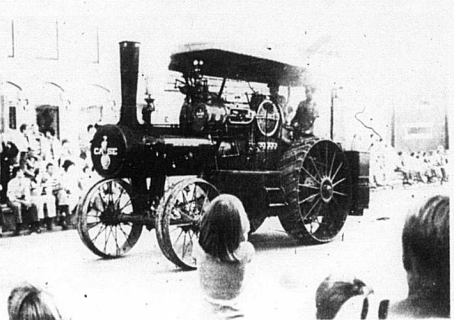
Notes in the morning paper
An oil company PR man saying the oil lost was "old oil" worth only \$6 a barrel. That maybe the way the government speaks of "old oil," but mixed with a barrel of this OPEC stuff and I'd venture to say it would do the same thing that two barrels of Saudi output would do.
—MW—

Easy Street, that's that address
Most individuals and businesses try to eventually land on easy street, but not Pfefer Products of Simi Valley, Ca. they are already there and hopefully their product which we purchased recently (a bulk film loader) eliminated a scratching problem our photographic department has been experiencing.

Angers and other foibles
Larry (knows-it-all-and-tells-it-all) Stone in his Mulebergers column affords the Mercury crew much amusement. Here are a few of his gems:
A new Iranian soft drink is called *Ayvatollah* Cola. It gives gas to everyone except Americans.
That gang of robbers in the Midwest should change its name to OPEC-pocket.
Americans are learning that one anagram of OPEC is Cope. The gasoline situation is so bad in California that the smog is disappearing.

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Blackberry Festival 1979



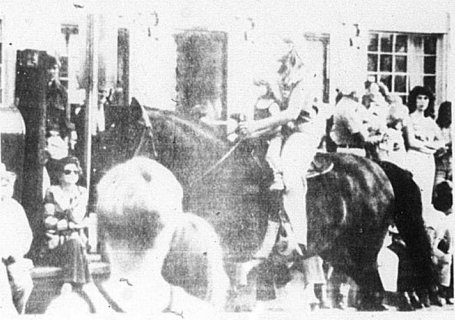
One little girl didn't care for the steam whistle



Queen contestants wait for the judges' decision

HAIL & FIRE INSURANCE
On Tobacco
With/Without Deductible
Joe Crouch Insurance
Locust St. Carlisle
289-2567

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"The Drug Store"
★ Birthday ★ Humorous ★ For Relatives ★ Get Well
★ New Baby ★ Anniversary ★ Sympathy ★ Gift Wrappings



Nicholas County horse enthusiasts were part of the parade

1979 ANNUAL MEETING
Business meeting Monday, July 16, 1979
Entertainment 7:00 P.M.
Fun & Prizes
Beauty contest
RURAL ELECTRIC FARM
STARRING
THE McLAUGHLIN FAMILY BAND
also... Special Entertainment For The Kids
Your Co-op's Annual Membership Meeting

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FAMILY FASHION SPECTACULAR
All Summer Merchandise 1/3 to 1/2 Off!
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