

Opinion

Guest editorial Gasanol: Midwest...

By Anthony Harrison
CHENDEL, Ind. — The farm states of the Midwest are doing something about the gasoline shortage. They are turning to gasanol — a mixture of alcohol derived from grain and crop wastes — and unleaded gas. It sells here for 30 cents a gallon.

Washington is dubious about gasanol. Officials doubt that it can be competitive with gasoline. But OPEC's determination to boost oil prices should make the Energy Dept. realize that gasanol is indeed competitive.

Dean Freed, farm columnist for the Grinnell Herald-Register reminds us that fifty years ago, Henry Ford called for production of alcohol as a motor fuel. Ford said: "We can get fuel from fruit, from sugar; by the roadside, by the apple, weeds, sawdust, almost any thing."

There is fuel in every bit of vegetable matter that can be fermented. There is enough alcohol in one year's yield of an acre of potatoes to drive the machinery necessary to cultivate the field for a hundred years. It's time that we heed the legend, Henry Ford.

Time and again, when the nation faces a crisis, American ingenuity found solutions. This was the case in World War II, when the United States was denied access to natural rubber. Within two years, the United States was making artificial rubber.

In 1945, when we seem to have forgotten our history as a nation of inventors and thinkers. At the same time, we have become dangerously dependent on foreign sources of energy. Now is the time to employ our scientific and technological skills to find domestic substitutes for imported fuel. If fuel from farm products wasn't unrealistic, it would be the age of the Model T, production of such fuel in this advanced era should be a snap — if there is a will to achieve energy independence.

The farm states are showing the way, albeit on a small scale. A national commitment to alcohol-type fuels would mean large-scale production and distribution. What's more, the North-east today would give for alcohol fuel from the garbage heaps of their big cities!

Even as attempts are made to

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Agree or Not ...and its future in Kentucky

By S.C. Van Curen
If Congress carries through on legislation requiring the use of coal instead of gas and fuel oil by major industries, particularly electrical power plants, Kentucky will be in line for a big boost in its economy within the next decade.

President Jimmy Carter last week called for industrial conversion to coal wherever possible while at the same time meeting reasonable environmental regulations to prevent air and stream pollution.

The president also set a goal for reduction of importation of oil from the Midwest. At the same time, environmentalists are opposing the use of coal unless expensive equipment is installed to control the emission of polluting gases and ash into the atmosphere.

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Already this stretching method has proved successful in Indiana and some other states. Since Kentucky's economy also depends upon our great capacity of agricultural production, the use of gasanol also would improve our economy. Kentucky is a large corn and grain producing state and more could be produced if the market becomes available. Kentucky also has the distilleries and the capability of activating more stills for the production of this alcohol. The industry already has proven that alcohol can be made from corn and grain stalks as well as other products instead of cereal grains.

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States and coal is our greatest industrial asset in the fuel line.

Right now the coal industry in Kentucky is at a very low ebb. We are able to produce more coal right now than the market can absorb. Coal pits are idle, at least the ones that depend upon the spot market instead of long term contracts.

In the face of all this, the federal government for several years has been calling upon the coal industry to double production by 1985. This sounds silly when we are now producing more coal than the market can absorb while at the same time environmentalists are opposing the use of coal unless expensive equipment is installed to control the emission of polluting gases and ash into the atmosphere.

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Down Memory Lane Farm Bureau names Smith; hailstorm damages burley crop

Thursday, July 26, 1959 — Sam E. Smith accepted the reins of the Farm Bureau from retiring president James L. Cole at the annual meeting July 25. Miss Barbara Willis was selected queen at the Farm Bureau meeting. Miss Ann Stines was runner-up. Mrs. Adeline Ashby Shepherd (Mrs. Walter Shepherd) will receive her degree for the Master of Arts in Education on Aug. 4 at Georgetown College's 36th summer commencement.

William Gordon Kenton, Mayville, president of the Young Men's Democratic Club of Mason County, was in Carlisle Wednesday to confer the honor of Kentucky Colonel on his uncle, G.C. Grover.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smart, a daughter, Carol Kathleen, July 21. — To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kibben, a daughter Carol Lynn, July 22. — Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence and Mary Beach, Calif., have adopted a daughter, Susan Cameron, born May 26.

MARRIED — Miss Lucy Logan Duncan and Robert M. Cooper, both of Lexington, Thursday in Lexington. Miss Patry Morris and Edgar Malone, July 18 in Mt. Olive. — Miss Patricia Lee Ann, Mayville to George Hayden Blevins of Lexington, June 28 in Mayville. — Miss Catherine Faye Owens of Bell, Calif. and Kenneth Joyce Booth, Carlisle, Thursday in Carlisle. — A.J. Thaxton, 68, Millersburg, Monday in Lexington.

Thursday, July 27, 1959 — Twenty-eight boys including nine letter men reported to Coach Joe E. Johnson for football practice last week. The Carlisle Mentor told the Mercury that although the team would probably be light, he believes it will be fast.

DEATH — William (Billy) Henry, 17, at Winchester Saturday. — Mrs. Charles Denton Highland at her home for 11, St. Charles, Saturday. — Mr. Rebecca Petersen, 70, Monday. — Mrs. Pamnie Cowan, 71, Monday at the home of her son, Dr. G.T. Cowan.

Storms in years struck this section. Wind caused some damage to trees. A car belonging to Samuel Thompson of Charlotte, N.C., caught fire and was almost completely destroyed by fire near Millersburg Tuesday night. Mr. Thompson, who is visiting in Carlisle, was returning from Winchester, where he had taken his wife for a visit with relatives.

MARRIED — Mrs. Ella Rollins of Bath County and E. Tipton Curry of Moorefield Tuesday. — Miss Margaret Norris Byrd of Bowling Green and William Smith Ward of Lexington at Louisville Monday. — Miss Delilah Jane Call and Roy Lindsey, both of Georgetown, Ohio, July 29 at Bethel, Ohio. — Miss Mary Estell Williams of Maypsville and Richard Tucker of Petersburg, Monday. — Mrs. DIED — William (Billy) Henry, 17, at Winchester Saturday. — Mrs. Charles Denton Highland at her home for 11, St. Charles, Saturday. — Mr. Rebecca Petersen, 70, Monday. — Mrs. Pamnie Cowan, 71, Monday at the home of her son, Dr. G.T. Cowan.



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What have we harvested?

By S.C. Van Curen
In an impassioned speech, marked with the fervor of an evangelist and the passion of a patriot, President Carter called upon the nation last week to join in a common cause to battle and conquer the energy shortage and inflation.

He readily admitted his failure so far as a leader but blamed the situation on the failure of a nation whose people are afflicted with the primary goal of personal achievement and comfort above the common good.

He outlined the problems while offering some broad goals for curing the ills, but offered few specifics. His dilemma is analogous to the situation President Herbert Hoover found himself saddled with in 1931. The broad message that Hoover, a Republican, had a Democratic Congress while Carter has his own party in the White House.

Another difference is that Hoover had offered specific plans to ease or alleviate the ills of his times, brought by a world-wide depression, while Carter has far relied upon his polished qualities of a Christian gentleman to win Congress into doing something.

The lawmakers haven't been about to buy such a plan although Congress is controlled by Carter's own party. Private interests have prevailed in a Congress without leadership. Individually, our congressmen seem to be looking more toward maintaining themselves in office instead of being statesmen working toward the common good of the nation people personal costs.

While the president didn't say so directly, he intimated Congress is filled with individuals but void of patriots. In 1933 there are a Democratic-controlled Congress obsessed with the material gain of a president of their own party regardless of the cost to the nation. They won.

Hoover couldn't get a rejected bill passed by Congress. They graced every file he offered and painted him as an evil spirit sent to destroy a nation. The democrats ran 32 years against Hoover before an enlightened nation awakened to their charlatanism.

Before he died, Frank O. TGwell, one of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's brain trusters, admitted that Roosevelt had Hoover's ideas, changed the names of programs and put a little lace on them and claimed they were his program to resurrect the nation from the pits of the depression.

Hoover's success in restoring faith, generating engagement, and renewing determination in a nation of people led to disaster. However, it took World War II to give rebirth to patriotism and the unyielding will to overcome an enemy and succeed as a nation.

We made the sacrifices during World War II. We did without new automobiles, new home appliances and other material products. We also endured rationing, including without gasoline line. Men did without cigarettes, women did without shoes and dresses and we all used ration stamps for coffee, sugar, meats and some other items.

Patriotism was the United States' greatest proudest trait. Money was not the chief goal. Saving our government and way of life and returning our men safe was uppermost in the minds of the nation.

Almost 35 years after World War II, what have we harvested?

We've gone through the rebellion of '68, and we almost did so without the aid of the all-out effort to create a public image for Carter and Congress, we are still mired in a valley of uncertainty.

Carter's about face, if he is sincere in his announced goals, may be the road items.

At least a change is called for in these bleak times.



By M. PEET, M.D.
In a humid weather makes your heart work harder. If you have heart disease, avoid any exertion. Heavy damage to tobacco and wine is reported in the vicinity of Carlisle Tuesday as one of the heaviest hailstorms in years struck this section.

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher
Besides inflation, there are other reasons. Besides inflation, one very good reason subscription prices continued to rise, is because it is easier to let the publisher pay the address change, than it is to let the subscriber pay the publication bill in advance of the change.

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State hunting dates announced

Shorter seasons and reduced bag and possession limits for quail and rabbit hunting were enacted last week by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission, meeting in regular quarterly session in Frankfort. The changes were made, according to Commissioner Carl E. Hanky, because severe weather of the past three winters has drastically lowered statewide populations of wildlife species.

According to the new regulations adopted by the commission, the 1979-80 quail hunting season will be shorter by 14 days, opening as usual on the third Thursday in November (Nov. 15) but continuing only through Nov. 29. The bag limit for quail was reduced from 10 to eight, and the possession limit from 20 to 16. The rabbit season, shorter by 10 days, will also open Nov. 15, and will close Jan. 21, with limits of four and eight instead of six and 12.

Other small game seasons and limits set by the commission were virtually unchanged from last year and are as follows:

Squirrel, Aug. 18-Oct. 31 and Nov. 18-Dec. 31, limits six and 12; grouse, Nov. 15-Feb. 29, limits four and eight; furberers (trapping), Nov. 15-Jan. 31, no limits, and furberers (by other methods), Nov. 15-Jan. 31, no limits except that no more than one raccoon per hunter or no more than three per party of three. More hunters may be taken. Factory hunting will be allowed from Nov. 1 through the last hunting date for the species hunting with the above bag and possession limits to apply.

Trapping and hunting for all species except waterfowl, rails, gallinules, and woodcock and snipe will be closed throughout the entire state during the gun deer season, Nov. 16-12 and Dec. 13, except on eight wildlife management areas where hunting and trapping will be allowed. Those areas are: West Kentucky, Higginson-Henry, Land Between the Lakes, Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, Yellow-Bank, Kieber and Clay.

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Fleming-Mason RECC meets; three directors are re-elected

The members of Fleming-Mason RECC, reported on the previous year's activities and discussed plans for the year of the cooperative.

An estimated crowd of 1000 persons attended the meeting and saw Vickie Lynn Fryman the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fryman of Hunter, Mayville Road, a popcorn zipper and Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Hickerson, vice-president, J.E. Smith, Jr., secretary.

In other action during the business session of the 41st annual meeting, H.T. Fryman will represent this area at the State Miss Kentucky Rural Electric Fair in Louisville during August.

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contest went to Elizabeth Anne Hamill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hamilton of Morehead.

In other highlights the McLean Family Band entertained the members with several popular bluegrass songs. Door prizes were also awarded and among those who won were Mrs. William K. Hunter, Mayville Road, a popcorn zipper and Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Hickerson, vice-president, J.E. Smith, Jr., secretary.

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Borry named to Scout post

Oliver Veach Borry, formerly of Carlisle, has been named program chairman for the Midland Trails District Committee of the Boy Scouts of America.

In his new office Borry will be responsible for overseeing Cub, Scout and Explorer programs in the district as well as the training courses and all activities, including campers.

Borry, who recently moved to Mt. Sterling from Carlisle, was scouting coordinator for the district for 36 and was also chairman for the district's spring campers.

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