

The writings of the late Warren R. Fisher, Sr.

THIS, THAT AND 'OTHER

one with the rhythms of the earth, that is why the little creature can read its meaning, and that is why everyone who loves what the little creature loves, can read it with open heart and listening ears.

It rubs upon you so suddenly, so softly, too, that after it is gone you will not wonder if it was there at all, or if you only fancied it. Every year it had never before, and was there but shy about coming. It is the first time I had ever seen it. It is a long blue, distant, and for that it is precious. After that, I think, many miles away, snow may pile head-high but you will know and I will know and every little rabbit will know that spring has whispered, and that soon there will be more messengers, but not more messengers, as this first vernal messenger, in the howl of winter.

F. O. BONES' ALLEN
An epitaph of The Mercury of Feb. 26, 1979.

FARRIS OWEN ALLEN

In the passing of Warren Allen, familiarly known to white and black, young and old, as "Bones," death has claimed a lovable and fast-disappearing type of man. Associated with the Mercury for more than thirty-five years, until the beginning of his final illness last spring, the friends of the Mercury were his friends. His long contacts with the pictorial types of a man who seems to gravitate naturally toward a newspaper office, and even him a rare humor as well as a keen insight into human nature. Truly, as we have frequently read, he was our "coldest and wisest," as well as our darkest epigram.

And he was our true friend. Always, in the tolerant, kindly, shrewd philosophy of this colored man, shrewd as the silver lining of his cloud, ever from the richness of his experience, was he able to point out precedents, optimistic, to rekindle the beacon of hope for one who frequently sought the wisdom of his man.

He possessed a rare courtesy, did this colored man, which was the ravage of a disease, that left him practically helpless, failed to him. For Owen Allen was instinctive, a gentleman.

It grieves us, here at the Mercury office, to say farewell to this kind, true friend. God grant that the faith of the only true religion, which he clung with calm tenacity, may be justified.

Thursday, February 23, 1959

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FROM THE DEAILY OF A COUNTRY EDITOR

Up to find the great snow melting under a sparkling sun and a warm south wind, where yesterday it lay dry as powdered glass and rang drumble under the wheels of creaking wagons. And in the breath of the morning I find a host of spring, a delicate and faint aroma of plowed fields moistened by April rains. It is a host, but it is a momentary whiff to the nostrils, yet the snow gutter has left it and a mocking bird that has fed at my neighbor's bird hatch counter those days of snow and is so thrilled by that breath of promise that the steps in matchless mimicry his song of spring. From among the bare branches of a tree, though the fields are blanketed with snow and the air is yet icy cold, his repertoire all of his Maytime. He has heard a call I think, whispering in the south wind—a call that teases him, bringing a vague longing, a feel of something forgotten and of a fact lost in the sweet climb of millions of years.

Perhaps, some January day, you will venture forth, armed to meet the sharp, thin, vital air, alert to take the crisp, whispering wind with its pointed, rapturous touch, and instead instead, sweet scent of patches of thawing ground, that you will know at once that it is the first of the earth, to the pleasure of the promise of the earth, to the joy of the first love of the earth. It is free and it makes him free who breathes it; it is independent of extraneous, and for the moment, so is he who takes it in. It is

"RACHEL"

April 29, 1956

This issue of The Mercury is to be printed on a new press, that is, if the migration of both mts. screws, goes, including rods, caps, came and what will you, "make the grade" in time. And having observed for some all of, of you only fancied it. Every year it had never before, and was there but shy about coming. It is the first time I had ever seen it. It is a long blue, distant, and for that it is precious. After that, I think, many miles away, snow may pile head-high but you will know and I will know and every little rabbit will know that spring has whispered, and that soon there will be more messengers, but not more messengers, as this first vernal messenger, in the howl of winter.

A lonely robin this fall seems and no doubt, he is, though there are many of his tribe that wintered with us and that will be greeted soon as "the first robin" and a "sign of spring." That whiff of April in the wind has wooed him from his winter retreat in some evergreen, still he is not a messenger, but he is a messenger, and he has been with us all winter. Early in January I heard his chattering alarm call one morning and now he bids fair to outlast the snow and join the returning flock next month, a winter bird of the cantankerous old which never existed, unless it was her partner in mechanical deviance, the gasoline engine that drove her. Perhaps her early retirement and "rust" all loose type left standing near it. But she could print, could this simple sister, and she yielded gracefully to the ministrations of the village blacksmith.

Campbell followed in the wake of the Cincinnati Miller, except that she is not junked—at least not yet.

Miss Huber is apparently a staunchly built lady, of well the feminine gender has an aversion to discussions of age, so we'll pass that. She is, we may say on short acquaintance and without fear of contradiction, a lady of parts. You would agree if you could see them scattered over the office floor. Her history is to be written. How auspicious per premiere performance you may know from the appearance of these lines.

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Having a yard sale? Here's some tips

Yard or garage sales as a way of disposing of unwanted items around the house are growing in popularity because they are a fun way of turning property into cash while making new friends. Here are a few ways of making the most of your garage sale produce the type of results you want.

1. Consider that you are "giving into business" for a day or two. You'll want to follow as nearly as possible the principles which successful merchants employ to insure the success of their stores. The three basic ingredients of success are: saleable merchandise at an attractive price; a convenient place for shoppers to inspect the merchandise; and advertising to let people know you have something to sell.
2. Plan ahead. Look around the house for clothes you may be tired of or which your children have outgrown; books you have read; records; games; furniture; appliances; lawn and garden tools; and other household items you may be ready to dispose of to make room for newer purchases.
3. Make a list of the items you want to sell. Price each item realistically, considering what you would pay for the item if you were at a customer's sale.
4. Prepare the garage or other area where the sale is to be held. Make it neat and clean. Items normally stored in this area should be moved or roped-off so customers will know immediately what is for sale and what is not for sale.

5. Everything offered for sale should be clean. Clothes should be dry-cleaned or laundered before offering them for sale. (Other items should be washed or dusted as required. Professionals know that fresh-looking merchandise always generates more interest and better prices than merchandise that is shopworn. You may want to "departmentalize" by putting clothes in one section, books and records in another section, and appliances or kitchen items in separate sections. Present the items attractively by hanging clothes on hangers, or displaying the books so that titles are easily read. Think of how professionals in the field of merchandising show their goods and try to duplicate their techniques.
6. Be informative in planning your price stickers. Items can be priced easily by using short lengths of masking tape on which you write the price. Make the figures as large and legible as possible to avoid questions during the sale. Put sizes of clothing on the price stickers. If you are selling a lot of books, records or other like items you may want to group them on a table with a sign that offers "Any item on this table for 50 cents." If there is other information about specific items, you may wish to enhance their value, make up informational signs to place on them. Perhaps you have a "widge" received in Christmas that has never been out of the box. Put a sign on it that says "Never Used" and attract attention to it. For those items that are really white

elephants, inject some humor in your sign.

7. There are two good ways to advertise your sale. One way is to place a classified ad in "The Mercury." Consider specific areas of interest for your ad. If you have a quantity of baby clothes, consider mentioning this in your ad. Or, you may have one large item you are particularly interested in selling, such as a power lawn mower or television set. Mention this. Your newspaper's classified advertising representative can make helpful suggestions on how to construct your ad. Classified advertising rates are low in cost and you will find the exposure to prospective customers in the reading. The other way of advertising your sale is by using attractive, eye-catching signs. One sign may be placed at the entrance to your subdivision or at a busy intersection in your neighborhood.
8. Plan on having your sale for more than one day, if possible. Many people are anxious to visit your sale, but for a variety of reasons can come on one day but not another. Generally, two days is sufficient and you may want to run your newspaper ad for two days.

In the sure to have a small amount of money on hand when starting the sale so you can make change for the first few customers. Keep all cash in a safe place and away from your customers during the sale. If you are accepting a check from a stranger, ask for identification. Write the driver's license number on the back of the check. If "bounced" you will have a way of tracking down the culprit.

All. If more than one family is involved in the sale, make a list of all items from each family before the sale and mark the items off as they are sold. In this way you can divide the profits equally when the sale is over.

Waste plan aired

The State Legislature's Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources has been meeting in Frankfort to discuss a federal law which will require each state to develop, by 1981, a plan for disposing of its recycling solid wastes such as paper, plastic, and non-returnable bottles.

At a meeting on Tuesday, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. To bring the state into line with this federal law, the Legislature passed a bill in 1978 which requires each county in Kentucky to come up with a solid waste disposal plan.

The federally mandated requirement for the counties to develop solid waste management plans is going to cause the counties a lot of problems, said Rep. Tom Arnold, D-Mt. Sterling, a member of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. He is studying the situation now and hopefully the 1980 General Assembly will be able to come up with some ideas for assisting the counties in meeting the requirements.

In studying the problem during a recent meeting, the committee heard testimony from Eugene Mooney, Secretary of the state's Department for Natural Resources and Environmental

-Candidates Certified-

Publication of names of candidates whose names will appear on voting machines in May Primary Election to be held May 29, 1979
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