

Opinion

Guest editorial Recalling the Crash

By Anthony Harrigan

Last month marked a half century since the crash—Black Thursday, 29, 1929—the day the stock market collapsed. It was the beginning of the Great Depression which lasted for a decade.

I was a child when the Crash came and like millions of Americans who grew up in the Depression, I experienced a psychological shock from those years that I have felt throughout my life.

By family was hoicker than most, for we weren't reduced to poverty. While my father lost the greater part of his life savings—invested in National City Bank stock, we always had more than adequate food and shelter.

Prior to the Depression, President Coolidge remained, with characteristic obstinacy, "When a great many people are unable to find work, unemployment results." So it was in 1929 when 12 million Americans, in a nation of fewer than 130 million, were out of work.

It was a desperate time, as the older generation had to remember. For Americans, song kicksters and other breadwinners of the Depression are unreal images, but they are real. For those who lived through the trials of that period will never forget the harshness

Agree or Not Brown to delay budget?

By S. C. Van Curen

HEANSFORD—If Gov. elect John Y. Brown Jr. follows through on the suggestion that he will operate state government on the present budget until he gets hands-on fiscal affairs, it will be a departure from routine procedure, but it could be one of the wisest moves any recent governor has made.

The state constitution provides that government shall operate on the last budget when a new budget is not adopted.

Brown has suggested that he might operate on the present budget until he becomes acquainted with the state's fiscal position, and call a special session later to adopt a new budget.

It's really unusual to ask a new governor to put a budget together within 90 days after he takes office.

It is especially true when Brown is walking into a situation where state agencies are requesting supplemental appropriations within 90 days of the fiscal year.

The special task force on transportation, already has forecast that the road fund will be \$300 million short each year for the next 10 years. Transportation Secretary Calvin Grayson last month said before an interim committee that counties should not expect an increase of the county road system and contribute only 2 1/2 per cent of cost to receive state aid and money.

Brown is going to find a multiplicity of problems in state government and not the least of these will be a shortage of funds through the biennial budget of \$2.5 billion. The special session of the legislature in 1979 climaxed a tax cut on home utilities except telephone, and this about makes up for the annual growth in sales tax according to Revenue Commissioner Maurice Carpenter.

If the recession continues as some economists are predicting, the sales and income tax revenues will be reduced and the coal business is likely to slump which

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Down Memory Lane Did Pitman catch Bird's pass? turkey market said unsteady

Thursday, November 21, 1979

The Fiscal Court has offered additional space in the basement of the courthouse to be used by the Memorial Library.

A field representative of the American Cancer Society from Lexington was in Carlisle Nov. 20 to reorganize the local chapter. Officers elected are Mrs. Grimes Caywood, president; Mrs. Helen Peterson, secretary; Mrs. Frank C. Henry, secretary; and Mrs. A. Palmer, treasurer. Jack Merton and C. C. East were appointed co-chairmen for the fund drive to be held in April.

It was relatedly reported that Brooks Pitman caught Calvin Bird's pass into the stands Saturday at the Kentucky-Tennessee football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Atkinson and four children, all talented musicians, gave a concert Wednesday night at the Christian Church, here.

BOHN—To Mr. and Mrs. Randall Ritchie, a son, Anthony Keith, Nov. 17.

A win of folly runs through human history. We may never have another 1930-type Depression. The likelihood of fertile periods ahead is very real, nevertheless. The nation ought to be aware that disaster is a real possibility when historical vision is absent.

We need to remember the Great Depression crisis.

Mercury vapors Back home again!

by Warren R. Fisher

If and when there are any?

Last week, our editor had a paragraph in his column "Editor's notes" that led to a letter which would return from Florida with a tan arid a Colgate smile and would relegate his column to its normal position, close enough to the court news to be at home.

Well as she stated the boss hath returned, but I think the column belongs on the editorial page—Mercury Vapours can go GOP, if and when there are any!

Deadline changed this week

With this issue (Nov. 22) we find our deadline moved back one more hour, therefore MV's may be a bit disoriented. I am showing a page or two, then I come back to the typewriter, that is, until I get a negatives done, then it's worth the trouble to start the developing process. The chemicals used in the developer start a cat-alytic negative as soon as they touch the print. He had stated the solution will become exhausted whether I process my negatives or not.

Man's best friend was a stinker

Man's best friend, a black, Brown with a spot or two of white hair, better known to his friends as "Hot Shot" investigated the beach at Long Boat Key one evening recently at James and Lillian Kay's condo.

We'd noticed a couple of jelly fish beached, but never thought he'd investigate this curious creature, but check it out, he did!

Needless to say the jelly fish man-sword waded him thoroughly. His owner Shan Kask, had the job of holding him all wrapped in a sheet while we had a dry side comb that night.

Letters Editor's notes

To The Carlisle Mercury:

In visiting my grandparents, I have been visiting the Mt. Carmel grave yard and I believe it has many historic graves. The oldest person buried in the grave yard was 90 years old. There are two infants buried there. They were the children of H. W. Ball. Solomon Green was the settler of the Mt. Carmel area and he is buried there. The Brooks have their plot fenced in. Also a preacher is buried here. I believe that the old grave yard holds many historic stories.

Melanie Coyner
Nicholas, Ky.

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I am sending a check for one year's subscription to The Carlisle Mercury. Please start sending to me. I live to live to live when I come home and sit down at night from work.

Thank you,
Mrs. Roy Hunt
R. L. Carlisle, Ky. 40311

OFF THE WALL
By Mrs. M. J. Fisher

TODAY'S DOLLARS SHOULD READ: 'E PLURIBUS MINIMUM'

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Martha Woesley won second place recently at the Kentucky Thespian Society's annual competition. Martha won for her set design, shown here. The awards were based on entries from over the State.—Mercury photo.

Jacket grid statistics

The 1979 Bluejackets football team statistics are as follows:

OFFENSE: Sowell, 75 carries, 332 yards, 157 passes, 77 complete, 933 yards, 12 TD, 2 EP, 12 of 14 HFP, 18 points.

DEFENSE: Huddle, 19 games, 79 carries, 223 yards, 1 TD, 6 points scored.

ALL-STAR: Williams (4 games), 66 carries, 304 yards, 2 TD, 12 points scored.

Woolley (4 games), 3 receptions, 7 yards, 2 TD, 10 points scored.

Lecher, 29 punts, 873 yards, 3 passes completed, 16 yards, 2 EP, 2 passes comp. Hret, 10 interceptions, 125 yards, 1 TD, 1 point scored.

Huddle, 19 games, 79 carries, 223 yards, 1 TD, 6 points scored.

Williams (4 games), 66 carries, 304 yards, 2 TD, 12 points scored.

Williams (4 games), 31 carries, 111 yards, 2 TD, 12 points scored.

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And help me to be thankful, each day of the year. And that those who love me, for me, in my heart.

Amos

The Drug Store
Carlisle, Ky.

Strong burley prices forecast

Kentucky burley tobacco growers can anticipate relatively strong prices for their 1979 crop, according to a situation and outlook report from an Extension economist in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture.

Economist Wilson Hourigan said that the outlook for a relatively strong market is based on the fact that demand for burley is holding steady to strong while estimated production is down from last year.

Hourigan summarizes the situation and outlook.

The 1979 crop of 608 million pounds in the Burley Belt should yield a gross crop of 428 million pounds sold for \$1.315 per pound for a gross value of \$563 million.

Basic quota for the 1979 crop is 613.6 million pounds, essentially the same as the 614 million pounds for the 1978 crop. With a net quota carryover of 36.1 million pounds from prior crop years, the effective quota for the 1979 burley crop is 649.7 million pounds.

USA's October estimate of production for the Burley Belt is 527 million pounds, down 29 million from 1978 production. Kentucky's production this year is estimated at 608 million pounds, down 76 million from last year's production.

Supply carryover of burley tobacco on Oct. 1, 1979 is estimated at 1,206 million pounds, adding the 1979 crop production and 29.1 million pounds of carryover from the 1978 crop to the carryover from prior years as a total supply of 1,225 million pounds for the 1979-80 marketing year that began Oct. 1. This down 14 million pounds from 1978 supply available during the 1978-79 marketing year. The supply is about three times probable disappearance.

For the marketing year just ended, total use of tobacco was 615 million pounds, down 4 million pounds from the year earlier. Domestic use was 490 million pounds, down 3 million. How-Said, 42 million, 2 fumbles covered, 1 blocked punt.

Imports of oriental, flue-cured and burley tobacco accounted for about 22% of the total use in cigarettes during the year that ended here in 1979. For the year ending next June, U.S. cigarette output is expected to cover slightly the 707 billion cigarettes produced in 1978—75. Domestic consumption is holding

City audits

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Just used to either retire bonds ahead of schedule, make improvements to the existing facilities or for any lawful purpose.

The notes to the audit indicate that neither of the three conditions were met with regard to excess revenue in the bond funds. Instead, it appears as if the excess funds were transferred to other accounts to cover deficits in them.

When the condition of the fund reserves was made known the bonding companies could have decided to in effect take over the city and take the city out of the state's securities. The audits do not indicate individual revenues and disbursements but rather summarize them in lump sum figures in the various funds.

It is interesting to note that the one fund that seems to have been maintained on a business-like basis was the revenue sharing fund. This fund is disbursed from Washington from the federal government and is highly regulated as how the money can be used.

Agree or Not

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session and adopt a one-year budget.

This would be far better than walking halfway informed into a new biennial budget. No one knows what Congress will do on revenue sharing, and by spring some handle should be available on the nation's economy.

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