

Opinion

Times change us

The Mercury's recent effort to print the latest audit of the City of Carlisle is not merely a magnanimous gesture to a governmental unit seeking a financial pinch. It is an attempt to clear the air and to present to the citizens of Carlisle a true picture of the financial status of their city government.

Most of the details are already known; that the city has had to increase rates for some services because those services were costing more money than they generated; that the city, as a response to this audit, has changed its method of bookkeeping; decreasing the physical number of accounts that had to be handled each month; that the increasing cost of supplies to the city's water and sewer plants has shown that cities are not immune to the inflation of the day.

In a slow process over the past few years Carlisle evolved from a small town to a small

city. The complexities of governing a fourth class city and the attendant problems it brings have caused a change in the way the City of Carlisle functions. The job of council member is not just a part-time job any longer, as any member of the present council will attest.

What is needed, along with clearing the air, is more citizen participation, more feedback from the people the policies affect. None of us can afford any longer to close our eyes to the overall problems of our city and our community. To be informed is one way to combat the growing apathy that is the bane of every elected official. To act on that information, to discuss it with your neighbors and to let your voice be known by your elected officials is the best way to become involved in government. Any less and we miss the meaning of self-government.

Agree or Not

Light turnout seen

By S.C. Van Cuyt

With approximately three weeks left before Kentuckians go to the polls, both political camps are gathering their forces to get the vote November 6.

The political world that greets in Kentucky is that gubernatorial races always bring a larger vote than presidential races. It just isn't so.

In the 1972 presidential race, 1,055,232 Kentuckians registered their preferences. 683,962 for Richard Nixon and 372,170 for George McGovern. The year 1976 provided a heavier turnout when 1,146,728 Kentuckians went to the polls giving Carter a victory with 615,721 votes to 531,007 for Gerald Ford.

In the last three gubernatorial races less than 900,000 voters were interested.

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While Gov. Julian Carroll had a landslide victory in the November election of 1975 with 470,159 votes to 277,998 for Rubel Glendon. For a difference of 192,161 in the total vote of 748,157, the smallest total in recent memory.

There seems to be about the same interest or less generated among average citizens this year than was generated four years ago. That is the reason both camps now are trying to find their forces to get to the vote.

Both camps seem to have changed their strategy. Democrat John Young Brown Jr. made a pile last week for help from the "courthouse" crowd and all old line Democrats are going to ignore the primary and had gone practically no attention in his run down to the wire. In fact, he had it in the back of his mind he was seeking trouble ahead and is trying desperately to woo all Democrats and all others his media-type campaign attracted.

Republican Nunn has slowed on his emphasis about Brown's lifestyle and is emphasizing a positive type campaign, pointing out accomplishments when he was governor before, and offering a program. Brown holds steadfast to his determination not to make any promises, while accusing Nunn of making irresponsible promises.

Nunn recognizes the fact that he has to attract a lot of registered Democrats to his side if he is to win. His campaign headquarters is flagged as "Kentuckians for Nunn" with no prominence of Republican anywhere in his campaign. Democrats comprise 60 percent of the voters in Kentucky. Many are registered Democrats to vote in local races, but switch in the gubernatorial and presidential races.

After all, Brown got only about 30 percent of the vote in the Democratic primary in which there were four viable candidates. He has to attract a lot more voters in November from the Democrats, Republicans and Independents if he is to win.

Democrats always claim a great advantage in their stronghold in the First Congressional District in Western Kentucky. In almost every governor's race they bring they are going to get a 40,000 vote margin out of this 24-county area, but the record doesn't show that. Neither does the record show that Republicans will get a 40,000 to 50,000 vote advantage out of their 29-county stronghold Fifth District.

For the identification of those who follow voting trends and list numbers here, we have been aware of the congressional districts in the last three gubernatorial races: 1967, 1971, and 1975, in that order:

First: Nunn, 53,128; Ward, 68,741; Ford, 80,826; Emberton, 46,295; Carroll, 78,245; Gable, 17,038.

Second: Nunn, 60,930; Ward, 58,021; Ford, 71,445; Emberton, 55,096; Carroll, 66,865; Gable, 33,568.

Third: Nunn, 54,299; Ward, 58,993; Ford, 50,376; Emberton, 45,680; Carroll, 59,409; Gable, 44,636.

Fourth: Nunn, 70,724; Ward, 60,415; Ford, 68,142; Emberton, 70,301; Carroll, 65,942; Gable, 63,199.

Fifth: Nunn, 87,832; Ward, 47,488; Ford, 54,958; Emberton, 80,286; Carroll, 59,096; Gable, 55,806.

Sixth: Nunn, 62,851; Ward, 63,871; Ford, 67,657; Emberton, 55,924; Carroll, 71,500; Gable, 33,915.

Seventh: Nunn, 64,809; Ward, 68,145; Ford, 77,316; Emberton, 59,071; Carroll, 71,500; Gable, 33,915.

Laugh out

A teacher was giving a written examination on European geography. One question was "Why does the sun never set on the British Empire?"

The student wrote in the answer, "Because they take it in at night."

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Down Memory Lane

Bert Combs visits Carlisle; Lerman's completes remodeling

Thursday, October 27, 1959

Mrs. Nancy Fighman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clary Fighman, resigned as Homocentrical president at noon ceremonies of Carlisle High School's football game Friday night. Her attendants were Miss Mary Logan Gilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gilley, and Miss Judy Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hopkins.

Democratic candidate for governor, Bert Combs, will be in Carlisle to visit the business district Friday, Oct. 28.

Mrs. Roberta Farris Darso of Nashville, formerly of Carlisle, will open a beauty shop on Locust Street in the Jim Patton building Dec. 1.

Those attending the Southern States Cooperative Regional Farm Home Advisory Committee Training meeting, Oct. 18-19, are: Glenn Greer, local manager; Emmet Darrell, Mrs. Elna McClainham, Mrs. Harvey Wagner, Mrs. Fred Walsh and Mrs. James Lowe.

MAURIED — Miss Mary Frances Given, Sharpburg to AZC Noel Williams, Carlisle, Oct. 21 in Sharpburg.

— Miss Maxine Faye Bronaugh, to Wayne F. Berry, Oct. 17 at the Carlisle Baptist Church. — Miss Margaret attractive design of black and buff. Billy Stephenson Monday opened his grocery store in the Greater building on Main and Broadway.

Friday in Winchester. — Nathan Bayless Lavin, 69, Friday at his home here, Charles Palmer, 56, last Monday at his home in Paris.

Jerry M. Irwin, 84, Sunday at his home in Macesfield.

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State historical society seeks wet-dry history

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Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Copies of The Carlisle Mercury long live!

Seemingly every newspaper comes across an old copy of The Carlisle Mercury. This time Mrs. Bryan White found a May 24, 1924 issue last Thursday, Oct. 11 in an old building where she has tobacco stored.

Double nickel driving range — MV—

Maybe the gentleman whom this is written will let us know if he made that 9 o'clock leaving appointment, his determination in this day and time is commendable.

As the tale was told to us, Rev. Carl Perkins led the grounds of the old Nicholas County hospital for Monday about 10:30 a.m. bound for Washington, D.C. where he had a Monday evening appointment.

I suppose it is possible to make it from Carlisle to Washington in 11 hours of steady driving, maybe less, but we'd wager it would take more time if you stay within the double nickel driving range.

—MV—

Might be short on funds, but they're long on Girl Scouts

Last year I understood, from the Carlises that there were only nine Girl Scouts — this year they have 62. Should you have old Girl Scout or Brownie uniforms leave 'em at Ishmael's Cleaners. Maybe they'll fetch a penny or two or help some youngster who can't afford a new outfit.

—MV—

Thermostat footer works!

It goes without saying you probably know by now that I like things electronic, last year when we were making improvements to The Mercury office buildings, I decided that anything that had the possibility of saving me up to 20% on my fuel bill was worth looking into.

This little gadget if I bought two took about three hours to assemble and about half that time to trouble-shoot. It automatically reduces room temperature during one or two more preprogrammed periods.

Well, while the better half was nursing in Virginia, I managed to get one of the two heating controls assembled. You can buy the things already made up for about what I have in this one, but that would have taken all the fun or trouble out.

Since I seem to have more trouble remembering to turn the heat down at home what better place is there to try the control out?

Essentially the control consists of a time clock, a relay, several dials and assorted parts, a thermostat and a tiny low current drive panel light.

Shades of Ruben Goldberg, the clock turns the panel light on in the thermostat at the prearranged time and the foot pedal disconnects assuming the heat is at the preset level. Then at the next interval the clock shuts off the light, the thermostat calls for heat and the temperature rises in the home as the furnace responds to the thermostat's commands.

In the next preprogramming interval the clock turns the light on again, fooling the thermostat into lowering the temperature.

It sure beats my having to remember to turn the clock down, back up in the morning and down again during the day. A couple more time clock tabs and we can have the furnace on a timer to heat you up before lunch time and then shut that down again for the afternoon.

Flood group okay reports

The Governor's Flood Task Force has approved in rough form several recommendations it will send to Gov. Julian Carroll.

The most important recommendation, according to task force chairman Vic Helard Jr., is the creation of a water resources advisory commission. The commission, as it is now seen, would advise appropriate state and federal agencies on all flood-related matters in the state; assist in planning and coordinating all flood prevention and flood relief programs; make recommendations on the addition or rejection of water resources plan or programs; have a public forum on water resources matters; and, prepare reports on each major flood with emphasis placed on causes, possible prevention and quality of assistance given to the flood victims. The commission would consist of 12 members.

The governor would appoint two legislators, two mayors and two county judges representative to the commission. The Legislative Research Commission would appoint state members with one each coming from the following:

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For his troubles, Jeff will be working from 3:20 p.m. on weekdays. Jeff will receive \$1 per varsity game and \$5 for each non-varsity game. He'll be on-site with the job the rewards get progressively better over time.

For next season, next year Jeff will receive board and books as a manager and books and books as his senior year there's a good chance he'll be the head manager, which entitles him to full scholarship.

Jeff is majoring in electrical engineering at the Atlanta-based school with an eye toward a master's degree in design field. He was co-valedictorian of his class at Nicholas County High and during his high school career, an accomplished photographer, contributed many photographs to the Mercury.



Checks presented

Representatives of the two Carlisle banks presented checks to Nicholas County 4-Hers who participated in the recent Bluegrass Area District 4-H beef steer show in Lexington. In the top photo Neta Young of the Deposit Bank of Carlisle presents checks at Andy Judge (left) and Todd Day. Below: Emerson Baker of the First National Bank of Carlisle presents a check to Andy Judge. Andy sold a Hereford-Maine Anjou cross and a Hereford and Todd exhibited a three-quarters Gelbvieh. — Mercury photos.



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