

Opinion

Your chance

Carlisle residents who were four-square behind the tax revolt of 1977 have a chance to see what their actions have accomplished on Oct. 1 when the Carlisle City Council will hold a hearing on raising the city tax rate to generate more revenue than currently allowed under House Bill 44 of the 1980 Kentucky General Assembly.

That measure, you might remember, said that no taxing district could obtain more than 4 percent more in tax revenues than it did the preceding year unless the district took a number of steps, including a public hearing.

Passed in the midst of heated discussions on tax revolts, inflation, etc. House Bill 44 was designed to give citizens some say in the raising of their tax rates.

The city council is expected to hear comments and objections at the Oct. 1 meeting. It is also expected to go ahead and set the rate which is currently expected to bring in about 8 percent more revenue than last year's tax bills. If the citizens of Carlisle object to this raise they do have a method of recourse. A petition must be cir-

culated and filed so that the question may appear on the November ballot. Whether or not this will happen will depend on (a) how many citizens attend the public hearing and (b) how well they accept the city's explanation of what it intends to do with the money.

The notice of the hearing published in the Mercury the past two weeks had a space for detailing what was to be done with the money but this information was not submitted. The notice itself was so confusing as to be unintelligible, which is probably the aim of the bureaucrat who drew it up in the first place. But we feel it should have been adhered to so that the citizens could at least have an idea why the city is asking for additional funds.

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Agree or Not

Quietest election yet?

Here it is just six weeks from election day, and seasoned political observers seem to be at a loss as to why it is so quiet.

The traditional political banners and placards are not up at courthouses across Kentucky, especially in the West. Democratic politics has been a way of life and they thumped the drum for their party's candidates.

One of the answers to this phenomenon is that John Young Brown Jr., the Democrat standard bearer, is stepping around the courthouse gags and carrying his campaign directly to the people. He's steering clear of the traditional political bosses, trying to recruit concerned citizens and young people to his cause.

Louis B. Nunn, the Republican, is also carrying his campaign to the people, but he is not ignoring the old political pros who know the inside machinery of politics.

Both apparently are going to depend heavily upon a media blitz during October.

There isn't a political headquarters in a storefront in downtown Frankfort this year for the first time in recent memory of politics in the Capital City. Both parties are operating out of state party headquarters here.

More and more in recent years candidates are relying on the media to get their messages across to the people. Television is the big medium, and it takes a lot of money for this.

Political rallies and stump speaking have just about faded from the campaign trail. Both parties are pushing registration campaigns, but not as intensive as they have in past years. Pep and enthusiasm on the part of local campaign organizations seem to be missing. No bands are playing and there are no parades. Banners across main streets in Kentucky are missing. Bumper stickers are also scarce.

State workers, generally loyal to the Democratic Party, don't seem to be taking any part in the election. Parking lots around state buildings show very few cars with bumper stickers or other campaign evidence.

State employees are under the merit system, and don't seem to fear for their jobs as much as they did in the old days when state workers were purged by the thousands when their leaders lost.

Many observers are estimating that to be a light election year and are free to forecast that less than one million voters will go to the polls in November.

The fact is, less than a million voters have gone to the polls in the last three gubernatorial elections in Kentucky.

When Nunn won in 1967 he got 454,123 votes to 425,674 for Henry Ward Hunt. In 1971 Wendell Ford got 470,720 while Republican Tom Emerton was getting 412,653. It was even lighter in 1975 when Julian Carroll got 470,159 votes to swamp Republican Bob Gable who got 277,998 votes.

It is interesting to note that both Ford and Carroll got 470,000 plus votes to win while Nunn won in 1967 with 454,123 votes.

By party registration, Democrats outnumber Republicans by 2 to 1 in Kentucky but the vote doesn't come out that way in gubernatorial races or presidential races.

In the 1972 presidential race, Richard Nixon got 683,062 votes to 372,170 for George McGovern. This total is more than one million votes.

In the same election Walter Dore Huddleston got 496,323.

Past records show that less than a million vote in the governor's race. The question in the minds of political observers is will 983,374 votes go to the polls this year as they did in 1971, or 378,157 in 1975.

Down Memory Lane

High school elects officers; four killed in accident

Thursday, October 1, 1979

The Carlisle Girl Scouts 30175-59 registered their 1979 fall program for the fourth consecutive year. This year's Brownie and Intermediate Scout leaders were Mrs. W. Buntin Jr., Mrs. Nathan Young Jr., Mrs. Luther Whitaker, Mrs. Billy Duncan, Mrs. John T. Hamilton and Mrs. Ralph Shearer. Also in charge were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Clay, and a student at Moorefield Elementary School, and Eugene Siberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Siberts, and a student at Headwaters Grade School, were recently selected queen and king of the Nicholas County Youth Fair sponsored by the Utopia Club.

The following high school class officers were recently elected at Carlisle City School: Seniors: Dean Farris, president; Linda Stealing, vice-president; Nancy Fightsmaster, secretary; Mary G. Feedback, treasurer; Juniors: Roy Dotson, president; Bobby Curtis, vice-president; Harvey Hunt, secretary; Nancy Ring, treasurer; Sophomores: Charlotte Moore, president; Joe Raloff, vice-president; Judy Gilin, secretary; Carol Caswell, treasurer; Freshmen: Mary L. Gilley, president; Martha Anderson, vice-president; Linda Powers, secretary; Nicola Smoot, treasurer.

Thursday, September 28, 1939

Prices on all classes of livestock continued strong here this week. The average price for the fourth consecutive year. This year's Brownie and Intermediate Steers 15.65 to 18.60, baby heaves 16.50 to 18.95.

September has been one of the driest months in years with practically no rainfall during the month. From every section of the county farmers report scarcity of stock water and drinking water. The Townsend Dry Cleaning establishment moved from Mathias building on Walnut Street to the building of C. L. Mathias on Maple Street.

Letters Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

The recent Harvest Festival in Historic Washington, Ky. was a delight to attend. In my opinion, this was truly a Festival. There were interesting for both young and old. Aside from the Historic buildings and shops, the side-walk displays of various collectors and organizations were grand. There were crafts, dishes, linens, furniture, and art displays, not to mention the baked goods sale by the "Breadmakers."

The height of ridiculousness or GIGO? A Dayton, Ohio addressed envelope that the post office kept sending back, just the paper itself, but the addressed wrapper as being undeliverable, was declared after the local postmaster, John Anderson wrote the Dayton PM, all just a mistake.

Well as of Tuesday we've taken the stencil off our mailing list, the Dayton PM says ok.

Thank You, Martha Springer

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Feds killing us with their kindness. Edwin Feulner writing in the Heritage Foundation Forum has this to say: "In what might be called a bitter turn for the worst, a little known act of Congress intended to prevent child poisonings may be killing older Americans."

Of us say three New York physicians, Frederick D. Sherman, Joshua D. Warach, and Leslie S. Libow, in a recent article in The Journal of the American Medical Association.

One pharmacist at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California, described the situation as chaotic bordering on comical: "Elderly patients have related many instances to me describing their dilemma in trying to open their prescription containers and the variety of instruments they have used in the process: pliers, hammers, screwdriver, hand-operated can opener and feet."

But if we wrap, that is, as an capitalized HEADING, THE OPERATOR MUST SHIFT BEFORE EACH CHARACTER. We even tried a new keyboard, but got the same results. So, since we're in the Computer Age, it's convenient with an ounce of speed and the know-how may get us to by the end of the week, but hopefully not on Tuesday! But now that we are not rushing for him, watch him up at the peak of things.

Had we known that our editor was so close to the "Promised Land," we wouldn't have slept so easily. You'll have to look elsewhere in this issue for the answer.

Editor's notes

Your editor took the rest of his vacation days last weekend to see some places he'd never seen, not the least of which is visible in the photo below. Although Pennsylvania drivers are no worse than any other state's it was a little unsettling to see this sign.

I also saw the ocean while away. You may notice what that's no big deal, if you've seen seven oceans you've seen 'em all but this country had never seen one except in pictures.

It was impressive and I can finally understand what has been driving the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers all these years. I just wish they'd try to build their ocean somewhere else other than Kentucky.

I also had the pleasure to be the only journalist present at a national convention of an international industry. I don't think there will be room or time in this week's Mercury to report but a future issue might offer the opportunity to make a report.



Funnybone Dept. From the Kentucky Utilities Employee's News came these gems of wisdom.

Here are the latest additions to the growing list of laws, principles and instructions for dealing with the real world. Agnes Allen's Law - "Almost anything is easier to get into than out of."

Allen's (W)idening Distinction: The lion and the lamb shall lie down together, but the lamb won't get much sleep.

Berkley's Law: Never decide to buy something while listening to the salesman.



PENDLETON, USA

Authentic Scottish tartan catches the eye and Pendleton catches the style in this traditional tailored jacket of 100% virgin wool. Pendleton's tartans date back to the grand clans.



Boomer's Revision: A bird in hand is dead. Hartman's Automotive Law: (1) Nothing minor ever happens to a car on the weekend. (2) Nothing minor ever happens to a car on a trip. (3) Nothing minor ever happens to a car. Farnow's Law: A meeting lasts at least 15 hours no matter how brief the agenda. Weidner's Query: They say an elephant never forgets. But what's he got to remember?

Simply put One of the disappointments in editing a weekly newspaper is that there is never enough space to use all the interesting items received daily.

A check through the back files of the Mercury reveals that past editors often used news from around the world. In those more peaceful days before television it was often the weekly newspaper that brought news of the world into many homes.

But sometimes, in going through the features received in the mail, I found across a tidbit that is too good not to use.

For example, the National Geographic News Service recently distributed an article and pictures about Afghanistan whose leaders are leaning toward reliance on its neighbor to the north, Russia, in what seems to be a conflict with the desires of the Afghan people.

The people state their aversion to Russian influence very simply. A deeply religious people, they often tell Christian visitors: "We have a book (the Koran) and you have a book (the Bible) but the Russians, they have no books," a reference to godless Communism.

I wonder if Jimmy Carter or Cyrus Vance know that?



A maximum is not allowed to carry more than 35 pounds in his bag at one time.

Advertisement for Garrett's Furniture featuring GE Performance Televisions. The ad lists several models: a 19" color TV for \$363.00, a 25" console TV for \$544.00, and a 25" single knob electronic tuning TV for \$833.00. It also advertises VCRs and video cassette recorders. The ad includes the slogan 'Start the new TV season with a new GE TV from Garrett's Furniture' and 'We Service what we Sell First!'.