

# Opinion

## 45 minutes

The Central Kentucky Blood Center bloodmobile will be in Nicholas County next Monday for a drawing to begin the new year. Last year enough Nicholas Countians donated blood so that any county resident who needed blood would receive it free of charge.

This is an outstanding accomplishment. In fact, Nicholas County is one of the leaders in the CBCB blood drive. Few counties manage to meet their quota. Nicholas County usually exceeds it.

This is due to several factors. For one, the members of the Nicholas County Ministerial Association have been diligent in their efforts to inform the county about the program and tireless in their efforts to see it through. Secondly, a large number of volunteers turns out each drawing to help. Many of these volunteers donate blood then stay at the drawing site to help process other

donations. And many who cannot donate for some reason or the other also donate their time and energy at the drawing site. This is a good record, but it needs to be maintained. If you have given blood before a volunteer will call or perhaps already has called to see if you will donate this time.

If you have never donated, now would be a good time to start. The procedure takes about 45 minutes and is relatively painless. In fact, many first-time donors are surprised at how little the process involves.

Elsewhere in this week's Mercury you can find an article that details who may give blood, the requirements and who is ineligible to donate. A few minutes spent reading this article may help you make up your mind to donate to one of the worthwhile causes around 45 minutes of your time.

## Agree or Not Frankfort job-hunting

By S.C. Van Curen

The quadrennial game of hunting a safe harbor is on among non-classified state employees in the executive branch of state government.

There are somewhere between one and two thousand of these employees not covered by the merit system. These include the governor and lieutenant governor's offices, cabinet secretaries and their deputies, commissioners and their deputies, their personal secretaries, division directors with the exception of about a dozen in Transportation and two in the Human Rights Commission.

Resignations are being submitted almost daily as some return to their former jobs in covered employment.

Between 90 and 97 percent of state employees are covered under the merit system, Dutch Hattecker, deputy commissioner of Personnel, said.

However, many in the executive branch have waited too late to gain status under the merit system. A new employee is under probation for the first six months in his job before he gains security.

He is subject to dismissal until the probation period is served.

Some who were familiar with regulations made the move some months ago so they could gain security under the merit system.

The highway department used to be a place where a new governor could place a lot of patronage since labor aides, light equipment operators and janitors were not under the merit system.

One of Gov. Wendell Ford's first moves was to place them under the system by executive order; but he found this would not be legal. Then, he had a bill passed by the 1974 legislature that did the job. Engineers already were covered.

So if a greeter or non-covered employee drops down to a lower paying job under the merit system, he is just returning to his old status of safety where he had served under the merit system.

The situation of job movement is more acute this time than usual since the present administration candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor was defeated by John Y. Brown Jr.

Whether Brown or Republican J. B. Nunn is elected, most jobs in the executive department will be new appointments.

A new governor always wants people loyal to him in key positions.

Letters to the editor about Nunn's nickel sales tax would be amusing if they didn't reveal the total ignorance of the writers.

Nunn only added two cents to the three cent tax that was passed in 1960 by Gov. Bert T. Combs.

Nunn also updated the automobile license tag price from \$5.60 to \$12.50.

In Nunn's second legislative session the sales tax, all five cents of it, was removed from prescription drugs. Inflation took care of this loss.

Then, Wendell Ford repealed the sales tax on take-home groceries. But, he passed the severance tax on coal, four percent of 30 cents per ton, whichever is greater. Ford also added one cent to the gasoline tax, moving it from 8 cents to 9 cents per gallon. The severance tax balanced the sales tax loss on food for home consumption.

Then, Julian Carr came along and increased the severance tax on coal to 4.5 percent or 50 cents per ton, which ever is greater.

As natural growth in the economy and inflation have increased state income, the legislature, in its wisdom, has removed the sales tax in the most regressive places. The special 1979 session removed the sales tax, all five cents of it, from home utilities, electricity and telephone.

So, Kentucky's sales tax can't be called a true regressive tax, for the tax is removed from most necessities.

The Democrats have been in control of state government for eight years since Nunn upped the tax to a nickel. Why haven't the Democrats repealed all the tax?

### Would You Believe...

The first wristwatch appeared as early as 1790 in Geneva.

Vodka, an unaged spirit obtained from potatoes or grain, has no distinctive aroma or taste, but packs a wallop at over 190 proof.

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## Down Memory Lane

### Wilson student of month; winds wreck 10 area barns

Thursday, October 8, 1959  
T. L. Insko, manager of the Carlisle Lerman Bros. Department Store, tells us that Lerman's have now been in business for 40 years. The organization consists of 30 family type stores in Kentucky and Indiana.

MARRIED — Miss Estelaine Davenport, 27, of the home of his daughter, Betty of Fleming County, Saturday by Rev. Judge D. M. Curry.  
DIED — Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor Gorman, 69, at her home on East Main Street, Tuesday. — Jonathan M. Casper, 57, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joe Hendrix in Otwayville, Wednesday. — Mrs. Caroline Scott, 76, at the home of her son, Clay Scott, Friday.

## Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Energy conservation devices Since the Mercury's editor, Jeff Kerr visited the "Promised Land" and met Abby, whom he interviewed I learned, not the "Dear Abby" but Abby Rockefeller, he's kept my desk showered with pamphlets concerning Clivus Multiturn and other Swedish energy conservation devices.

There's the Combitherm which is a mighty little fire type of stove that will heat your entire house. Now I grant that it could heat some houses, though not all houses.

You'll find the device to save water in the shower, a shower head if you wish. And I'm the proud possessor of a deluxe SaverShower milk push button, a bottle valve which I must get installed.

Installation has me baffled until I can find a fitting that will reduce the size of the pipe coming out of the wall. Our shower stall built some 49 years ago has a pipe that is larger than the SaverShower head. Hence I'll be looking for a pipe fitting that will reduce the pipe's size to fit the head. I would prefer that the material be brass if that material has not attained the value of gold.

Gold, that substance that has topped \$400 per ounce reminds me that newspaper, the publisher's gold, is jumping another \$20 per sheet on that newprint, 1, 1979, which brings newprint to \$400 a ton for \$40 a ton some 40 years ago—and it was in sheet form then.

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Larry S. Coffey ...

Mr. Warren Fisher ...

Dear Warren: ...

Once again the newspaper manufacturers have announced increases in the cost of newsprint. Enclosed is a copy of the letter from Bowler Sales Company indicating a price increase of 30¢ per short ton on November 1, 1979.

In an effort to keep our prices as low as possible, we absorbed a newsprint price increase for a period of three months. In 1978, and absorbed another price increase in 1979 for a period of six months. However, due to the rapid rise in all costs associated with printing the cost of ink has been increased three times in a period of six months. In 1979, we will not be able to absorb this latest announced increase. Our prices will be increased to \$1.19 per copy in amounts sufficient to recover the increase in the cost of newsprint. This increase is in accordance with the President's price guidelines.

The current shortage of newsprint ...

An instant Memo from Ashland ...

My check for the Mercury for 2 more years is enclosed.

We keep up with Nicholas County and our old friends and places, through the Mercury, and would hate to miss a single issue.

I still think you should put your father's "Random Thoughts" into a book. It would be a major contribution to Ky. lore and literature. I would purchase a copy for several anyone I could. I have many clippings of the articles, but would like to see a final book. "Here come"

Rumors, that's all I hear

The following gentlemen have been taking an interest in city affairs of late, namely Clay Hunt, Bob Darbro, Charles Roke, Mert Evans and Gaylord Hunt. Could be that they would like kindly regards for the write-in ticket in the City's Nov. 6 election where two write-in must be made to complete the Council, since only four of the six required to fill that office are on the ballot. Again you can forget the write-ins and let Council appoint the two persons and the Mayor break any ties arising.

Not the best tasting leek

Jeff who fell out of a tree a few weeks ago keeps his Ben-Gay in the same cabinet that the toothpaste is kept. Being in a hurry the other day and not paying attention I reached to grab a tube, squeezed a small portion onto my tooth brush vaguely noting that the green was not coming out with the white and went to work. Later, I realized that Mr. Ben-Gay is not so, well it hit!

### Visits Carlisle

## Saltwell

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Shown with John Y. and Phyllis George Brown at the Carlisle Community Woman's Club study show Saturday were Mrs. R.S. Willis (left) and Mrs. Paul Garrett. — Photo by Janie Duncan.

Several ladies from the Saltwell and Headquarters United Methodist Church attended the District meeting of the United Methodist women at the Carlisle Methodist Church on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riggs spent Friday and Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ellington at London and assisted them in moving into a home they purchased there recently.

Martha and Daley Kennedy visited Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett in Carlisle on Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCondy and Eric of Falmouth were Monday supper guests of Mrs. Everett Spurr.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Feaback and son of Monterey spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Riddle and family.

The revival at Rose Valley United Methodist Church will continue throughout this week with services each evening at 7 p.m. with Rev. W.M. Riddle as the guest preacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Vrach Delaney were Tuesday supper guests of Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Fryman at Cynthiana.

Mrs. J.C. Mattias and children Havlock, N.C. who are spending some time with Mrs. Alma Mattias, Paris spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mattias and family. They also

Myron visited Mrs. Leola Ritchie and Mrs. Effie Ritchie on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Ritchie of Paris visited Mr. and Mrs. Allen Rule on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Mrs. Herbert Berkeman and daughters Fennie and Dana of Lexington spent Sunday with Martha and Daley Kennedy. Miss Frances Barlow, Carlisle, was also an afternoon visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar and Mrs. Ramona Wilson were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galbreath and Andrea, Carlisle were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar and children.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney was Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Ritchie at Paris.

Mrs. Bobby Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Mildred Abbott visited Mr. and Mrs. Florence and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse T. Earlywine who are ill in their homes in Millersburg.

Rev. and Mrs. Howard Livingston and Gindy visited Mrs. Livingston's son in Winchester on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Orville Doyle visited Mr. and Mrs. Orville Doyle near Carlisle on Sunday afternoon.

## Historic sites survey topic of meeting tonight

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buildings, barns, smokehouses, spring-houses, cribs, mills, carriage houses, churches, schools, bridges and historic and archaeological sites are among the properties eligible for inclusion on the survey.

Miss Wells will spend up to two months in Nicholas County photographing buildings and sites and interviewing local residents. After the field work of the survey is done the research will be compiled in Frankfort at the Heritage Commission offices and the list of sites prepared.

Some of the sites included on the survey when it is completed may be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places, which in turn could qualify them for federal grants for restoration.

Miss Wells, a graduate of Wake Forest University in North Carolina, also holds a M.A. degree from the University of Virginia School of Architecture. She has been with the Heritage Commission as an architectural historian for three years during which time she has conducted surveys in Fleming, Clark, Pulaski, McCracken, Davison and Nelson counties.

A native of Canton, North Carolina she worked with the Virginia Research Center in Archeology in the "Older" and Williamsburg areas of Virginia following her graduation.

During her first few days on the survey she remarked that Nicholas County had many interesting historic sites and features. She singled out the ironwork storefronts in Carlisle as especially noteworthy.

According to Miss Wells many towns used one or two iron foundries when surveying areas in Nicholas County have obtained the fronts from several different area foundries.

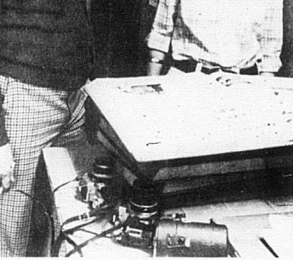
Also of interest is the Heritage Commission's old photographs. Miss Wells has photographic equipment that enables her to take photographs of the spot, without having to remove them from the camera's magazine.

After the field work is completed a photo houring will be held to present the preliminary findings to the people of Nicholas County.

Miss Wells welcomes all inquiries and calls concerning the survey. Anyone who wishes to get in touch with her should call the Nicholas County Public Library at 298-5056 and the message will be forwarded.



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## Carlisle blood drawing Monday, October 8

### General Blood Donor Requirements

These requirements are to insure optimum safety for donor and the recipient of your blood. During medical screening, please answer questions truthfully to the best of your ability. All donors must be in good health and not requiring the constant care of a physician.

1. Age: You must be 16 years or older. A person can donate one to two times a week up to a total of 5 times per month.

2. Weight: You must weigh at least 110 pounds. This is to insure that 1 pint of blood (450 ml) can be taken from your body safely.

3. Blood Pressure: The normal systolic blood pressure must be between 90 and 160, and the diastolic must be between 60 and 100. There should be no more than 60 points difference between them, and there should be no rhythm irregularities present.

4. Temperature: The rectal temperature must be between 97.9° and 99.1°. Temperatures lower or higher than these limits could indicate illness.

5. Pulse: Must be between 60-110 beats per minute and regular in rhythm. Irregularities, a pulse too fast or too slow, may indicate cardiovascular problems.

6. Hematocrit: The normal hematocrit must be between 38% and 52% for men and 37% and 47% for women. There should be no more than 60 points difference between them, and there should be no rhythm irregularities present.

7. Hemoglobin: The finger is pricked and a small sample of blood is drawn. This blood sample is used to test the capillary blood for the percentage of red blood cells in it. This test will indicate whether it is safe for you to donate a pint of blood. For women, it must be at least 12% and for men, it must be at least 14%.

8. Medication: Vitamins, hormones, birth control pills and weight reduction pills are acceptable. All other medication is unacceptable. You must not have taken antibiotics for two weeks, steroids (injected) for one month, and most other medication for at least 24 hours. Aspirin can interfere with the clotting of the blood. Please see the CBCK staff if you have had aspirin or a similar product within the last 48 hours.

9. Deferrals: All deferrals are 6 months or less deferral period.

10. Cold, flu, sinus infections — You must be free of all symptoms one week before donating.

11. Allergies — You must not have active allergies, common or rare, of donating, serious, runny nose, cough, sneeze, and it must have been 72 hours after the last time you had an allergic reaction.

12. Birth or Pregnancy — It must have been six weeks since the birth or the termination of a pregnancy.

13. Major Surgery — It must have been six months since the surgery.

14. Ear Pierced or Tattoos — It must have been six months since having your ears pierced or a tattoo.

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