

Opinion

No more, please!

By Dennis Smith

As an outsider, or foreigner as some may call, I was worried about being accepted in this town. If someone asked me where I was from I would reply, "Oh I'm from Morehead." I didn't admit my actual place of birth was from Chillicothe, Ohio.

That's right! I'm one of those northerners or what some people would call a dam-yankee but I've lived in Morehead for the past 5 1/2 years, so under state laws I'm a Kentucky taxpayer fool.

But you can't fool Mother Nature. I was born and reared in the North, but close enough to the southern border to have a mixture of both. I'm a Heinz 57, 3/4 northerner and 1/4 southerner.

I've been spoiled by the people of Kentucky. The friendliness of individuals is

appreciative and is the type of atmosphere that should follow in every section of our country. Oh, I've ran across a few friendly racials, but most individuals are good natured. There is one question I may ask of you now since my original presence is known — please don't tell me any Ohio jokes! I quit telling Kentucky jokes several years ago. No, I am just kidding. I like to hear a joke or story even if the joke is on me.

Several years ago this conversation took place between my father and a lady, a native Kentuckian. My father told her, "Well, I guess my wife and I are going to lose our son, you teach him right from wrong and where does he go, to Kentucky?"

The lady replied, "He may be from Ohio, but it's a shame you all have to send your children to Kentucky for a good education!!"

Down Memory Lane

Pat Allison named dean; black shank strikes burley

Thursday, August 18, 1960

Miss Pat Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Allison, left for Morgantown, West Virginia, where she will assume duties as assistant Dean of Women at West Virginia University. Miss Allison received her Masters degree at Syracuse University this year.

Miss Mary Glenn Feebach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds G. Feebach, of Elm Street, has received a scholarship at Morehead State College.

Howard Allison Jr. has been appointed a member of the Nicholas County Farmers Home Administration Committee, succeeding Charles Whaley.

A truck driven by an Automobile Engine Re-Manufacturing Co. employee of Columbus, Ohio, wrecked early Monday morning on U.S. 68 in the second bad curve below the old lodge house, when the driver swerved to avoid hitting an animal. The driver was not injured.

Old age recipients of public assistance in Nicholas County received a \$1,632 total increase in payments for the month of July over last year's payments in the same month.

Army First Lieutenant Presley W. Kenyon, a member of the U.S. Army International Rifle Team, set a new national record when he fired a 400 out of a possible

400 points in the prone phase of the Smallbore International Free Rifle (Olympic) Match. L. Kendall placed second in the overall three position match standing.

Over to Mr. and Mrs. G.T. Cowan Jr. of Winchester a son, Jeffrey, August 4 at the Clark County Hospital. To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bell, daughter, Elizabeth Gaye, August 10 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Covington. To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Campbell a son, August 9 at the Nicholas County Hospital. To Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stone a daughter, August 11 at the Bourbon County Hospital.

DIED — Richard M. McVain, 73, Thursday at the Bourbon County Hospital. — William Ritchie, 89, George Judge, Frank Reynolds, Sunday at the home of his daughter in Leesburg, Ohio.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Oilman of Mt. Sterling, a son on the 3rd. — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Beckett of Mayville a daughter on the 3rd.

MARRIED — Miss Maybelle Laville and Paul E. Hanley, both of Bourbon County, Friday, 8.

DIED — O. C. Highland, 79, Thursday at his home in Carlisle. Mrs. Jessie Hudson Marshall, 83, Tuesday at the home of her son, Walter Marshall near Carlisle.

Agree or Not

GOP big winners

By S.C. Van Cursen

FRANKFORT — When a Republican presidential candidate carries Kentucky, he does it in a big way. At least that's the record in the last five elections. The Republicans carried the state three out of five times but won the presidency only twice.

Richard M. Nixon in 1960 carried the state over John F. Kennedy by a vote of 60,420 to 52,838, but Nixon was nationally in the closest election in more than 20 years.

These figures are what make the Kentucky Republican Party optimistic that Ronald Reagan will win here over Jimmy Carter this time. They are also carrying to the Democratic Party in Kentucky, and some of the convention delegates in New York last week said as much about Kentucky.

Democrats outnumber Republicans two to one in Kentucky, but it is known as a conservative state. Democrats in the state elections about four out of five times normally, but the citizens vote Republicans very often in presidential elections.

For example, Nixon carried Kentucky all three times that he ran for president, but Lyndon Johnson beat Goldwater in 1964 and Carter beat Ford in 1976.

Former Alabama Governor George Wallace played a big role in the 1968 election in Kentucky when he got 170,796 votes as an independent candidate and most of them seemed to be taken from Humphrey.

John Anderson could play a similar role in Kentucky this year if he is successful in his Federal Court suit in Lexington. He is trying to get on the ballot as an Independent, but he didn't notify the Kentucky Election Commission in time to get his name off the primary ballot. Anderson attempted to

withdraw from the Kentucky primary. Kentucky's "sure loser" law doesn't permit a candidate who has lost in the primary to run as an independent in November. Anderson backers have obtained the necessary 5,000 names of registered voters to get on the ballot as an Independent, but failing to withdraw from the primary in time is where the legal problem is. The case is now in federal court in Lexington.

Here's how the votes came out in the presidential elections. Nixon carried all congressional districts but the traditionally Democratic first where Kenyon got 79,713 to Nixon's 62,741. Nixon rolled up his largest advantage in the risk-riddled Republican Fifth district where he got 100,440 to Kennedy's 41,829.

In the 1964 election Johnson got 692,659 votes to Goldwater's 372,877. This is next to the largest victory margin in the last 20 years. Goldwater carried only the Fifth congressional district, and that by a little more than 4,000 votes.

The Republicans turned the tables four years later when Nixon walloped Hubert Humphrey, with the help of Wallace, by a vote of 462,411 to Humphrey's 397,541. Humphrey carried the First, Third and Seventh Districts. Nixon got only 43 percent of the state vote while Humphrey got 37.65 percent, but the 18.29 percent that Wallace got made the difference.

The 1972 presidential election was a disaster for the Democratic Party in Kentucky when Nixon got 683,062 votes to George McGovern's 372,170. Nixon carried all seven congressional districts.

The Democrats turned the tables on the Republicans in 1976. With Water-

gate and the resignation of Nixon, Ford got only 531,865 votes to 635,717. Even with all of this trouble, this was nearly as disastrous as the defeats that Goldwater and McGovern suffered.

If Anderson can get on the ballot this year, he would provide a place for the disgruntled members of both major parties to go. He could play a decisive role.

Soviet stock industry is hurt by embargo

Official Soviet statistics, Soviet press reports and Western observers in the Soviet Union confirm that the Soviet livestock industry has been set back substantially primarily because of the poor 1979 Soviet grain and forage harvest and the U.S. trade suspension.

Howard W. Hjert, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's director of economics, policy analysis and budget, said last week that the U.S. trade suspension, starting on the effect of President Carter's agricultural sales suspension, Hjert said, "The suspension prevented the Soviet from obtaining all the grain they had intended to import to compensate for their 1979 grain shortfall. As a result, the Soviets were denied about 10 percent of their feed grain requirements for the six-month period before they could draw on newly harvested 1980 feed supplies.

"Total Soviet meat production for the first half of 1980 is 1.2 percent below the amount produced in the first half of 1979," Hjert said. In 1979, the Soviets produced 15.5 million tons of meat and lowered their total 1980 production from 17.3 million tons to 15.7 million.

We now project, however, the Soviets will achieve any increase in meat production in 1980 and, in fact, will produce slightly less than in 1979.

"Feed production on Soviet state and collective farms in June 1980 was 16 percent less than it was a year ago and pork production was off 10 percent," Hjert said. "Total meat production for the month was 11 percent less than for June 1979." State and collective farms generally average about three-quarters of USSR meat output.

"The effects of the reduced meat production have shown up in price reports of work stoppages and labor unrest prompted by shortages of meat and dairy products," Hjert said. He noted the Soviet government denies reports of widespread shortages of meat supplies.

The report lists other developments attributable, at least in part, to the trade suspension.

"Milk production on state and collective farms for the first half of 1980 was four percent below the year earlier level. Milk cow productivity was off 3

percent for the same period.

— Hog inventories on July 1 were 1.8 percent below what they were on the same date in 1979 and are likely to remain below year earlier levels for the remainder of 1980.

— The rate of growth in Soviet cattle and poultry inventories appears to have been checked. Cattle numbers on July 1 were 0.6 percent above a year ago, compared with increases of 1.2 percent and 1.8 percent registered on the same date in 1979 and 1978, respectively. Poultry numbers were up 2.7 percent, compared with a 3.7 percent increase July 1, 1979.

— Average slaughter weights for hogs and cattle were considerably lighter in the first half of 1980 than in the first half of 1979.

— The Soviets are likely to import a record amount of grain in 1980.

— Soviet per capita meat consumption is expected to decline to 27 kilograms in 1980, well below the goal of 30 kilograms the Soviets announced in 1967.

— The import of substitute grains for feed is likely to be slightly, but considerably smaller than the large bulk carries the United States employs, has caused severe congestion in Soviet ports.

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I'm up with the glow: grass wick at the K frame, Lake Carnico.

At least for this one time I've caught up with the moving situation on the lake at Lake Carnico. It took a bit of doing — most of Saturday afternoon with a few spots on the hiding movie getting the lower lot under control, with a lens on the upper lot, really just enough to make me ashamed that there wasn't time enough left to fix the job.

Then on Sunday afternoon, following chores at the office I purchased more gasoline and between 3:30 and 5 o'clock rode everywhere I dared. Between 5 and 6 I really got hot behind a self-propelled mower that is seemingly too poor propelling on my part than I had any desire to give. But for what it's worth all the grass with the exception of a border at the water's edge has been cut.

—MV—

And that reminds me...

Farm inducted to an anonymous grass cutter who's kept the back of the Mercury office lot looking quiet respectable and that's not an easy task with its collection of beer cans and other debris. Now if I wasn't so lazy I'd get the Weed-eater and do the front plot.

—MV—

That old house...

That old house at the corner of Chestnut and Elm really got established Monday evening.

Toby and Ann, Brian and Katy brought Kay's English cousins from the greater Cincinnati airport, they'd (Betty and Al) flown in Thursday from visiting with friends in Toronto.

Her brother John, Jan arrived last Thursday from New Orleans and sister Margaret came west over the mountain Monday sporting a new vehicle that gets better mileage than my Pinto she's approximately 19.

Betty and Al were our guests some six days ago. My time star flies. Last year in October or maybe it was the year before, my cousin Charles and Jeff took in a Kentucky foxtrot, a first for both I think.

—MV—

The nose twister

Dennis invited the other day about the scraps of paper attached to the wall around my desk with a note that he had taped an advertisement they're left over from the days when the Jawstoppers stood where my desk now is. Two of the many words that adorn the walls are mononucleosis and nasturtium.



Readers

The summer reading program, the Reading Marathon, attracted a total of 48 Nicholas County Youngsters this summer. The average attendance for the eight weeks was 24 a session and the children read books and watched films during the program. The project was held at the Nicholas County Public Library — Mercury photo.

Local state fair winners announced

The following 41 members from Phillips, Drawing — white; Greg Nicholas County received trophies and ribbons for their entries in the 1980 Kentucky State Fair:

Woodie Buzard was Champion in the 41 Woodworking division. Other exhibitors and winners were: Greg Cartwright, Woodcraft — white; Angie Buckner, Arts and Crafts — white; Woodie Buzard, Electricity — blue; Lynn Judge, Painting — red; Ray

Donovan completes course

Bill Donovan of the First National Bank of Carlisle is one of 121 bank officers who have completed the three-year course of specialized instruction. The Graduate School of Consumer Bankers Association, Inc. is sponsoring the course.

Sponsored by the Consumer Bankers Association, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., in cooperation with the McIntire School of Commerce of the University of Virginia, the School is now concluding its 29th resident session. Four hundred forty-three bank officers, department heads and representatives of the bank regulatory agencies from 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, are enrolled.

The school offers courses in advanced banking education with special emphasis on retail bank management. Students participate in classes designed to develop their management capabilities.

In keeping with the newly broadened educational scope of the school, the Board of Trustees decided to change its name following this year's resident session. It will become the Graduate School of Bank Management.

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