

Down Memory Lane

Hildreth, Wells named to board; mercury drops to 2 below

Thursday, January 28, 1960

The Nicholas County Board of Education appointed R. M. Hildreth to serve the unexpired term of Dan E. Wells, and Raymond H. Wells to serve the term of R. S. Stephenson. Both men are known for their interest in county affairs.

TSG and Mrs. Charles A. Gates, a daughter, Betty Lee, Jan. 21. MARRIED — State manager is Stanley Blake of Carlisle, chief of tobacco section of the AAA.

ROY DOWSON, Carlisle High School student and Musketier basketball player, submitted to an appendectomy at Nicholas County Hospital on Tuesday.

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Opinion
Priorities

The new Carlisle City Council demonstrated a conservative mood at a called meeting Monday night along with a sincere desire to clean up the city's water and sewer system — and both attitudes are welcome.

In response to a proposed renewal of the east end sewer project, a project that has been championed in Carlisle for about 18 years, the council voted a wish to see the present system cleared of the surface and underground water infiltration problems before adding any new customers to the present facility.

The east end project is worthy in that it will contribute to cleaning up Brushy Fork in that area. But adding new customers at this time may worsen the problem of overloads at the sewage plant which cause raw sewage to be dumped into Brushy Fork at that point.

The city needs to get back on the right track financially before it can think about a more extensive water and sewer system. The council was reminded Monday night that due to the city's financial condition it cannot sell any revenue bonds for a few years at least.

That may be a blessing in disguise. If the city can spend wisely in the next few years and get in better condition it can then do some of the things it is talking about now. And while it is too early to say with any certainty, the new council seems to be able to provide the leadership and thoughtfulness that any elected body needs these days.

It is a shame that the federal government cannot find any grants to fix existing systems instead of spreading all of the money into adding lines and building new plants. Sewage is fine, as was stated at the meeting Monday, but responsible growth is better. By encouraging cities to keep building and expanding sewage systems instead of repairing the ones they have the federal government may be encouraging irresponsible growth.

But considering the runaway inflation today caused mainly by the devaluation of the dollar due to government economic policies it really is no surprise that the federal government thinks the way it does. There is a joke that is really not so funny, that goes, "The only thing not under federal control is the federal budget." Sad to say there is more truth than humor in that statement.

Agree or Not
Job (in)security?

By S.C. Van Curen
FRANKFORT — Hundreds of appointive state employees have a bad case of the ananias-jitters since last week when a memo went out from the personnel commissioner's office that Gov. John Y. Brown Jr. said the work force must be reduced by five percent by June 30.

The most severe case of nerves is found in the Department of Education where the new superintendent of public instruction sent a note to all appointive personnel asking for their resignations.

Some personnel covered by the merit system also fear they may be temporarily unemployed or transferred to other positions in the reorganization and reduction program. This can apply particularly to merit system employees who have not completed their six month probation periods.

The personnel reduction requested by Gov. Brown adds up to 1,869 state employees out of 37,000. State employment rolls have burgeoned during the past eight years and particularly during the administration of Gov. Julian M. Carroll. New federal government programs have accounted for many of these while expansion of state government services cannot be overlooked.

It was somewhat of a shock to people in the Education Department when Supt. Raymond Barber sent out his memo. This department always in the past has been considered one of the most secure places for appointive personnel. A stranded educator had a good chance of securing a good job with his fellow professionals. It was a haven for misplaced Democrats during Republican Gov. Louis E. "Nutm" administration.

Jobs in the governor's office that paid in the range of \$12,000 to \$15,000 per year in the 1960s have now skyrocketed to \$35,000 to \$47,500. Part of this, a great part of it, is due to inflation, but Governors Ford and Carroll liked the salaries considerably above many in private business. They claimed it was necessary to get "qualified" personnel.

The staff of the governor's office was more than doubled by Carroll that of former Democrat Gov. Edward T. Breathitt. Breathitt over the number, but he has liked the pay in some cases and reduced it in others with the overall result of a large annual saving in state funds.

Gov. Brown now wants to further reduce operating costs. One of the chief targets for the new governor outside of the general target of five percent is a drastic cut in personal services contracts that burgeoned under Carroll. One of the prime targets is attorneys hired on personal service contracts to the tune of more than \$2 million per year.

One Frankfort wing claims a lawyer hasn't been accustomed to living in Frankfort until he receives a personal service contract from the state. Some have more than two.

Personal service contracts cover professional people such as engineers and other professions as well as lawyers and architects. James Graham succeeded in driving off or firing several in the Education Department who had been there for more than 20 or 30 years and were not at retirement age. As one old-time educator, who didn't want to be quoted, said, "It's a new generation in charge, and they want to pick their own people" without regard to experience or longevity.

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Mercury vapors
Dr. Government

My apologies, a couple of weeks ago I had a paragraph or two about my Mother, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Fisher (Ibby) who was ill. This past Sunday, Jan. 20, Ibby was moved from King's Daughter's Hospital, Ashland, to the Montgomery County Care Center, Windsor Drive, Mt. Sterling.

I of course would much rather it had been Johnson-Mathers Nursing Home and hopefully it will be that when space is available. This business of securing a care center home or whatever you wish to call it is a harrowing business, especially when the hospital has extensive contracts from outside sources to move patients around as if they were so much fodder.

The heavy hand of state and federal agencies telling doctors and hospitals how long a patient may be a patient leaves a lot to be desired in health care as my way of thinking.

Editor's notes
It's 11 p.m., where is your governor? If you don't believe things could ever change for the better, consider this:

Whenever Julian Carroll left Kentucky nobody ever knew where he went — or on whose plane. But now when Gov. Brown leaves the state all we have to do is tune in CBS to find him.

Here we go again! The 1980 presidential campaign is now officially under way. This week the Mercury received the first of what eventually will be hundreds of news releases from the different candidates, especially now that Kentucky has a presidential preference primary.

And from whose camp did the first official originate? None other than Ronald Reagan. And it names Billy D. Guthrie of Carlisle as a worker on Reagan's statewide Campaign Committee.

What to say next? From Larry Stone's column "Mulebergers" in the Central City Times-Arthur: "It certainly has been cold here this winter. About a week ago I saw a politician standing on a corner with his hands in his own pockets. And then there was the fellow who took an elective vacation. The boss elected to fire him."

Man goes through three stages: 1. He believes in Santa Claus. 2. He doesn't believe in Santa Claus. 3. He wakes up. He is Santa Claus and everything is \$39.95, batteries not included.



Stamler recognizes employees

The W.R. Stamler Corporation of Millersburg honored employees for long service, attendance and safety at their 13th annual Christmas dinner and dance recently.

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It's official
Lewis Edwards signs the papers that officially transfer the Ford dealership in Carlisle from Harper's Garage to Edwards Garage. The agreement, effective Jan. 10, allows Edwards to sell the full line of Ford cars and trucks and other products.

Advertisement for Bill's Bluegrass Gun Shop, featuring a rifle and a handgun, with text 'Now Open! Bill's Bluegrass Gun Shop'.

Large advertisement for 'ADVERTISERS Dig into this—SAVE \$\$\$ on your Advertising, the simple way, plan ahead!' with various ad rates and contact information.

Large advertisement for 'Carter's Men's Clothier Sale of Decade!' featuring various clothing items and discounts, including 'Rack Over 200 Suits & Sportcoats 60% OFF'.