

Opinion

Guest editorial

Graduation

By Anthony Harrison

May is the month of graduations. Young America will be leaving high school and college this month to continue their studies or take up jobs in the marketplace. The short-term outlook isn't as good as it has been in recent years, however.

Ironically, the cost of higher education is going up as the economy winds down. High inflation makes it increasingly hard for parents to provide schooling. Colleges and universities are compelled to raise their fees because of the higher cost of everything, including energy.

Job opportunities may be fewer this year because tax and inflation pressures are limiting business investment. If the situation isn't dismal, it certainly is discouraging.

Nevertheless, we are fortunate in that the country isn't in a major economic crisis. Employment opportunities are wonderful compared to what they were at other times in the past. Consider the appalling prospect that confronted graduating seniors in 1930.

In the short run, there is cause for concern. In the long run, however, there is reason for intelligent optimism. The country has many assets to sustain its economic growth, an enormously productive agricultural system, a large stock of older housing that can be rehabilitated for a new generation, and an intelligent, energetic population.

A Worley Brown, president of Rock Tenn Corp., is a businessman who has recently assessed our national situation. In an address delivered in Chicago this March, Mr. Brown made this assessment of the future:

"My forecast can be summarized in one word - optimism. I have great faith in the ability of the American people to band together when it really counts and do whatever is necessary to come out on top."

We need that perspective in viewing our

current problems. We have suffered hard times on many occasions in the past. The downturns always have been followed by periods of tremendous prosperity. In the 1930's, many people despaired. They thought that the American system had run out of gas. They feared that depression would be a permanent condition. Within a decade, the United States was in the midst of its greatest period of prosperity.

Part of our problem is real, part is attitudinal. We face a real energy crunch due to mistaken government policies. In recent years government has penalized the oil producer. It has failed to provide, or taken away, needed incentives.

Government also has lavished tender, loving care on the drones in our population who make a career of dependency. It has concentrated on wealth transfers - from the productive to the dependent. The deficiencies are policy deficiencies. The country itself is healthy. It has wealth underground and in the energy and inventiveness of its people. While capital is difficult to accumulate, we still have great opportunities in constructive enterprises.

The dangers for us are in the area of attitudes. We must not succumb to pessimism because of a short period of reverse. We must not allow our will to win - economically and on the world scene - to be impaired by gloom or defeatism. We have a lot to do in the 1980's, including the modernization of our factories, investment in scientific research, and rearmament of our defense forces. Now, more than ever, we need the "can do" spirit.

If we manifest that spirit, the young Americans going to work or college will find plenty of opportunity for their skills in the decade ahead.

Agree or Not

Publish assessments?

By S. C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT - The Kentucky Court of Appeals' 1963 decision that all real property should be assessed at a uniform rate was viewed as a solution to the aged problem of equalization of assessments and resulting taxes.

It was only part of the solution since school districts and other local governmental agencies across the state levy taxes at different rates.

Gov. Edward T. Breathitt called a special session of the legislature and passed a bill adjusting the tax rates so that the total number of dollars in taxes on the property would not be any greater than the year before, permitting small increases over a two or three year period and the addition of an optional tax for school purposes.

This merely transferred the inequity from assessment to rates in some cases, for some school districts were depending almost totally on state aid for their schools. This new rate established by the

legislature was known as the compensating rate.

The school tax problem was "solved" by the compensating rate, and it was not until 1976 that the legislature came up with the power equalization plan for financing schools. Major financing for primary and secondary schools comes from state taxes.

The state took over the first 35 cents per \$100 property valuation levy from the local school districts, and now redistributes the money to the school districts. Any levy above this is retained at the local level.

While this solves a major part of the problem for education financing, it hasn't solved the problem of equalizing assessments.

In the special session called by Lt. Gov. Thomas Swill in 1979, the legislature made a stab at trying to equal the level of property owners over inflation by passing House Bill 1 that prohibits a taxing



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Down Memory Lane

Mary Feeback is valedictorian; lightning strikes Vice's horse

Thursday, May 26, 1960

Miss Mary Glenn Feeback, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds G. Feeback, is named valedictorian of the Carlisle High School graduating class at commencement exercises Thursday night. Miss Feeback, daughter of 89, Tuesday at the Nicholas County Hospital - Mrs. Louise Standford Linnville, mathemetics teacher at Mayfield High School for the last 16 years, has been awarded a National Science Foundation scholarship to attend the 1960 Summer Institute at Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.

DEED - Mrs. E.P. Crawford, widow of Sharpburg, May 10 - Mrs. Elizabeth Robertson Harney, 83, Friday at the residence of her daughter in Cynthiana - Marion Chester Mattox, 17, Friday at the Bourbon County Hospital - Mrs. Maudie Fisher, daughter of 89, Tuesday at the Nicholas County Hospital - Mrs. Edna Bell Ritchie, 88, Millersburg, Sunday at the home of her daughter - Frank L. Blake, 77, Paris, Tuesday at the Bourbon County Hospital.

Thursday, May 23, 1940

Harper's Garage is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the business. The local firm is the oldest Ford dealer in central Kentucky, having purchased their Ford automobile franchise May 14, 1915.

The Allen, with their backs to the English Channel, Tuesday night fought against a new German submarine which spread a path of fire across Northern France and threatened to isolate England.

Leola Liss, 98, widely known colored barber, died Monday afternoon at his home in Henryville following a long illness.

Nicholas County delegates to the 4th Rally Day at UK in Lexington are John Lee Sharp, Paul Dummer, David Wagener, Arnold Creech, Joe Henning, Luann Ellington and Rose Ann Simons.

Wildlife area with Editor Jeff Kerr a few years ago. And I believe that hunt was the one where the editor got that great picture of all those glaucous-eyed horses.

The small reproduction shown here should refresh your memory.

— W.E. Atkinson, Nicholas native, Friday at a hospital in Danville, Ind. - Mrs. Rose Knox Collins, 61, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Kenney on North Street Monday night.

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

They found me on the carpet. Hasn't anybody asked me if the Muse had left me, but I was really stuck for an opening, so with a fresh sheet of paper in my typewriter and an eraser which I reached for to the compartment on the left of my desk looking for something or anything to stimulate the ole brain.

That's why they found me on the carpet cleaning out the compartment.

The editor comes up wondering what I'd lost and ever so gently suggests that I try might like to dance at his store before it finds its way into type (phototype that is).

Well, since I was down and getting up isn't easy like it used to be I stayed put until he mentioned a possible 25 percent increase across the board - increase on what I wanted to know? (Taxes). That really got me in the spiritful position, growling that I didn't want to go through with another tax assessment hassle.

Mark my words, oil and taxes are going to be the ruination of this country.

Nicholas County farmland is assessed at \$68 plus income and it's claimed this year we'll pay up a thousand times that much for foreign oil imports.

According to a paragraph in a newsletter from the Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives, oil imports are draining \$110 million per hour from our economy with the total bill for 1980 exceeding \$49 billion. They go on to say if we sold all the gold in Fort Knox at \$500 per ounce, we would total \$38 billion, nearly \$30 billion less than it's estimated we'll pay for oil imports.

It's interesting that article in the paper the other day that the EPA vehicle ratings are off about 30 percent, that is, if your car was

From the carpet to the ceiling

supposed to get 28 miles per gallon, it might make 19.6 or less, mostly less.

— M.V. —

Oh that - Charles

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William Rawlings of Carlisle, shown here in the middle of the back row, is one of several Eastern Kentucky University students who have been accepted by various medical and dental schools. Rawlings has been accepted by the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry. EKU officials in the picture are Dr. Donald L. Burch (front row, right, dean of the EKU College of Natural and Mathematical Sciences) and Dr. John L. Meisenheimer, second row left, EKU premedical advisor. - EKU photo.

Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury:

My sincere thanks to the Mercury and its staff for their assistance in winning the Kentucky Future Award. Thanks also to the merchants who so willingly gave their support. I am indebted to Charlotte Harlan, Carolyn Dobson, Louise Zachary, Carl Sparks, Nick Fryman, Nancy Cook, Karen Anderson, Judy Harlan, Connie Watkins, Judy Fuller, Barbara Wagener, and Sally Jones for contributing to the success of this project.

Yours truly,
Judy Jagers, Past President
Nicholas County Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization

Dear Bill:

Congratulations to everyone involved in Carlisle's being selected as an All Kentucky City by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Having achieved this award is a sure sign of the hard work and leadership that make your community a thriving place.

I know you look forward to the day when, like Somerset, you will be the winner of the Presidential Citation Award. Carlisle is a beautiful town, one of which every Kentuckian can be proud.

Warmest regards, and best wishes for the next century.

Sincerely,
Hon. William Pever
Mayor of Carlisle
City Hall
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311
The Carlisle Mercury
224 N. Locust Street,
Carlisle, Kentucky 40311

Future doctors

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Legion discusses festival plans

On May 18 a special meeting was called by American Legion Post #17. The topic of the meeting was this year's Blackberry Festival.

A motion was made to pay the Carlisle police force for their time during the festival. Also the Legion voted to have live music in the last three nights of the festival to help out down casts.

The results of this meeting were taken to Mayor Bill Power and an agreement was reached to the satisfaction of both parties. Further information will be given concerning the festival as soon as possible.

On May 18, the ninth district meeting of the American Legion was held in Morehead. The following members from Post #17 attended: Bill King, Edgar Boyd, Chris Haman, Paul House, Red Feeback and Billy Dixon.

Also several members of the ladies auxiliary attended: Ethel Eads, Cordia Hamilton, Edith Dayton and Elizabeth Caywood.

The auxiliary received two silver pins reaching the membership goal. DeBert Crank from Olive Hill was elected the ninth district commander.

Fryman escapes

to the Flemingsburg jail where an additional charge of second degree escape was lodged against him.

Fryman, 19, Paul Hamilton, 26, and Eugene Neatherly, 26, all escaped about 9:15 p.m. Saturday night by sawing their way out of the jail with hacksaw blades.

Jones said Charles Zachary, 38, former Nicholas County man living in northern Kentucky, was charged with promoting continued riotousness.

The three left the jail and made their way out of Elizaville where they were attempting to hitchhike out of the town. "It was passed in Flemingsburg when they were spotted by police."

Hamilton, a California resident charged with forgery, was captured in the following chase, which took place about 20 minutes after the jailbreak.

Fryman and Neatherly escaped until the next day.

On Sunday night Neatherly, who has charges pending in several areas, was arrested by Morehead police and charged with public intoxication.

"It was in a car about 11:30 p.m. Sunday when the driver was pulled over and taken without any trouble."

Fryman was captured the next day when he was spotted by police.

All have been charged with second degree escape.

Notice

Concerning KLR Cable TV System

Installation of the KLR Cable Television system in Carlisle is scheduled to be completed by July 1. Although many customers have expressed a desire to be added to the system as soon as possible, there are still some technical tests to be made and equipment to be added to the system. At present seven of the nine stations on the cable are operating. The other two, Channel 41 and Channel 46, will be activated by July 1.

Anyone who wishes to be added to the cable now should call 289-7014 and leave a message on our answering service so our servicemen can contact you.

Anyone who is experiencing service problems should also call this number for quick service. We appreciate the opportunity to serve the people of Carlisle and pledge the best service we can offer.

Sincerely,
John Napier, Jesse Allen, Edna Allen
KLR Cable Television
119 West Main St., Carlisle

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THE CARING CORNER

John 16:31 "In the world you have tribulation; but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world."

Have you ever asked someone how they were and then without you had to? A person remarked to me, "I have a friend who is always in the center of a crisis. He can find a cloud in front of every silver lining. I used to try to help but now I see it is no use. For there will always be a new crisis for him." - No use, of course, is immure to trouble; in fact, a friend of mine came into the world in the midst of trouble (of Herod), lived with trouble (military occupation), and before he died had a backload of trouble (the cross). "Yes, the Good News is that he came to release me from my trouble, - and yours."

The devil becomes alive in your life and mine every time we draw away from the Good News and allow a crisis to rule over us. Some may like a trial. That is their concern. But for me, I'll choose Christ over crisis every time.

Join us this Sunday as we remember those who have sacrificed.

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