

# Opinion

## An editor's random thoughts...

By Warren R. Fisher Sr.

Thoughts while driving: Sunshine again after listless gray days of early November and the air is soft almost as that of September - but a chill comes in the sun sinks into a fair season and the food of harvest; that brings the eye greening about the sharp stoves where White Burley reared its canopy of sticky leaves in August; and now the barns are crowded with the drying weed and deft fingers strip the leaves and tie the "hands"; the hundreds of stripping rooms, and the Market a scant three weeks off, with its promise of hope reborn in thousands of hours, or utter despair and ruin for thousands. Tremendous, terrifying, somehow a scolding, a chastisement in our civilization, this power to hold the happiness of men and women in thrall to the whim of a price too often arbitrarily set. God grant that it may this season bring a fair return for the fruits of long days of labor; that Christmas once again in this region may be a season for joy and the laughter of little children. For too many weary months men have had to rejoice in the fruits of their labor, have dived on, doggedly, patiently, with a hope deferred that sicken the hearts of the most valiant. "Wherefore I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that he shall be rewarded." Wise old Hebrew. But too long this portion has been withheld by an outworn system of men's making, from him who would rejoice in his labor. Somber thoughts these for a day of sunshine, but these are somber days, days of a hope unborn, but the hope falling forward you will see the light. What is it all about anyway? What does it serve us that we rush about like nervous ants, laboring, holding, only to be crushed by the giant foot of Destiny unfriendly, or swept into oblivion at the whim of a wind that whistles in the heart of our success? Who may ask that? What philosophy may account for the seeming irrational and heartbreak of the struggle that is life?

For I returned and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill, but time and chance happeneth to them all. There is a time and chance when these may work - and rarely fail to do so - I think on gray days of the heart, when hope lies as fallow as the cold November fields. And there is so little in the wisdom of the ages to bolster hope, where all fortune betides and the wisdom of life creeps treely into the heart. The soothing voice of Nature is all too mute in November; the plaintive note of a lone bluebird comes almost as a sob for a Summer that is dead; the little streams meander wearily through gray pastures and only the flames of sunset bring a touch of color where yesterday the dunes and meadows were robbed in crimson and gold. I should not, I think, read Ecclesiastes, as I have done today, on Autumn days, for he is the despair of a soul that had drunk deep of life; that had known joy and love and lust and sorrow; that had sought wisdom and found its emptiness; that had hoped, when a deed loomed, for a living day, but found a life before the riddle of the universe. And yet he says: "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the

eyes to behold the sun." And in that light, which brings returning Spring and the earth's rebirth, that brings the flowers and the fruits in their season and the food of harvest; that brings the light without which this earth would perish - in that light may not the riddle be answered for some of us? Lovely the hazy blue of the distant knobs that we see and the flat expanse of the Indiana Old Fields. Undoubtedly takes its name. For more than two hundred years ago a wandering band of Shawnees, driven from their homes in the South, came here and founded a town their name, which was called Ekispkakhki, but which, in the Iroquoian tongue, was known as "kenta-ke." Mr. Lucien Becker, in a delightful paper in the Filson Club Quarterly of October 1932, says "Kenta" is a Shawnee word, which means "level," and those who have seen the 3,500 acre level, prairie country at Indian Old Fields, can appreciate the relevancy of the name to that place. It is pleasant to me to believe that the name "Kentucky" thus originated, rather than, as we were being taught - and as our children are probably yet being taught - that the State takes its name from the fact that Indians had dubbed that their favorite hunting, and necessarily fighting - grounds, the "Dark and Bloody Ground." Mr. Becker states that this appellation was given at the Wauatuga treaty by Drugging Canoe, twenty years after Major William Trent's agent, the Allegheny Indians had reported to the Pennsylvania government that "filthy-odid Ottawas, Conogowas, one Dutchman and one of the Six Nations, taken before us, the subscribing Commissioners, that 15th day of September, 1796, being first Daily Star, Depoeth and sayth that in the Year 1770 I had for our amusement the history of Samuel Gullivers Travels wherein he gives an account of his young Mistress Glumkidd carrying him on a market day to a town to which called Lullbergud a young man of our Company called Alexander Nelly came to the little stream, meandered wearily through gray pastures and only the flames of sunset bring a touch of color where yesterday the dunes and meadows were robbed in crimson and gold. I should not, I think, read Ecclesiastes, as I have done today, on Autumn days, for he is the despair of a soul that had drunk deep of life; that had known joy and love and lust and sorrow; that had sought wisdom and found its emptiness; that had hoped, when a deed loomed, for a living day, but found a life before the riddle of the universe. And yet he says: "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the

## Agree or Not

Kentuckians' vote in '81 to determine if constitutional officers may serve successive terms; extend homestead act

By S.C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT - This isn't the first year for Kentuckians to vote on state constitutional amendments although the 1980 legislature approved two to go before the voters. In 1981 Kentuckians will determine whether sheriffs, the governor and other state constitutional officers may serve successive terms. The voters will also vote on an opportunity to expand extending the homestead exemption act to include substantially homesteaded property.

The tax exemption started out several years ago at \$6,000 per homestead, but a later amendment increased the amount by tying it to inflation. Last year it was more than \$10,000.

34 propositions were offered as constitutional amendments, but only two were approved state by state; the maximum that may be voted on at any one time under Kentucky's constitution.

The amendment to allow the sheriff to succeed himself has been before the voters several times, but has failed. House Bill 14 started out in the 1980 session permitting the sheriff to succeed himself, but it was amended March 25 to include the governor, lieutenant governor and other constitutional officers. The amendment was put in the Senate after it had passed the House. It passed the House March 19 by a vote of 62-30. The bill passed the Senate March 29 by a vote of 24-9 including the amendment. The House concurred with the Senate's amendments March 31.

The interesting part is that the governor

The homestead exemption will be \$10,000. Please turn to page 3

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## Down Memory Lane Gavel presented Mayor Talbert

Thursday, November 10, 1960  
On Nov. 7, the Carlisle High School band, the Cub Scouts, Brownie Scouts and the Carlisle 4-H club staged an impressive parade and display of signs to encourage everyone in Nicholas County to vote.

The Central Kentucky Foxhunters Association held field trials and shows in Mt. Sterling last week. Winning in the best derby, female class was Lucky Lend and Little Dusty, owned by Roy Boudin. He also had winners in the best all-age female best pad and best buck.

Julian Atkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkinson and a native of Nicholas County, will manage the Nicholas Loans Company. The business will be open about Nov. 15.

A vacant house on the Minogue farm on the Lower Jackstown Road was destroyed by fire Monday night. Clifford Wainwright lost about 35 bales of hay in the fire.

The Carlisle Musketeers were defeated in the last game of the season Friday night by the Mt. Sterling Trojans 40-0.

BORN - To Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Hunter a son, Randy, Nov. 1 at the

Nicholas County Hospital. - To Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Martin a son, Rocky Lane, Nov. 6 at the Nicholas County Hospital. - To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bowsher a son, Nov. 7 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED - Miss Mary Ann Bogin and Hugh S. Woodall, both of Dayton, Ohio, Nov. 5 in Dayton. - Miss Betty Len Kim of Covington, Ind. and Zane Keller Gray of Cowan, Nov. 5 at the Carlisle Christian Church.

DIED - Donald Juan McCall, 19, 1932, Betty Ann of Covington, Ind. and Zane Keller Gray of Cowan, Nov. 5 at the Carlisle Christian Church.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the home of the deceased. Burial will be in the Mt. Sterling cemetery.

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James Cole, a resident of Nicholas county, at Hodgenville Sunday.

David Wells Arthur, 43, Tuesday at Harrison Memorial Hospital in Cynthiana.

Thursday, November 7, 1940  
Roswell was given a big lead in 38 states. Kentucky majority reaches 200,000.

Mayor W.C. Talbert was presented with a gavel made from the limb of a pear tree by R.B. Briefly. The tree was planted on the farm of Mr. Briefly 150 years ago by Mary Bryan Harden, who was the first white

child born at Bryan Station.

William Martin, native of Carlisle, who has written a number of short stories for Colliers and other leading magazines, has a novel accepted for the December issue of American Magazine.

Observance of Halloween in Carlisle last Thursday night was the 1933. Betty Len Kim of Covington, Ind. and Zane Keller Gray of Cowan, Nov. 5 at the Carlisle Christian Church.

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## Mercury vapors

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Throwing my weight around  
After reading an article by John Ed Pearce in the Courier-Journal Sunday magazine section - who am I to undertake to write a column and here goes again! I did have a six weeks dry spell a few months ago and rather enjoyed the fact that I could swing my weight around and could still hold my own. But then, all good things must come to an end.

MV - Trick or Treat - Among the 200 or so youngsters and not so young who either knocked or pushed the door bell before they came to the door. I asked this young man, "What is candy or treat?" He gave it some deep thought and then in a moment said, "Candy." Well, after handing out 200 pieces of candy, then numerous apples, the word got around that that corner house was a no no.

My license to grip! - About 7:15 Tuesday morning I renewed my license to drive. This statement is not original, it is the outline to a cartoon on the editorial page of that rag that switched sides, this election, and may be smarter than all the rest of us.

Diets take much effort, just grab the top lever and pull, then the lever to open the curtain.

Since the preliminary count in the U.S. Census shows the City and County population as being up, let's hope the vote will be up, so all the brokers can have their licenses renewed to GRIPPE.

The make-up process - Col. Roy L. Shannon, Lexington, was in the office last week to bring

to us a citation that he had prepared for use in the Mercury and also from the Daily Star. Where you had it set in type. Additionally he noted that this issue, Nov. 6, would be our last before Armistice Day or Veterans Day, Nov. 11, and brought along a picture that was taken Dec. 8, 1941. Many Veterans from this area will remember the Recruiting Station at Fort Thomas, Ky. Again I must be first in a moment said, "What is the picture and citation can be used on the same page, but I suppose I shouldn't attempt to second guess what may happen until we start the make-up process."

MV - Cabbages & Kings... a column written by Archie S. Frye in The Graphic, Georgetown, carried the following last week: "There was this guy who had one recurring dream: to go to Italy and visit the Pope. He saves his money and finally has enough to make the trip. He goes to the barber to get his hair cut and the barber asks, 'How are you going to get to Italy?' 'I'm

taking an Italian airplane.' Barber says, 'Forget it, they've got gone from Italy. You've got to take a gonna stay.' He says, 'I'm gonna stay at the Hilton in Rome.' Barber says, 'You're kidding. Where you're service. What are you gonna do in Rome?' The man answers, 'I'm gonna see the Pope.' Barber says, 'You'll never see the Pope. You're a nobody, you're a Mister Zero. The Pope sees only important people. Forget it.' It's about six weeks later and the man goes back and kissed the Pope's ring. 'Wow, you kissed the Pope's ring? What did he say?' 'Well, I went down and kissed the Pope's ring. 'Wow, you kissed the Pope's ring? What did he say?' 'Well, I went down and kissed the Pope's ring. 'Wow, you kissed the Pope's ring? What did he say?'

## Letters

To the Carlisle Mercury - Enclosed is a listing of all those who participated in the Nicholas County blood drive on Monday, Oct. 27. It was wonderful to see many people out with a cold and rainy night. The Center's overall blood supply was hovering over the critical level and without a special appeal would have been necessary. The center wishes to thank each and every one who came.

Also, we have a special debt of gratitude to those who help our job: Mrs. J. C. Reynolds of the Eastern Star for our delicious meals; members of Carlisle Baptist Church for volunteer workers and centers supplies; Kaye Alexander, Beatrice Booth, Alma Floyd, Bev Donovan, Zulter Myers, Carolyn Popen, Mary Terrell for working the reception area; Fannie Kalkreuth and Reverend Popen for coordination.

Nicholas County is lucky to have in its area where there is concern about the welfare of others. Patients in Central Kentucky hospitals are fortunate that this program. We at the Center thank you all.

Sincerely,  
Cassie Feick  
Donor Service Representative  
Nicholas County Blood Drive Participants

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delightful spot for a summer's day excursion. Writes Mr. Becker: "If you wish to take an interesting trip, go to Ekispkakhki and view its wondrous mounds and circle; go to the Oil Springs and see picturesque Lullbergud, where if you can stand a dainty fly, you may catch a small-mouthed bass, the greatest of fish; then climb Pitt Knob and look out for miles and miles over Indian Old Fields and the far-reaching levels of the Bluegrass beyond; and stand where Findley and Boone stood when they viewed the promised land. If you do, you will see the majestic vision that should have been pictured in the lumen of the State Capitol, where Findley and Boone's first view of Kentucky is attempted. You will then climb Pitt Knob and witness the ignorance caused this incident to be depicted as taking place on the river cliffs near Frankfort - a very tame picture by comparison with the view from the "eminence" at Indian Old Fields, where Findley and Boone 'saw with pleasure the beautiful level of Kentucky'."

Home through the glories of a flaming sunset and the quick chill rush of a November dusk. To work a bit tonight. To think of somber thoughts too much, to dig again into the defilements of Ecclesiastes and at last to turn by chance to a line written by that David, who was the father of him who reached the bitter conclusion that "all is vanity." And I thought of that shepherd lad who became king, of his robust follies and very human frailties, of his sins and griefs of how he entered boldly into the banquet room of life, not sitting in, and yet he wrote: "First thou shalt commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring thee to pass."

## Letters from...

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## Bookmobile schedule

Tuesday, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25, 2, 16; Jan. 13, 27 - Moorefield, Buzzard Roost, Maple Grove, Dixie Highway and Nicholas County Elementary School.  
Wednesday, Nov. 5, 19; Dec. 3, 17; Jan. 14, 28 - Nicholas County Elementary School.  
Thursday, Nov. 6, 20; Dec. 4, 18; Jan. 15, 29 - Stony Creek, Isham Chapel, Myers Station, Cassy Creek, Cane Run and Locust Grove Roads.  
Tuesday, Nov. 11, 25, 9, 23; Jan. 6, 20 - Headquarters, Dock Walk, Morning Glory and Sycamore Hill Apartments.  
Wednesday, Nov. 12, 26; Dec. 10; Jan. 21, 21 - Carpenter, Pleasant Springs, Lower Jackstown, Concord and Upper Jackstown Roads.  
Thursday, Nov. 13; Dec. 11; Jan. 22 - Bartlettville, Saltville, Bald Hill, Blue Licks and Highway 68 to Lake Road.

## Notice - Opening Soon

Herrington's Fruit Market  
Across from Shell Service Station  
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Selling: Satsuma & Navel Oranges  
Indian River Red Grapefruit

## 1/2 PRICE SALE

5 to 9 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 7

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