Opinion

Smith on the President/Commentary

Case for Jimmy Carter; a personal point of view

By Al Smith

After 33 years of writing and commenting about politics in newspapers and on television, I am, for the first time, writing about a politician by whom I am employed.

All this year I have been working for the President of the United States — not as a writer, to be sure, but in a public office of considerable responsibility.

As federal cochairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, (ARC) I am accountable with governors of 13 states for the spending of about $350 million a year for economic development in mountain counties where 20 million Americans live.

The ARC was created and expanded under the leadership of Democratic presidents and legislators, but it has had excellent support from distinguished Republicans. And funding of nearly $4 billion over the past 15 years was voted by congressmen and senators of both political parties from outside the region that is served by this program as well as from within.

That said, what follows will favor the President who appointed a Kentuckian, me, to head the federal side of this agency which has invested over $500 million in 49 counties in Eastern Kentucky and which has assumed burdens for the Appalachian side of our state that would otherwise have weighed more heavily on those of us who do not live in the mountain counties.

President Carter has finally made the case for coal, upon which Kentucky is so heavily dependent — he has made the case to the congress and to the nation. And he has secured legislation to mine and burn coal in a safe manner, meeting reasonable environmental and reclamation standards and at the same time keeping the production of coal competitive with foreign oil.

In the four years that he has been President, Jimmy Carter has been the architect of some of the most momentous foreign policy decisions in American history. My teenage children are not at war, for which I am grateful, and I do not really feel that this President — Annapolis graduate and former professional Navy officer — has permitted our armed forces to fall below a prudent level of strength.

The economy HAS been discouraging — inflation and unemployment — but no other president has had to struggle with inflationary rates on foreign oil, and it was this president who made the hard decisions on energy and significantly reduced foreign oil imports.

Farmers in Kentucky have had an unhappy year, but I cannot believe that the majority of them are going to ignore Jimmy Carter's unimpeachable credentials when they go to the polls and choose between his knowledge of their problems and the experience of a movie actor who owns a California tax shelter.

In the past year I have seen the President on several occasions. Each time, he has seemed older, as the cares of the office and the grim events of the year have pressed upon him, but each time he has been firm, composed, informed, and confident. He is one of the most unflinching men I have ever known. His wife said this week in Kentucky that he is a wiser man than when he entered the office. I believe her. Wendell Ford, who has had his differences with the President, tells me that Jimmy Carter is one of the most intellectually commanding men he has ever known in public life. I agree with him.

Recently, in our home county of Logan, Larry Forgy, the bright young state leader for Ronald Reagan, said that if Reagan is elected he would urge him to keep me in Washington. I appreciate that expression of faith from an old friend, but the office which I hold in Washington — the highest held in the Carter administration by a Kentuckian — functions better when the occupant is of the same party as the President.

If Ronald Reagan is elected, I will resign, properly, and come home, to where my oldest friends are, and where I have a business that is still an exciting challenge after all these years.

But I hope it will be Jimmy Carter who is elected.

Four years ago, we took him mostly on faith.

Now, we should take him on balance.

The edge is his, in my judgement.

Despite the rhetoric and unhappiness over some aspects of his stewardship, some three-fourths of his programs have been enacted.

With the stability and experience that he can bring to a second term, I sincerely believe this president can move this country ahead in the next four years.

I want to help him.

I hope you do, too.

Letters

from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I wish to extend my personal expression of appreciation for the outstanding support and services rendered by you and your staff during the 47th Annual Central Kentucky Fox Hunters Association Bench Show and Field Trial held the 29th of September thru the 2nd of October, 1980, at the Clay Wildlife Management Area.

Your cooperation in taking pictures and writing articles on such short notice demonstrates a high degree of professionalism and directly contributed to the overall success of the hunt.

Thanks for an excellent job well done.

Sincerely,
Samuel C. Reynolds
President
Central Kentucky Fox Hunters Assn.
317 Sycamore Street

Down Memory Lane

Secretary of War Stimson draws number 158; locally William C. Waugh holds that number

Thursday, November 3, 1960

In a ceremony at the Carlisle Post Office Oct. 31, on the last day of over 33 years of service, Arnold C. Bowen, Assistant Postmaster, was presented a letter from the Regional Operations Director commending him for a long and honorable career in the postal service.

Miss Sally Dayton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clay Dayton, was crowned queen of the Carlisle High homecoming football game. Her attendants were Misses Judy Giffin and Judy Hopkins.

The winning essay on "Should Kentucky vote yes on the call for a limited constitutional convention?" was written by Sue Irvin of Nicholas County High School. She received a $25 United States savings bond.

The two local Brownie Scout troops put on their Halloween costumes Monday afternoon and collected $42.98 for UNICEF.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hamilton of Sycamore Street celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on Nov. 2.

The Carlisle High School student body chose Miss Carol Caswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Caswell, as Student of the Month.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. William Hopkins a son, Robert Dale, Oct. 25 at the Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Booth a daughter, Kennetha Faye, Oct. 26 at the Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Lovell Livingood a son, Marion Thomas, Oct. 29 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Janice Hughes of Ewing and Roy Cox of Nicholas County Saturday. — Miss Wanda Mae Bellamy of Paris and Carl Gray of Cowan Oct. 29 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Willie Hammonds.

DIED — Mrs. Sophia Bell Stewart, 92, Oct. 16 at the McDowell Nursing Home, Mt. Olivet. — Carter Rogers, 46, of Richwood, West Va., Oct. 20 — Mrs. Martha Pearce McCracken, 80, of Paris, Sunday at the Bourbon County Hospital. — Cynthia Lou Collinsworth, 13, of Lexington, Sunday at the Good Samaritan Hospital. — Ben F. Kiser, 76, of Paris, Saturday at his home. — The Rev. Dr. Marvin Pierce McClure, pastor of the Versailles Methodist Church, Monday at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington.

Thursday, Oct. 31, 1940

The first number drawn by Secretary of War Stimson in the first peacetime conscription was 158. In Nicholas County the number was held by William Clifton Waugh.

Lucynel Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Goebel Henry, broke her arm on Tuesday of last week while playing.

Malcolm Armstrong Jr. was elected president of the junior class of Union College last week.

Blue Grass Produce Company reports the purchase of 36,000 pounds of walnuts. The concern is paying 80 cents per hundred pounds for the walnuts.

U.S. is sending Great Britain 500 planes a month.

772 acres of Henry land brings $59,300 as one of the biggest land sales in Nicholas County in years was completed last Thursday.

MARRIED — Miss Carrie Richmond, of Grand View, West Va., and William A. Stone, of Beckley, West Va., Saturday at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. C.V. Crabb. — Miss Evelyn Woodall, of Carlisle, and Joseph Sharpe, of Bourbon County.

DIED — Mrs. Sarah L. Duncan, 89, at the home of Mrs. Newton Smoot on the Upper Jackstown Road. — George Henry Curtis, 82, Thursday night at his home near Pleasant Valley.

An editor's random thoughts...

The Country Doctor

By Warren R. Fisher Sr.

The country doctor of a generation ago was a mighty figure in his community. Where the type still exists, one is apt to find some grizzled campaigner of countless battles with disease, a doughty veteran of midnight rides through snows and rains and biting winds whom the neighborhood still looks upon as a healer of stricken souls, a comforter of broken hearts, as well as a minister to physical needs.

All of this they were, these country doctors of the old school. They blundered, no doubt; perhaps they worshiped too much at the shrine of the Great God Calomel; they looked at tongues; they scorned the stethescope more than often for a good ear to the chest; against aspesis they sinned mayhap, but they brought the cheer of life into lonely sick rooms and lit the beacon of hope for pain-racked bodies.

He doled out his powders on the end of a knife-blade; he cut a twig from the peach tree at the window and swabbed your throat; and while his Dover's powder brought a moisture to fevered brows and sleep to aching eyes, he talked and talked to the grown-ups, and if you were a youngster and the patient, you squirmed a bit and wondered if this wizard of pills and potions had forgotten that you were the reason for his call. He hadn't; we know that now, for this man had been impressario at your premiere; he had spanked the first stricken wail from you, when as Irvin Cobb says, you resembled nothing in the world so much as a sore thumb, and the shrewd old eyes watched while the tongue wandered now to a flock of wild ducks he had seen on a nearby pond, and a fox trotting across a moonlit ridge; tales of hunting and fishing that helped you forget the pain of an aching head — and suddenly forgetfulness came in the midst of his chuckle at some favorite anecdote.

There is a picture which once had a great vogue in country homes. It was called "The Doctor." The mother sat with head bowed upon her arms; the father stood tense in his tortured waiting. Beside the pallet of the sick child, with chin in palm and eyes intent upon the sleeping face of the child, sat the doctor. He was a country doctor, one is sure, and we never see that picture, but there comes to mind a quotation from Oliver Goldsmith:

Careless their merits or their faults to scan,
His pity gave ere charity began.
Thus to relieve the wretched was his pride,
And even his failings leaned to Virtue's side.

— MV —

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

What in the 'hull' are they gonna think of next?

Of late we've been reading of gopher weed, almond hulls and the tumbling tumble weed, not necessarily in that order, but all were of concern to the energy supply.

Almond hulls though not a by-product in Kentucky have this much to do with the state. The C&I Girdler Co. in Louisville is studying the feasibility of such a fuel under contract with Golden By-Products Inc., a company based in Turlock, Calif.

The hulls according to an article in Saturday's Courier-Journal contain about 12 percent sugar, hence make good fodder for converting to fuel alcohol that can be used in gasohol. One ton is estimated to produce 40 gallons of alcohol and additionally the hulls can be used as fuel for heat used in the conversion process.

The other two plants are also associated with the West and with arid areas. Tumble weeds tumble all over the dry sections and are being ground up and compressed into logs for fireplace use. They show much promise according to a University of Arizona study, reported in The Christian Science Monitor.

Additionally the U of A researchers aided by a $2 million grant from a small Texas oil company have found they can produce nine barrels of oil from one acre of gopherweed.

"While that may not sound like much, Dr. Timothy Peoples, who heads the agricultural section of the university project estimates that within a few years that yield can be more than doubled to 20 barrels an acre.

"At that rate, he says, "gopherol" could be put on the market at $20 a barrel — well below the $32 now being fetched for a barrel of crude oil, and within 10 to 15 years, Dr. Peoples predicts, 10 percent of the nation's energy needs — approximately 800 million barrels of oil — could be supplied by gopherweed grown on "petroleum plantations."

— MV —

Is is true what they say about the CSM...

In the not too distant past I was asked, "Is it really true what they say about The Christian Science Monitor?"

My young questioner was not given to much reading and only read articles under duress. The Monitor, I informed him gives one the NEWS that's fair, concise, accurate. I have found that I can always depend on their unbiased opinion for a clear view of both national and international news.

My interrogator shook his head, reading was just not his cup of tea.

— MV —

Extension agents! They're good for a variety of things.

Last week we were attempting to put into type someone's handwriting that wasn't at all clear. Not being car

Kentucky Afield

By John Wilson

The period from Nov. 1 through the third Wednesday in November is "closed season" in Kentucky's woods and fields.

During this time, almost all hunting is prohibited, even for species such as groundhog and gray fox that otherwise have no closed season.

The reason for this "no guns" rule is to allow wildlife law enforcement officers to more easily detect those hunters who just can't seem to wait for the third Thursday in November, the opening day of small game season.

The only exceptions to this general no hunting rule are the woodcock and snipe seasons, Oct. 4 through Dec. 7; the goose, rail and gallinule season, Nov. 12 through Jan. 20; archery deer hunting, opened Oct. 1, and the first "weekend" deer hunt, Nov. 8-10.

The "shake-out!" season for raccoons is also open during this period, but raccoon hunters may not carry firearms of any kind during this season.

Another exception is granted to those who hunt with hawks. Falconry season opens Nov. 1 and continues through the regular season for the species hunted.

But just because you can't go hunting is no reason to stay indoors in front of the TV during this time. There are several pre-season activities which can make your hunting more enjoyable and productive when the Nov. 20 opening day finally does roll around.

If you spend most of your time behind a desk, start taking brisk walks at least three times a week and you'll be in much better shape for opening day. You'll be able to hunt longer without fatigue and you could possibly prevent problems ranging from sore feet to a

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buffs, some of the words just didn't make sense.

But a call to the "rail rider", County Agent Mike Phillips solved Janie's ad problems. I trust those in agriculture call their county agent at 289-2312 when they have problems.

— MV —

He had key to helpfulness

From a Richmond, Va. newspaper under an AP heading the following:

Patrick Tansey and his family of Perrysburg, OH were driving on a highway toward Toledo when he spotted a woman and a small child beside a car with a flat tire.

He stopped to help. When he was finished, the woman, elderly, tried to force money into his hand. Tansey refused to accept it, got into his car and drove off.

Later he was stopped by a state highway patrol car. Tansey said, "I wasn't speeding. What did I do?"

The patrolman replied: "You drove away with that woman's car keys in your pocket."

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Agree or Not

Something missing in the election?

By S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT — There are some things missing in the presidential campaign in Kentucky. The most obvious missing link is enthusiasm of the once loyal party workers and a definitive organized effort to interest the public and get out the vote.

In searching my mind to find these missing links and the reasons behind them, I have reached the conclusion that public financing of the presidential candidates has done a lot to destroy party loyalty and personal involvements in elections and the par- machinery.

The county party leaders and the precinct workers have not been called upon for political contributions or to solicit funds for the party's candidate and cause. Money goes to the national headquarters from the federal government and national headquarters plans the campaign for the most part and places the advertising and decides the nationwide strategy.

It's a media campaign any more and local personalities are rarely involved. Television and fast communication prevents localizing a campaign to the point where you can tell the voters in different areas different stories and different promises. The campaign must be uniform.

Another factor in the campaign is the merit system in the state. Political assessments are not levied against state employees. With this type of freedom, the employees have no life or death loyalty to the state administration in power. There is nothing to compel the state employee or any citizen with a political job to join the cheerleading crowd for the party's presidential candidate.

Precinct workers across the state used to work hard at stirring up the electorate because the workers were expecting and usually received political rewards.

A lot of things have changed in the past forty years. Political jobs aren't as attractive and rewarding in comparison to jobs in private enterprise as they used to be.

Voters are better informed on national news and world news than ever before in history.

Another thing, a lot of voters in states like Kentucky think that their vote for the president won't matter. It is possible for a presidential candidate to carry the 13 most populous states and win the election. What happens in the other 37 wouldn't matter if he could carry the key 13 large states such as California, Texas, New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, etc.

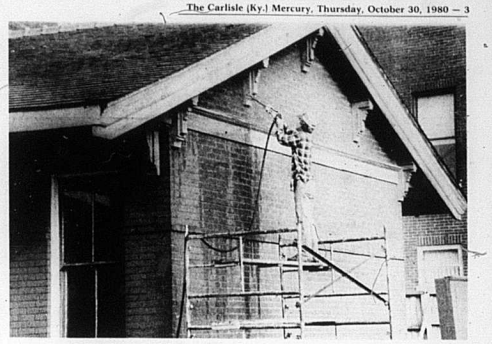
What keeps the interest in the 37 minor populated states is the fact that the most populous are widely scattered from coast to coast and from north to south. Usually, a candidate must almost get a victory of landslide proportions to carry all 13 of the key states.

County officials will be elected next year, and many people are more interested in that than they are the presidential election. Too, neither candidate has an electric personality to excite the average voter. The campaign has been sort of a hum-drum affair. The voters are disenchanted with President Carter and are not enamored with Reagan.

While the Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than two to one in Kentucky, the people are basically conservative and have gone Republican in a presidential race more times than Democratic since Eisenhower was first elected.

Voters are beginning now to rely more on the man and not on the party label.

Is there something missing in this election, or is it just me?



Depot facelifting

Repair and renovation has begun on the old Carlisle depot as is evidenced by this picture taken Oct. 22. Bob Lucas and crew from Cynthiana were cleaning the brick on the building. Renovating and restoring the old depot is the project of the Nicholas County Historical Society. Charles Crawford, a local contractor, has been awarded the contract on exterior repairs.—Mercury photo.

Kentucky afield

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heart attack brought on by too much exertion after a long lay-off.

Your shooting reflexes also probably need to be sharpened up. A few sessions with some clay pigeons (no closed seasons or bag limits on these birds) should get you swinging smoothly again and while you're at it, better check the sights or the scope on your deer rifle to make sure it's shooting where you aim it.

November is a good time to do some scouting for new places to hunt. Remember that you must have permission to hunt on private lands (written permission if you hunt with rifle of .240 caliber or larger). A couple of afternoons driving through the countryside and talking to landowners could widen your hunting horizons considerably.

Or if there's a youngster in your family or among your acquaintances, you might want to spend the first part of November teaching him or her the basics of hunting — how to handle fire arms safely and responsibly, how to shoot accurately, how to be a conscientious and responsible hunter and sportsman.

Giving someone else a proper introduction to the fine and honorable sport of hunting could turn out to be one of the best things you could do with your time this November, both for you and for the youngsters.

Proclamation by the Mayor of the City of Carlisle, Ky.

This Government and its citizens recognize and appreciate the importance of energy to community growth and prosperity; and

Energy awareness by each person will allow a more adequate supply for crucial needs, thus benefiting the State and the Nation; and

Governor John Y. Brown Jr. has set aside the week of November 9-15 to emphasize the importance of energy awareness, NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Power, Mayor of Carlisle, Ky., acting in support of and in cooperation with the Kentucky Department of Energy, do hereby proclaim the period of November 9-15, 1980, as KENTUCKY ENERGY AWARENESS WEEK for this city, and by so doing, call upon my fellow citizens to join me in making conservation a Kentucky ethic and in pursuing alternate energy sources for the future.

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IN 1972, WENDELL FORD, AS GOVERNOR, BEGAN A LONELY QUEST FOR KENTUCKIANS AND OUR NATION. HIS MISSION: TO CONVINCE WASHINGTON TO HAVE A SOUND ENERGY PROGRAM SO AMERICA COULD ESCAPE FROM THE POTENTIAL BLACKMAIL OF FOREIGN OIL. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT:

1. Inflation is traced directly to the price of foreign crude.
2. Without energy independence, America's foreign influence is weakened.
3. An energy solution can be found in Kentucky.

As Governor, Ford established the first major energy research and development program for any state, to make oil and gas—clean synthetic fuels—from Kentucky coal. But Washington responded slowly.

Elected to the U. S. Senate in 1974, He continued his quest. Others began listening, and responding to his wisdom. Today, Senator Ford is an energy leader...Chairman of the Senate Coal Caucus and a ranking member of the Senate Energy Committee.

He generated billions of dollars for long overdue energy research and development. Nine environmentally safe synthetic fuel plants are on the drawing boards, all for Kentucky. **More jobs, a stronger economy, an improved coal future and less dependence on OPEC!**

Senator Ford knows that getting to the heart of inflation, unemployment and foreign affairs first means having a solid energy program. He saw this more than eight years ago when others didn't. And he hasn't stopped fighting for us, our children and our children's children during that time!

ON NOVEMBER 4 LET'S GIVE SENATOR FORD AN OVERWHELMING VOTE OF APPRECIATION FOR A JOB WELL-DONE. HE DESERVES IT.

Vote to Return
WENDELL FORD
To the U.S. Senate

PULL THIS LEVER
For U.S. Senator
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