

Opinion

Coal and red tape

By Anthony Harrigan

If the United States were able to use the coal it has in abundant supply, its energy problem would be greatly eased.

The U.S. has 31 percent of the world's known economically recoverable coal reserves.

But the existence of this energy resource isn't solving our energy problem because federal regulations make it impossible to utilize the fuel to the fullest.

Recently I visited with the president of a leading coal mining company. He told me that it takes from seven to eight years to get a major new coal mine in operation because of the fantastic number of permits required. In the past, all that was needed was the machinery for digging coal.

A coal gasification plant may require 15 years in the red tape jungle.

The country isn't getting the facts about the paralyzing effects of regulation on coal mining. A recent summary of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology report on the Workshop on Alternative Energy Strategies made no mention of delays caused by regulation. Instead, it spoke of the need for new clean air standards.

The public also hears little about declining standards of productivity in old, deep coal mines. The same coal executive referred to above reported on sharply declining individual output by miners in Ohio and Illinois. "They don't seem to care," he said.

Fortunately, new, non-union mines are

being opened in the North Central and Western states. One of these mines has put all its workers on salary and they are outstanding salaries. The problem of worker absenteeism has virtually disappeared.

One reason the country turned from coal to oil in the 1950s was the uncertainty of coal supplies at a time when the United Mine Workers Union called strikes aimed at paralyzing industry and the nation's transportation system. The UMW helped persuade the railroads to make the shift from steam to diesel.

Now, we have desperate need for more coal. Machinery for digging it hasn't improved. Vast new coalfields have been discovered in Wyoming and Montana. The railroads have developed unit trains for moving coal efficiently. But government is a roadblock. At the moment, America has an annual unused capacity of over 100 million tons. It is shocking that this situation exists at a time when there is a widening gap between the price of coal and the price of oil and natural gas. Oil now costs about twice as much as the same amount of coal.

The federal government is planning to spend billions of dollars in this system. The coal industry already has the technology for making gas from coal. The difficulty in getting results is not financial or technical. It has to do with the regulatory maze that frustrates investor-owned energy companies.

One of the most important tasks of a new administration would be to knife through the red-tape jungle and get swift approval for new coal mining projects.

Down Memory Lane

Organ presented to Church

Thursday, September 15, 1960

The 22nd annual Nicholas County Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29, 30 and Oct. 1 and will be held at the Carlisle Armory. The fair program will include competitive exhibiting in Crops and Gardens, Tobacco, Foods, Clothing, 4-H Clubs, F.H.A., F.F.A. and Utopia Club departments. There will be a power show, dairy show, pony show and pet show, general school exhibit and industrial arts exhibit.

The National Educational Association office in Washington has announced the appointment of Warren Fisher to serve as Advertising Director.

Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Clark have presented an electric organ to the newly organized First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The congregation will soon occupy a residence on Locust Street.

Donald Lyman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lyman, was one of 23 former students in the College of Engineering at the University of Kentucky to earn a perfect "A" record during the summer term.

The Nicholas County Chapter of The National Foundation of Polio is forwarding \$500 in uncommitted funds to the Rowan County Chapter where financial needs are critical.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. James Howard a daughter, Sept. 9 at the Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ruark a son, Sept. 10 at the Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Smith Jones a son, Sept. 12 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Maxine Dixon and Kelley A. Kinnett Sept. 10 at Carlisle Christian Church. — Miss Ruth Ann Clark and William R. Neikirk, Saturday afternoon at 6:30 p.m. at the Nicholas County Hospital.

DIED — James Thomas Adamson, 84, Sunday night at his home at Myers section. — Mrs. Mae King Daily, 78, of Lexington, Thursday. — Mrs. Marguerite Dorsey Pulliam, 68, Friday night at a hospital in Charleston, W. Va. — Mrs. Amanda Clayton Cavanaugh, 71, Monday at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1940 R. Dean Squires, formerly superintendent of the Carlisle City School, and later connected with the school system of Whitesburg, Ky., has accepted a position with Carroll County School system. Mr. Squires will be principal of the Worthville School.

Ellisville won the championship of the county's junior softball league.

Ray Stump, former resident of Carlisle, now living in the county, escaped injury last Thursday afternoon in an automobile accident on the Georgetown Road in Fayette County.

Grimes Caywood, Democrat, H.M. Endicott, citizen, and George D. Scott Sr., Republican, were named as members of the Nicholas County purgation board.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Billings a daughter on Sept. 2. — To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ring of the Moorefield section a daughter on Aug. 29. — To Mr. and Mrs. Allen George of the Miranda section a son on Aug. 26. — To Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Ring of the Myers section a son on Aug. 26.

MARRIED — Miss Rachel Boston and Raymond Gilvin last Wednesday. — Mrs. Minerva L. Smart and Philip Sugg, Aug. 28 at Cynthiana.

DIED — Mrs. Nannie Kapp Burns, 77, last Wednesday. — Henry Crowe Shea, 77, last Thursday morning. — George W. Himes, 56, last Thursday at Massie Memorial Hospital, Paris. — Mrs. John M. Tipton, last Thursday morning at M. Sterling. — Mrs. Lucy Parsons Duffy, 80, Monday at her home in Perintown, Ohio.

ACT tests advised for college-bound students

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If you are a junior or senior at Nicholas High School and are considering college after graduation you will need to take the ACT Test. This program is designed to provide guidance information for education and career planning.

Nicholas County High students will have five opportunities during the 1980-81 school year to make use of the national program, which consists of four tests and a two-part questionnaire. Students complete the questionnaire at home as part of the registration process, and then take the battery of tests at area test centers on any of five dates.

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Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

I'm glad now I purchased film a couple of weeks ago!

You may recall that last week I was deploring the cost of page size film, but a glance at Handy & Harmon's daily quote convinced me that even with silver at \$16.60/royalty ounce that was better than Monday's quote of \$18.70.

—MV—

What is it? It looks like a pepper, but it tastes like a tomato!

Sometimes they say looks are deceiving, quite so with this three lobed fruit that looks every bit like a red pepper, but is a love apple.

We made use of the Mercury's camera with macro lens before we

Is it a pepper or a tomato or

a stuffing tomato?



applied the scalpel and divided the thing into two halves for Kay and others to devour.

This queer looking tomato came from the North Street garden of Mrs. Grimes Caywood, who reports that daughter, Betty is always purchasing exotic seeds for her to try out.

Additionally, Mrs. Caywood brought us some of the largest wild plums we'd ever laid eyes on. The seed for this fruit came from the Barr farm before it was sold. She had selected fruit from the trees that produced the largest plums and planted them in her backyard.

Father's Day gift

Having seen a piezo-electric gas lighter at son Toby's near Cincinnati, I had expressed a desire for one. Toby later proclaimed that he'd gone all over Cincinnati trying to find one and ended up with a battery version made in England called BEREK. 3

Reading an article in The Christian Science Monitor I came across this paragraph, "Every time you go through a checkout line at the supermarket on a weekly shopping trip, the equivalent of 60,000 acres of US farmland has been washed and

blown away through erosion since your previous trip to the market. Another 60,000 acres is converted into land for houses, shops, roads, power plants, coal mines, and other non-agricultural uses.

"This loss of farmland, acceptable in the 1950s and '60s, is being viewed with alarm by agriculture experts!"

—MV—

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Morehead State University students listen to George T. Young, retired associate professor of government at MSU, describe the Lexington home of John Hunt Morgan during a historical tour of Lexington and Richmond. The tour class consists of five Saturday tours of Kentucky historical sites in September, October and November. Students receive undergraduate or graduate credit for the class. The tour returns to the Lexington area Oct. 11. — Photo submitted.

Historical Tour

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volts burner that uses two D cells. But it is really the trick to light a gas grill on a breezy day. I've seen the time when I'd use up a package of paper matches and practically blow my self up before I could ignite the grill. And I do like things grilled with a little hickory smoke.

—MV—

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But here 'tis: Mrs. Marvin Caswell came in Wednesday to buy a Mercury. She said she thought the price of the Mercury had not risen enough over the years in comparison to other price increases of things we use every day. In leaving, she said, "What I'm trying to say is, that it's worth more money!"

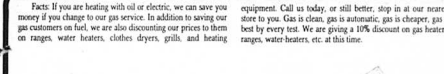
Thank you both. —MV.

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Homemakers meetings told

Headquarters

The Headquarters Homemakers met Sept. 7 at 10:30 at the library.

Mrs. J. B. Allison presided over the business meeting. She gave the devotional, read the "I Just Had the Time" and "The Way Things Were."

Thirteen members and one visitor answered the roll call with "What I Like Best about August."

The collection, birthday money and money for the cancer fund was taken. Also cancelled stamps were turned in by the International Chairman.

After lunch at Fourn's Restaurant the calendar for the 1980-81 year were compiled. Mrs. George Dale gave the lesson on "Updating Last Year's Wardrobe."

Mrs. Wilson explained some special meetings that will be held in October. Mrs. Dale was in charge of the recreational period.

Moorefield

The Moorefield Homemakers met in the home of Mrs. Elgin Clark with Mrs. W.J. Clark as co-hostess on Sept. 4.

The meeting was called to order by our vice president, Mrs. Helen Ellington. The devotional was given by Mrs. W.J. Clark. Mrs. James Hamlin read the minutes of the June meeting, and called the roll to which 17 members responded. The financial report was given.

Mrs. Ellington announced an area meeting to be held at Georgetown College Oct. 29 and urged to be attended. Homemakers Camp will be Oct. 3 and 4.

We were asked to sign up. Our child is responsible for teaching his brothers on making plastic balls for Christmas decorations will be given Sept. 15, 18, 22.

On Sept. 23 Dr. Robert Fleischman will be at the library to talk about Medicare Gap Insurance. Mrs. Anna Jacobs gave a report from landscape news. Other chairman urged that we keep our reports up to date.

The lesson titled "Fall Wardrobe" was given by Mrs. Phyllis Hamney, assisted by Mrs. Jimmy Girard, who showed scarves and the many different ways to enhance your wardrobe using them.

Mrs. John Hamilton, who has opened a shop here, displayed items that she had made. Games were presented. Names for Candarella Sisters were drawn and gifts were exchanged.

Our next meeting will be Oct. 2 with Mrs. Jack Becker.

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