

# Opinion

## An editor's random thoughts...

By Warren R. Fisher Sr.

Though while driving Zinnias in the edge of a tobacco field, some women's yearning for beauty in the drab row of drudgery that brings the bitter weed to its rich, velvety burrowing. Now some of the fields are treated with rows of tiny wigwags of the white, tall, split and straddled on pointed sticks, first step in the fruition of frustration of that hope that was signalled by the greying of last February as the bed fires burned, warming the chill earth for the reception of the seed. In between are days of back-breaking work, weeks of anxiety, as the sun blazes and no rain falls, and the green leaves turn yellow in the fields.

Work, work, and now more work until the crop is housed; then forfeiting of the caring and more work when the skies are again grey and icy winds rattle the windows and suck at the glowing stoves of striking women. The gold and orange and magenta of the zinnias that flaunted their beauties along the fence row is only a memory then, the stalks dry and brittle and brown rising above the pointed stubs of the harvested tobacco. All color is gone from field and tree.

The cycle is ending, ending as it began when the brush fires glowed, warming the chill earth for a seed bed, ending with work. Stripping, laying the hands, grading - adept, work-garbed fingers flying - for the wagons and trucks are beginning to roll to market - work, work, faster, faster, that a bit of a load may lie in its baskets in the row of brown piles before Christmas, attended by anxious hope, hope that the price is good, hope that a painted or might gladden a child's heart, that there may come out of the meager board a new dress, a bit on the store bill, some of the color of

Christmas at the little unpainted house on the hill before the fields are blanketed with snow.

Zinnias in the outside edge of the furrows, gold and orange and magenta, warm and quiet liveliness under the September sun, sisters these of the geranium in its tin can, gleaming high above the noisy pavements in some tenement window - pathetic symbols of the universal yearning for beauty. Woolly worms toiling across the road and bound whither? - Wigwags of the Change? - Chickadees begin to peck at the ripening seeds of the sunflower heads, blue birds are flocking and the vagrant note of an early warbler is heard - the fields creek now even under the noon-day sun with the rising insect choruses, fiddling waltzily, singing to their doom.

Yet under the mellow September sun Summer reaches her maturity and gathering her full-grown children about her she broods lovingly over them in the utter peace of fulfillment. It is to me the loveliest of seasons, perhaps, though there is lacking the fresh June of April, the passionate, rose-tinting of fullness young June. It is as if Nature were teaching us, these days of mellow sunshine, how to grow old gracefully, how to face the Change gracefully and with a hope that sees beyond the greyness the burgeoning of another Spring.

Melons on the vine, melons piled on rude make-shift tables at the patch edge, ripe-bearted fruit for the mid-day, golden yellow melons for breakfast, these are some of the delightful compensations of Summer's old age. Pleasant to drive in September through the rolling fields of this tableland of Kentucky, heartening to me in the utter peace of fulfillment. It is to me the loveliest of seasons, perhaps, though there is lacking the fresh June of April, the passionate, rose-tinting of fullness young June. It is as if Nature were teaching us, these days of mellow sunshine, how to grow old gracefully, how to face the Change gracefully and with a hope that sees beyond the greyness the burgeoning of another Spring.

## Down Memory Lane

### 30 youths may be drafted

Thursday, September 29, 1960  
Mrs. Elizabeth Conyers, lunchroom worker at Nicholas County Grade School, leaves Oct. 1 for Washington, D.C. to attend the American School Food Service Association Convention. Mrs. Conyers was the winner of the Kentucky School Food Service Association contest for the best nine school lunch menus to be used on festive occasions.

The senior member of the Kentucky Senate in term of service, H. Stanley Blake, Carlisle Democrat, has announced that he will seek a seventh term in 1961.

Marshall Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Cox, is suffering from a double fracture of the arm received while practicing football with the Carlisle Musketeers.

Thursday, September 26, 1940  
President Roosevelt put America's first peacetime draft into effect Monday, prescribing minutely detailed rules to guide an army of civilians in handling the conscription of men for the nation's expanding armed forces.

According to War Department calculations, approximately 30 Nicholas County youths may expect to be drafted this year.

Sunday School for the coming year. BORN - To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Merdian of Charleston, S.C., twin boys, Timothy and Thomas, Sept. 22 at the Naval Hospital, Charleston. To Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Burke at Food Service Association Convention. Mrs. Conyers was the winner of the Kentucky School Food Service Association contest for the best nine school lunch menus to be used on festive occasions.

MARRIED - Miss Janet Sue Cartmill and Marvin J. Doyle Saturday in Carlisle. DEED - Stella Faye Harney, 4, of Lexington. - Charles Lee Sparks, 81, Wednesday. - Bonnie Hughes, 22, of Ewing, Tuesday at the Central Baptist Hospital.

MARRIED - Mrs. Daisy Parrell Selby and James S. Henry at the Christian Church parsonage Saturday night. - Miss Betty Lee Alexander and Clarence E. Moss at Helena Sunday evening, Sept. 22.

DEED - N.W. Asbury, 75, Wednesday at the home of his brother-in-law, G.T. Shroat in Nicholas County. - Hugh McClain, 78, at his home in Cynthiana last Tuesday.

took industry basic at Fort McClellan, A.I. in World War II and neither of us has ever fully recovered. That goes for Cecil Cleaver, too.

In France, he investigated an over-drove pass to a small better he drank all the wine and ate all the escargot he could find. As soon as he returned his stomach was so sore to the cook tent and asked something to eat. The mess sergeant, who had been with John, said he didn't need anything to eat as he had been eating snails all night in a French cafe. John was sick for two days with upset stomach over these two days but it behooves me to tell you about a poor but proud snail who came into a large sum of money. One of the things the snail had his gastropod heart set on buying a '62' car. So he went - ever so slowly - to the automobile dealership and told the salesman, "I'll take that red one with all the options and I'll pay cash."

Tears of joy sprang to the salesman's eyes. "There's just one thing," the snail continued. "I want the '62' on the front changed to an 'S.'" "We can do that," said the salesman, "but why?" "Because," said the snail, "when I drove down the street behind the wheel of that magnificent machine, I want everybody to stop and look and say, 'My goodness, would you look at that Scraggo.'"

## Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Proud father!  
Late Friday afternoon Andy Dudley brought me the pictures of winners in the first annual Carico Invitational Golf Tourney. After he explained the pictures and the winners of the various flights, he allowed he had something for the Mercury Vapour column. Well, I'm always eager for a good story, and this is a true one.

Now if you look at Dave Zachary's drawing at the bottom of the page, the distance between the tee and number 6 hole doesn't seem so big - but it is over five football fields in length. If I am correct that totals 500 yards plus about 3 yards for goal measure. The hole carries a par of 5.

Don't Dudley made it in two strokes! A Double Eagle! In addition he beat his father by one stroke in the Championship Flight. I hope Andy doesn't hang around the hospital too long, he's got to start practicing again.

MV -  
From Larry Stone's column in The Times-Arrow, Central City, comes the following:  
Lib Spaulding of Bardonia relayed the word from the Vatican that nuns will be allowed to date - providing they wear Cross Your Heart hats and I'm always eager for a good story, and this is a true one.

Escargot-Eater  
John Eaves of Chicago, a native of Netco, was home recently. He and

Warp's is looking ahead again... Come next Thursday, Oct. 2, The Mercury will carry ads admonishing readers to begin basting tending down the hatches so to speak with crystal clear "Flexo-glass". I really don't see why this company depends on the Farmer's Almanac or whether they have their own theory as to when to start. It's seldom that they miss.

Trade Talk  
You might enjoy this poem. Some of our non-advertisers or maybe those who never have time to fix up something well get a kick out of this poem:

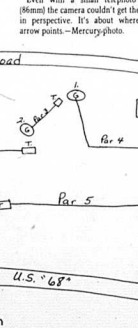
A critick in my doot, chipping away Became a victim of insect spray. He didn't know. When you wish to hide, to advertise.

Perspective  
Even with a small telephoto lens (lens) the camera couldn't get the pin in perspective. It's all about the arrow points - Mercury photo.

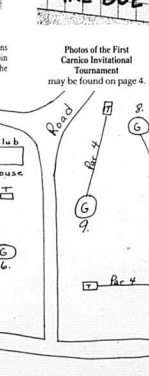
To the Carlisle Mercury:  
I have about the same things to say as my mother except it may be better. The doctors would let me stay in bed long enough for us to get a cup of coffee. But thru all this we had to attend and try to help my sister thru her husband's funeral. And I'd return to work on Sept. 2 but neither of us had any special favors. I also had another holiday on Feb. 13. This time my son was in the hospital with pneumonia. Neither time have I had any special favors. I also had a doctor's excuse this time to be with my son. This is the difference between union and non-union employees. Also, I would like to touch down on the nice funeral they had for the union. I was very touching. We got off work an extra hour early. It's too bad they didn't treat us with the same respect. This was nothing but a "mockery of death". Making fun of the way the Lord does his work.

Highway U.S. 60\*  
T = Tee  
G = Green

Photos of the First Carico Invitational Tournament. Can be found on page 4.



OFF THE WALL  
CAR SICKNESS OCCURS ONCE A MONTH WHEN THE PAYMENTS ARE DUE



'Charge It Up'

Nearly 50 Bell System van drivers are asking for a charge rather than a fill-up as Bell participates in a battery operated vehicle trial. A joint effort with the U.S. Department of Energy, the project will evaluate the use of electric vehicles in the company's installation and repair fleet. The test is expected to conclude in Dec. 1982. "Some 20,000 Bell System vehicles travel less than an average of 35 miles per day and are good candidates for replacement by electric models once the technology has been developed and cost constrained to overcome," said Max Starnes, South Central Bell district manager. -Photo submitted.

## Letters

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sympathy cards the day of the mockery. They should have saved it for when we needed it. A week later it would have been a lot more appreciated. These people will stop at nothing. But neither will they. They may have buried the union for a while. But believe me it is coming back to life real soon. So help make Blue Grass Industries a lot better place to work and vote union.  
Rhonda Watkins

The Nicholas County Conservation District News

By Wilmer Halcomb  
Good crop crops are one of the most important conservation practices a farmer can apply to his land.

Many farmers have been seeding cover crops for the past few weeks. Some of the first cover crops to be seeded were K-31 fescue, Big Grass, Buckhorn Grass and small grain. These cover crops that will do the most good from this date on in small grain or rye. The small grain should be seeded at the rate of two bushels per acre or more. If this is done in a double field and then disked in under one should get sufficient cover to get a good stand. It is important to get a cover crop seeded immediately after the crop has been harvested so lots of growth will be made before freezing weather. Cover crops should be seeded on all areas that have been eroded or have a slope that makes it productive. Some of the available grasses that have been or is now on the market as well as their soil on the farm. It is the lime fertilizer and other nutrients that makes it productive. Soil erosion is one of the greatest polluters of our streams.

Most crop use about sixty percent of the fertilizer that is put on the crop each year. That means that forty percent of the fertilizer is in the soil. It is important to keep that fertilizer in the soil and the rest in the field by applying a good cover crop early in the season.

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## KET special tonight Nixon, Iran, Press

Three of the country's most respected journalists, whose reporting spans decades, discuss their careers and the current state of American journalism on "Seaweed, Salisbury, Reasoner: Three American Reporters," airing Thursday, Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. (ET), 8 p.m. (CT) on KET.

In a free-ranging, unshibbled hour program, veteran newsmen Eric Seaweed, Harrison Salisbury and Harry Reasoner discuss such topics as the cynicism of the press; the resignation of former President Nixon; the impact of television on news; the monopolization of newspaper ownership; the phenomenon of Walter Cronkite; the crisis in Iran; journalism in the Soviet Union; and the U.S. press coverage of Watergate and Vietnam.

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Dream Come True  
Morehead State University President Morris L. Norfleet, center, is joined by, from left, Lloyd Cassidy, of Ashland and chairman of MSU's Board of Regents; John R. Hall, vice chairman of the board and chief operating officer for Ashland Oil, MSU's Mining Technology Advisory Association, delivered the dedicatory address. The lab was financed with Williamsburg and formerly of Hartman, Board of Regents; and president of the more than \$50,000 gift fund from ribbon cutting ceremonies for National Independent Coal Operators Ashland Oil. -Photo submitted.

## HOME IMPROVEMENT and ideas

### Check the Big Ten Checklist

You are probably using more electricity, gas, and oil than necessary. By using the Big Ten Checklist, you can identify ways of reducing energy use and costs, and help the nation conserve energy. The first six items include actions which you can undertake with little or no expense. Other measures involving expenditures also may result in long-term savings of money and energy.

- 1 Weather-stripping/caulking - look for air cracks around doors, windows, and other openings, such as around pipes and ducts. Seal them by caulking or weather-stripping. Heat and air conditioning escape through cracks.
- 2 Thermostat - set at 65 degrees in winter and at least 5 degrees lower when sleeping or away. (Higher heating temperatures are recommended for homes with sick, elderly, or infants.) Set at 78 degrees in summer. Consider a clock thermostat.
- 3 Water heaters - this is a major energy user in the home. Try a lower thermostat setting. Consider an insulation wrap. Install water flow restrictors in showers and faucets. They cut hot water use without affecting family comfort. When replacing water heater, choose an energy-efficient model.
- 4 Heating/cooling system - clean or replace filters as needed. Close vents in unused rooms. Insulate ducts and pipes in unheated spaces. Consider devices which can increase the efficiency of your existing system. When replacing, choose an energy-efficient model.
- 5 Sunlight - keep direct sunlight out of summer; let it in during winter. Drapes, shutters, awnings, shade trees, glass with reflective film, and solar screens help.
- 6 Appliances/lighting - fully load dryers and clothes and dish washers. Turn off unnecessary lights. If replacing, buy energy-efficient appliances and lighting.
- 7 Attic insulation - check to see if your attic has the recommended level of insulation, including the attic door.
- 8 Floors and foundation walls - check for adequate insulation (under floors, around basement, crawl space, and foundation walls).
- 9 Windows and doors - consider storm windows, doors, or double-paneled glass to keep in heat and air conditioning.
- 10 Exterior walls - consider adding insulation, particularly when remodeling or re-siding your house.

After completing this checklist, you may want to call your utility, state energy office, or Agricultural Extension Service to obtain general advice on doing the job safely and correctly. For information about energy-efficient products, contact building material retailers, contractors, fuel dealers, manufacturers, or distributors. Shop for best prices and values.

\*You may qualify for federal income tax credits of 15 percent of the first \$2,000 spent on the items marked above. You may also qualify for tax credits up to \$2,200 for approved solar devices.

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