

Opinion

An editor's random thoughts...

Perhaps because I am an incurable romanticist in common with some millions of others who constitute the common or garden variety of human beings, I have been singularly moved by the pathos of the abdication of that harried young man, late Edward VIII, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the seas, King, and Emperor of India. While admiring that sturdy steadfastness, always a quality of the British mind, that impelled the prime minister and parliament to cleave so tenaciously to that symbolic ideal of royalty set up in the smart days of the Widow Windsor, I have an equal admiration and a great deal more sympathy for the unchanging resolution of a tormented young monarch torn between love for a woman and the ancient traditions of his empire, the trainings of a lifetime. Nothing in the brief reign of Edward VIII, it seems to me, became him so much as the simple dignity of his abdication. True, he had never desired to rule, but early teachings are strong. British royal tradition is even stronger. Add to these the pleas of the Queen Mother and her tears, the entreaties of his brothers, the powerful entreaties of his ministers and of the church of England and you may have some conception of the strain under which this man labored through his fortnight. No wonder that he broke under it for a moment at the last, that he wept in the arms of his mother. And yet he was British to the last, for that training which has made his Empire the greatest on earth. His voice still shaken with tears, such was his control that he was able a few moments later to thrust into a microphone — to the vastest and most far flung audience ever to listen to the voice of man — an address magnificent in its simplicity, appealing in its frankness, perfect in its diction and to me, at least, breathtaking in its unspoken but haunting pathos. To my mind these brief words of a man renouncing the throne of the world's greatest empire are English literature, will rank with Lincoln's Gettysburg address as an example of the sublimity of simplicity in literary composition. Perhaps I am over-sentimental in my judgment. If so, I have no excuse to make. I admire courage immensely and frankness as much and the situation in which Edward VIII found himself called for both. He had them. I have seen the immortal Mansfield in Shakespeare's Richard III, I have seen Sir Henry Irving in some of his most dramatic roles; I have listened to the expert unfolding of the heart-gripping plays of Sardou — and yet it seems to me that I have never been moved as by that drama in real life so fittingly introduced by the ten telling strokes of the great clock in the tower of the Houses of Parliament. Nor might the Bar of Avon, himself, have penned words more fitting for the farewell of a king, and of a gentleman: "You know the reasons which have impelled me to renounce the throne, but I want you to understand that in making up my mind I did not forget the country or the Empire which, as Prince of Wales and lately as King, I have for twenty-five years tried to serve."
"But you must believe me when I tell you that I have found it impossible to carry on the duties of a monarch with the weight and the heavy burden of responsibility and to discharge my duties as I would wish to do without the help and support of the woman I love."
And I want you to know that the decision I have made has been mine and mine alone.
"This was a thing I had to judge entirely for myself. The other person most nearly concerned has tried up to the last to persuade me to take a different course.
His voice was solemn and steady.
"And now we all have a new King, I wish him

Down Memory Lane

Farm loans at 5 1/2 percent for New Year
Lexington, Wednesday.

February 5, 1961
Farms in this area will start the New Year with the good news of lower interest rates on Federal Land Bank Loans. Roy Fritz, manager of the Federal Land Bank Association at Mayville, said all new Land Bank loans written after Jan. 1, 1961 will carry the new reduced interest rate of 5 1/2 percent.

February 9, 1961
The eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Etilly Jolly, near Myers, was brought to the Johnson Memorial Hospital on Christmas Eve suffering with shotgun wounds on her body as the results of shots alleged to have been fired by a hunter as she stood on the porch of her home. Although the wounds were serious, she will probably recover.

The number of marriage licenses issued at the local County Clerk's office during December was 21, probably the largest number ever issued in this county in one month.

Sherril L.B. Barton reports approximately 100 dog licenses for 1961 have been issued. The tobacco markets reopened Monday after the Christmas holiday with an average of \$17.92 per pound, a gain of 66 cents over the average on the closing day of sales December 20. However, the market dropped Tuesday to about the same level as before the holidays.

BOON — To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Spears Gloster of Norris, Tenn., a son on November 30. Mrs. Gloster was a native of Carlisle.

MARRIED — Miss Opal White and John Willard White, both of Bath County, on Dec. 28. By Judge D.M. Curry at his office in the courthouse.

MARRIED — Miss Wanda June Lawrence and Milton Ray Pickford, Dec. 24 at Centerville, Mo. Methodist Church. Miss Lawrence Kay Mastin and Robert Keep Rieder Saturday afternoon at Lexington.

DEID — Michael Howard Waugh, 50, Wednesday at the Boardman County Hospital. — Mrs. Minnie Crouch, Copier, 82, Wednesday at her residence in Salt Lake. — Arthur Harper, 74, Wednesday at his home in Salt Lake. — Mrs. Tillie Ross Owings, Thursday at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. — Ralph T. Bonar, 54, of

touching one with his magic finger through the agency of the mischievous witch of braided plaits and gingham aprons, who sat so demurely at the desk across the aisle of a droning school room.

Shun, shun the Bow! That fatal, fable has ruined many geese who dipped their quills in 'il.
Bribes, murder, narry, but steer clear of ink.
Save when you write receipts for paid-up copy bills.

And yet — 'a twiching trade, though hard on the nerves and rarely filling to the purse. — Arthur Sherwin. — Mrs. Alice Green Crump, 62, Monday afternoon at the home of a daughter in Clark County.

Agree or Not

Looking ahead while heeding that which has gone before

By S.C. Van Oran
FRANKFORT — With the new year now beginning — and the old year ending, it seems appropriate to look back to where we have been and make note of what it might tell us about how we are going.
While I'm not an expert economist qualified to advise the president of the United States, common sense and experience lead me to believe that...
This reduction in growth is in sharp contrast to the general trend since the 1960s when growth in national products has averaged more than 4 percent and inflation has been at the rate of 12 percent for the past three or four years.

Letters

To The Carlisle Mercury: This letter is being written to express our thanks to the Nicholas County Department and to let the people in Nicholas County know how dependable the fire department is...

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Continued from page 2 through World War II when not a single automobile was manufactured for the domestic market. All industry was turned over to the production of war material.

We made the old cars last by driving them close and having them repaired. We also learned to take care of them or we would be waiting or looking for public transportation.

This's another point. The American people deserted public transportation and this type of transportation went out of business because it was losing money.

This is not to say that we ought to close down the automobile industry. For a few years until we reach the present crop of cars, that would be disastrous to the people who are depressed like we have never seen before.

The chain reaction would have almost half the labor force unemployed. Remember, during World War II we were using these factories to produce war material. There was a shortage of labor instead of a surplus for the young men to war, and those behind had to enter production lines, including many women.

We noticed what happened when Ford Motor closed one of its plants for a while in Louisville. It was the same plant which closed when GE furthorough manufacturing plant was closed.

Stop automobile production and you cut steel, coal, and all other by-products and parts that go into the automobile.

It seems to be the time to think about preserving what we have instead of individual labor unions or management trying to keep their jobs. These are the expense of everybody, including themselves.

Heart-breaking finish
Jackets drop close one to Indians

By Meg Conley and Peggy Stewart
The Nicholas County Bluejackets traveled to Montgomery County Saturday evening, Dec. 27, only to suffer a heart-breaking loss at the hands of the Montgomery County Indians, 3-2.

This loss brings the Jacket record to 4-3. The win did not come easily to the Indians. The Jackets played with they had until the final second. The game was a close one, the Indians led 1-0 at the top of the first and 2-0 at the top of the second.

With 6:33 showing on the clock, Montgomery rebounded off a missed foul shot bringing the score to 10-6. As the Jackets kept control of the ball the clock ticked down to two seconds, trying to set up for a winning shot. Fate was against the Jackets, as a foul was called against Nicholas.

The clock was ticking down to 0:23 and the Jackets traded the Indians by one point before a jump-ball was called. The Indians gained control of the ball and raced down the floor to score two more. Barry Berry, standing at the foul line at 4:18, raised the Jackets' score with two good foul shots.

With the clock at 1:09, Mike Woodley set up the Indians shooting a lay-up to break the tie at 12 points. Montgomery led the score up with a basket.

As the quarter progressed the Jackets broke the tie and surpassed the Indians to lead the first quarter with a score of 18-14, Jackets' favor.
A minute into the second quarter the score remained with the Jackets leading Indians with a score of 24-18. Donald Markland made the first two points of the quarter on foul shots.

Cawood Comments
The Wildcatters' New Year's Slump
LEXINGTON — It was December 30, 1976. It was well past 10 p.m. and time was critical as we left Louisville and headed for Lexington to catch a plane.

A police escort got us through the heavy traffic and we were on our way, rolling east on the Raleigh-Hacker and I were on our way to Atlanta for the Peach Bowl game the next afternoon. We had just finished Kentucky announce Notre Dame 107-79 in our annual basketball game. Only Joe Hall's liberal use of rears kept this game exciting.

When the person in charge of trying to sell your property falls down, it's either a seller or a buyer who is in trouble. If they are a seller, it's because they have bad basements. Of course I'm only one person in Nicholas County who has had my property stolen. But the loss of my property doesn't affect Mr. Wilson's or anyone else who lives in the fire department, salary at the fire department is not affected and he is not affected. As Mr. Wilson said that he would not be affected by the loss of my property, I want the entire Nicholas County Fire Department to know that I hope if they ever need help with a fire they can call on someone more dependable than me!

While in the hospital in Lexington, I was told that I was in bad luck. I was told that I was in bad luck. I was told that I was in bad luck.

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Grain workshop at UK
Kentucky grain producers can learn how to plan and manage grain drying and storage systems at a workshop to be held Jan. 24 in Lexington on the campus of the University of Kentucky campus.
The workshop, sponsored by the UK College of Agriculture and the Coopers and Lybrand Extension Service, will help farmers who want to establish or expand grain drying and storage facilities. So to improve methods in current operation. Members of the UK ag engineering department will help individual farmers solve particular problems, as well as discuss all aspects of grain drying and storage.

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