Opinion

An editor's random thoughts...

This, That and T'Other
A page from the diary of a country editor
By Warren R. Fisher Sr.

Up fairly betimes and find a typical Kentucky morn, of the kind when the ringing call of the crow comes clearly across miles of sparkling sunshine; when the pastures are grey with the frost, save for steaming patches where fat cattle have slept. On such days the smoke rises like a wispy arrow straight to heaven and one remembers hog-killings, the steaming lard kettles, fat black sausages and cracklin' bread. Such days in the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky always make me think of the rural England of Pickwick and Sir Roger de Coverly, of kitchens hung with hams and pepper pods, of ruddy, apple-cheeked squires rollicking at their hunt breakfasts. All of which comes of reading, if ancestral memories be discounted, for I have never been in England and doubtless never will be, save through the eyes of books.

So to breakfast of wheat cakes and fresh eggs, golden meated and lightly boiled — and a substitute for coffee. God save the mark! The medicos have denied me the potent brew which warms the cockles of an aging heart so pleasantly of mornings — and somewhat cheered fall to reading the Sunday papers with an unused interest (for they invariably overwhelm me with their bigness) and note the usual Sunday morning crop of murders and robberies, grown less since the federal authorities declared unrelenting warfare, but bountiful enough in all conscience. And I read of a woman who has slain her husband, a practice that vex males must, of necessity from upon, yet I wonder why more of it is not done. It would be, doubtless, save that woman has learned tact, through the centuries, and prefers to use, as a general rule, "quips and cranks and wanton wiles" (and occasionally a rolling pin) in preference to pistols, when she would bring the male to heel. Failing all of these there remain tears, which no human male, worthy of the name, may withstand.

It would seem to the casual reader of our daily prints that the world grows worse, what with murders and kidnappings and fiendish happenings and as a consequence there are those who would consign this old planet to the demonition dogs and have done with it. Which is a sentiment I cannot accept, believing that the world does grow better, as it has grown better through countless aeons. Fiendish crimes and waves of lawlessness are but incident, I think, to the infinitesimally slow process of growth, like the old "growing pains," (the result of infected tonsils, no doubt) that afflicted the youth of those who were children in the Mauve Decade. Some day our wise men will discover the "infected tonsil," and excise it to the betterment of our national life. It seems to me that Franklin Roosevelt — sneer at his New Deal as you will — begins to put a wise finger upon this infection of the body politic, when he would make more secure the tenure of the average citizen in his home and his work; when he would take steps to banish fear of a penniless old age; when he would bring to each and every citizen a more abundant life, unhaunted by the spectre of want...It will come at long last. Tennyson did "dip into the future far as human mind could see" and in that extraordinary poem I find a line that may well be pondered by those who doubt the ability of the life which walks and crawls and creeps upon this whirling sphere to adjust itself to a destiny magnificent, a destiny undreamed in our philosophy:

"For I doubt not through the ages one
increasing purpose runs;
And the thoughts of men are widened with
the process of the suns."

Another way, forsooth, of saying: "God's in His heaven; all's right with the world" — a preachment much heard in churches, but put to scant practice and given little faith, else there would be little fear and much more contentment among those of us who strut and fret our brief hour upon the stage of life. But, Lord! I preach, a role I would not usurp from the dominies.

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All of this day I have been conscious of a hunger for the spring, a hunger born aforetime, for in between lie wintry wastes and fields sepulchred with snow, but whetted somehow by this day of sparkling winter sunshine, bearing its gifts of frosty beauty to eye and ear and nostril. Last night I dreamt that a purple martin came and perched forlorn upon the comb of a neighboring house; today the mood is upon me for fireside gardening, a pleasant pastime which the purveyors of seed catalogues aid and abet most delightfully with their gaudy booklets. Given an armchair by the fireside and a sheaf of these colorful books and one may raise himself rows of crisp, red radishes, beds of tender green lettuce, vines of luscious red tomatoes. He may see his butterbean tents hung with fat, savory pods, may dream a regiment of green stalks with tassels and banners, bearing their cornucopia knapsacks of ivory or golden ears. And then there are the flowers — lady hollyhocks by the garden wall, the lilac bush in the corner, the spraying gold of forsythia and the cascading white foam of bridal wreath. Later will come the roses....Summer waxes in my fireside gardening and heavier blossoms unfold. The moonflower twists its fat vines up my trellis, opening white flowers to perfume moonlit August nights with a fragrance that to me is somehow of the Orient; zinnias and dahlias unfold their perfect beauties as summer wanes; and flaunting their fresh, tangy fragrance in the very teeth of the frost, come at the last, chrysanthemums...A pleasant, if unproductive pastime, is fireside gardening and one emerges with uncalloused hands.

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Soon guests for dinner, to which I do full justice, despite an indigestion born of my disposition to worry too much, I think, and so to sit around the fire in pleasant talk, until the sun begins to paint flaming colors in the west and I know from the lore of childhood that we shall have another day tomorrow of perfect weather, a typical Kentucky day, when the caw of a distant crow is as comforting as a benediction to one who loves this region; when the branch meandering icily through grey meadows and bare woodlands has a beauty peculiar to the season; when the west flames at evening and night's curtain shuts us in cosily beside fires that snap and crackle on cheery hearths...Provincial I may be and doubtless am, yet I think I shall never lose my love for this Blue Grass Region of Kentucky, nor the thrill that its quiet beauties bring to me, from the soft loveliness of its lush pastures in the spring to the majesty, the tented grandeur of its fields of hemp and corn in the autumn.

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Our guests gone, my wife and I to drive over the countryside for an hour, into the glow of the flaming west. And we fall to talking of faith and agree that none of us in this world has any too much, though we pray and posture and profess mightily, so that if we possessed verily the implicit confidence in that Increasing Purpose, which we parrot-like avow, this would soon become a world without fear, and perhaps without disease — a consummation that eventually may be reached. I would not gainsay that, or any other prophecy of the ultimate progress of mankind, no matter how wild seeming. For the melancholy Dane erred not, I think, in reminding his friend that:

"There are more things in Heaven and earth,
Horatio, than are dreamt of in your
philosophy."

And so it seems to me that there are many, many things that are undreamt of in our philosophy; and believing so I would not lose faith in this world that may, perchance, but have "growing pains."

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So at near midnight reading, I came once again upon the sparkling lines of Browning and his profession of faith:

I trust in Nature for the stable laws
Of beauty and utility. Spring shall plant
And Autumn garner to the end of time.
I trust in God, the right shall be the right
And other than the wrong, while he endures.
I trust in my own soul that can reserve
The outward and the inward, Nature's good
And God's.
A beautiful expression of faith it seems to me. I would that it were mine, in very truth; not as a prattled creed, but in very truth. Perhaps some day I may achieve it.

So musing upon this, that and t'other: of faith and its comfortings, of my hunger this winter's day for the spring; of the graceful beauties of my sugar maples, in May, when they spread honeymoon coverts for shy catbirds; of daffodils and returning bird song; of pastures purpling with the ripening blue grass; of the flowers of fecund summer and the tented fields of autumn — suddenly I feel and am thankful that,

"Cold winds can never freeze, nor thunder
sour,
The cup of cheer that beauty draws for me."

So, after awhile, with much contentment, to sleep.

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Down Memory Lane

Cavanaugh buys shoe repair

Thursday, February 2, 1961

Luther Hollar, a 1931 graduate of Carlisle High School and a native of Nicholas County, assumed operation of the Gulf distribution plant on East Main Street Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Army privates Charles C. Judge, Billy C. Smart, Marvin E. Vice and Russell S. Wills Jr. are receiving eight weeks of advanced individual training at The Artillery and Missile School, Fort Sill, Okla. They entered the Army in October 1960 and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

The Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station's agronomy department said this week it has released a new variety of burley tobacco, labeled KY 10, which is a rather short-compact, stand-up, high-yielding, good quality tobacco with more leaves.

Sunday, Feb. 5, will mark the opening of the new church library at the Carlisle Christian Church. A committee composed of Mrs. H.T. Brayfield, Elmer Dampier, Harry Letton, Mrs. Alma Murray, Miss Martha Ann Flora, Miss Carol Caswell and the minister, Lanis E. Kineman have been making plans for the library for months. It will contain approximately 670 volumes.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Castle of Lexington a son, Sunday at the St. Joseph Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cox a daughter, Joyce Glenn, Jan. 27 at the Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Arizona Bussell and Donald Dailey, Jan. 28 at the home of the Rev. A.F. Shield in Mt. Sterling.

DIED — Mrs. Mary Minton Kelly, 83, Wednesday at her home on North Broadway. — Mrs. L.D. Blake, 89, Richmond, a Nicholas County native, Saturday at the Gibson Hospital. — Mrs. Ethel Harney Jenkins, 78, Sunday at the Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Berlie Y. Bregen, 84, Jan. 25 at her home in Newport.

Thursday, January 30, 1941

Rolla S. Cavanaugh, who has been employed at the Al Peters shoe shop since 1935, has purchased the business from Ray Stump and has taken charge of the business.

Miss Ida Howard, veteran Carlisle music teacher, suffered a fractured hip in a fall at her home several days ago. She is reported as resting fairly comfortably. Miss Howard, one of the most widely known women in Carlisle, was for many years organist at the local Methodist Church.

Mrs. A.T. Gardner, Nicholas County Red Cross Production chairman, and Mrs. John J. Lee left Monday for Louisville to attend a four-day institute to receive training for Red Cross and National Defense.

Mr. and Mrs. W.T. Hamilton, of near Jackstown, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Wednesday by entertaining about 40 relatives with a lovely dinner.

J.K. Maffett was purchaser at public auction Saturday of a 50-acre tract of the farm of Mr. and Mrs. H.F. Maffett near Hooktown.

DIED — Mrs. Sophia Jones, 87, died at the home of her daughter, Miss Mattie Jones, near Saltwell last week. — Lora Vice, 61, died at his home on Licking River in the Milltown section Friday. — John M. Campbell, 66, died last Wednesday afternoon at the home of his sister, Mrs. Bettie Hamilton, near Carlisle.

AGREE OR NOT

15,000 former state workers drawing retirement benefits from 2 state funds

By S.C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT — While the average turnover in employment is 18 to 22 percent a year, 15,000 former state workers are now drawing retirement pay from two funds, State Employees Retirement and Social Security, Bob by McKee, acting director of the state fund, said last week.

Mike Robinson, deputy personnel director, said the greatest exodus from state jobs comes during the one to five year employment period. After they pass the five-year mark of service, they tend to stay longer or to make a career of state government. The appointive positions are the ones with the greatest turnover since they come in and leave with the governor.

While state retirement pay isn't nearly as good as social security, it is a very attractive addition each month during retirement.

About 100 persons retire each month, McKee said, and the greatest number of the present retirees are drawing between $200 and $499 per month from the state system as well as their social security.

State retirement, like social security or any retirement system, is based on salary earned and the number of years employment. Retirement pay for the state is based on the highest five years of earnings, and the total amount paid in during the working years, and number of years worked also go into the formula for determining the monthly retirement pay.

For example, a person who was making $7,200 per year and retired after 20 years, his annual retirement would be $2,144; for 25 years it would grow to $2,643 and climb and $3,171 for 30 years.

Some employees who have worked only a short period of years for the state prefer to take a lump sum refund rather than wait until they are 65 years old and draw a very small monthly check. It takes five years to earn a vested interest in the plan.

Under the refund option, the employee receives the amount he has paid into the retirement fund plus three percent interest.

The basic plan provides if the retired employee dies before he has drawn out what he paid in during his years of work, his estate will get the difference.

There are other options, based on percentages...survivorship...100 percent, 50 percent or 66.6 percent. Another is ten years certain.

If the retiree elects to draw the full 100 percent monthly retirement check his survivors will get no more payments after he dies. He can reduce his monthly check and let his survivor draw under the other two percentage plans. For the 10-year certain period, if the retiree doesn't live 10 years, his designated survivor will draw the money until the 10 years is reached.

A state employee may retire with full benefits after 30 years of service, regardless of age. He can retire at age 55 with a minimum of service, but his retirement pay is reduced the same as social security benefits.

The State Police Retirement System, also managed by McKee, provides mandatory retirement at age 55 because it is a hazardous occupation. Another system in the same office is the County and City Employee Retirement System.

The employee contributes four percent of his salary to the system while the state pays in 7.25 percent. Under social security the employer matches the employee's contribution of 6.65 percent up to $29,700 annual earnings. The state contributes about $9.5 million into the funds per month from which is paid to the retirees or invested in bonds, stocks or short term money certificates.

Small adjustments in retirement pay have been made in the past few years as inflation has grown. About half of the retirees, or 7374 of them are drawing between $200 and $399 per month.

The total amount paid to retirees each month is $2.5 million, McKee said.

There are at least two other state supported retirement systems...for teachers and judges.

While the Teacher Retirement System pays some more, the teachers also contribute about twice what state employees contribute. Teachers also can retire after 30 years of service, but judges must wait until age 65 if they draw full benefits.

The forget - me - not is the state flower of Alaska.

Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

The Unspeakable Law:

That's as much as I dare quote from Murphy's calendar. Anyway the better-half Kay and I took time off last Friday to attend the mid-winter meeting of the Kentucky Press Association (Jan. 22-24) at the Hyatt Regency in Louisville.

The most pleasant aspect of our short sojourn was the award presentation brunch Saturday morning where the Mercury received a first place plaque, a certificate for second place and three third place awards.

With well over 100 state and national awards to its credit, one might say, The Carlisle Mercury is doing a bit of crowing.

We were back in Carlisle Saturday afternoon where all those candidate cards I'd printed Thursday still awaited my touch with the paper cutter knife. In this business, it never rains but what it pours.

I'd missed one night of knee bathing, soaking or whatever. I've been wrapping the offending member in hot turkish towels then placing my foot and leg in a plastic garbage sack. Some mornings I awaken and think there's been a miracle, but after raising the left leg into the air 20 times with 5-pounds of type tied to my left shoe I have a different thought. And to think, I have to increase the weight to 10-pounds...

— MV —

Insurance

Someone asked me Monday why it was that a tobacco grower would go to all the trouble preparing his seed bed, caring for the plants, fertilizing, transplanting, etc. and then risk everything, (money and time) going it alone. Why wouldn't they invest in FEDERAL CROP INSURANCE?!

We'd bet they have insurance on their house, automobile, possibly their health and life, so why not that main source of income?

— MV —

Sick minds

We've been aware there was a problem in Nicholas County and Carlisle for a long time, but the "sick minded" person or persons who stole the Sunday Courier-Journals only to set them afire near the old hospital Sunday morning do need help. Needless to say more Sunday papers were shipped from Louisville and Chris Rose was still able to satisfy his customers' needs.

Nicholas County Bluejackets beginning to roll as they battle Campbell Co. Camels

By Meg Conley and Peggy Stewart

The Nicholas County Bluejackets battled the Campbell County Camels Saturday night, away, winning by a score of 73-70.

The Jackets started off on their toes and continued to play superbly throughout the entire game. David McGuffey scored Nicholas County's first two points plus four more in the first quarter with three steals, and one foul. Donald Markland Jr. scored two points with three steals, one turnover and one foul. Barry Bretz scored three points (one free throw shot), one foul, and turned the ball over once. Mike Sowell completed two points while Barry Frost turned the ball over once. The score was Campbell County 13, Nicholas County 15, ending the first quarter.

Barry Bretz scored the first two points of the second quarter for Nicholas, with an assist from David McGuffey. As the game progressed, Nicholas continued to hold its lead. The score stood 26-15 with 6:30 on the clock. The Camels executed their plays well, allowing them to pull up and tie the score at 36-36 by the end of the half.

Mike Sowell scored Nicholas' first two points of the third quarter. Seven points were made by Don Markland (one from the foul line). Steve Anderson completed three free throw attempts. The score at the end of the quarter was 53-52, Nicholas' lead.

To begin the fourth quarter Mike Sowell completed a Nicholas basket with an assist from Barry Bretz. Campbell matched the two points and was followed by Barry Bretz's basket with an assist from David McGuffey. Both teams continued to play well throughout the quarter. With 22 seconds left on the clock the score was 66-69, Nicholas' lead. The Jackets closed out the game as Campbell's attempted shot failed and the clock ran out sending the Jackets home with a victory.

Nicholas County traveled to Olive Hill to play the West Carter Comets Friday night and came home defeated. The final score of that game was 76-65.

The Jackets will play next home Feb. 3 against the Fleming County Panthers.

EKU hosts Western Ky. and MTSU this week

Two very important Ohio Valley Conference games are on tap for the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels' basketball team this week at Richmond.

Arch-rival and league co-leader Western Kentucky comes into Alumni Coliseum Thursday night for a 7:30 p.m. contest, while Middle Tennessee, a team that has compiled a 5-2 OVC mark, will play the Colonels Saturday night in Alumni Coliseum.

"There's no question about it. These two games are critical," said EKU head coach Ed Byhre. "We hope we can continue to play like we have these last couple of games."

In Eastern's latest contest, the Colonels rolled to a 91-65 victory over Morehead State before 6,400 fans in Alumni Coliseum.

Dale Jenkins, a 6-8 senior forward, had his best performance of the 1981 season by pumping in 22 points and pulling down 17 rebounds. His scoring output included 10-10 free throw shooting.

"When Dale has his sights set on playing hard, there aren't too many forwards in this league who can handle him," said Byhre.

Senior guard Tommy Baker added 21 points, while sophomore forward Steve Robinson pitched in 18 on 6-8 shooting from the field and the charity stripe.

In his last two starts at Alumni Coliseum, MSU and Tennessee Tech, Robinson has hit an unbelievable 17-18 from the field.

"Steve plays hard and is a good player for a full-blown transition game like we had with Morehead," Byhre said.

Bruce Jones, EKU's senior All-OVC guard, is preparing to pass Austin Peay's former guard Norman Jackson as the all-time assist leader in conference history. Jones has now totaled 626 assists, only 12 shy of breaking Jackson's OVC mark of 637 set in 1976-78.

Baker leads three double-digit scorers for the Colonels with his 15.7 per game average, followed by Jones at 11.6 and 6-5 junior forward Dwayne Smith at 10.6. Smith is still leading the conference and the team in rebounding at 9.4.

Robinson leads Colonel regulars in field goal percentage at .593, while Jones is shooting 56.3 percent and Baker 52.8.

Jones tops EKU free throw shooters with his 80.6 percent figure, followed by Jenkins at 78.0.

Current OVC standings have Western Kentucky and Murray State at the top with their 5-1 OVC marks, followed by Middle Tennessee at 5-2 and Eastern's 4-2 league record. The bottom half of the standings show Akron at 3-4, Morehead State and Austin Peay at 2-5 and Tennessee Tech at 1-6.

Tickets are still available for both the Western and MTSU games. Ticket windows open at 4:45 p.m. Thursday and Saturday. The current homestand closes next Monday, Feb. 2, when EKU hosts one of the top southern independents, Southern Mississippi, in a 7:30 p.m. contest.

Berea College sets example

With inflation expected to continue upward in 1981, colleges and universities across the nation might take a lesson from Kentucky's Berea College.

The private, liberal arts college, known nationally for its student labor program, has a tradition of giving students responsible jobs to accomplish, and involving students in major building renovation projects also is saving money.

Dianne Settle, administrative assistant for Berea's Physical Plant operation, reports that last year's student renovation of the 55-year-old Rogers Dormitory produced such good results that the college decided to put students in charge of upgrading Kentucky Hall, which was built in 1917.

"With a renovation project probably taking place each year for the next several years, student labor seems to be the most efficient tool for cutting expenses," she says.

This past September, the 13-member Kentucky Dorm student crew began plastering, painting, laying carpet, insulating steam pipes, installing light fixtures and doing other repair work to the three-story, brick structure located near the edge of Berea's campus.

The renovation team includes three student supervisors who prepare work schedules, order supplies and oversee the other student workers. When the students are unsure about a particular task, Ms. Settle, who is monitoring the project, arranges for a demonstration by a professional craftsman.

When improvements to Kentucky Hall are completed next spring, Berea College will have saved approximately $30,000, the same amount saved by involving students on the Rogers Dormitory renovation in 1979.

But quality is not being sacrificed for economy. Since most of the students working on the project have had experience in construction work, Ms. Settle says the finished project "will be as good as if done by a professional." The student work is being checked closely by employees of the college's Physical Plant.

The two dormitory projects are not the only major undertakings in which Berea students have been involved. Ms. Settle, a 1975 graduate of the college, was one of several students who renovated the campus snack bar in the summer of 1971. Phelps Stokes Chapel, which houses classrooms and a 1,500-seat auditorium, was built entirely by students in 1905.

Students also helped in the construction of the Edwards and Trades buildings in the early 1900's and dug the foundation for the addition to the Frost Building in 1937.

Instead of paying tuition, all Berea students work 10 to 15 hours a week in the on-campus labor program. The college admits only students who have limited financial resources but are willing to work for a college education. Eighty percent of the 1500 students enrolled at Berea are from the Appalachian region.

Judge/executive Reese Smoot seeks re-election

Reese Smoot, Nicholas County Judge/Executive has filed for re-election in the May 26 Primary.

Smoot is a native of Nicholas County, a member of the Christian Church, Blue Licks Masonic Lodge and a veteran of the Korean War.

He is married to the former Patsy Fryman and they are the parents of two children, Reese Wayne of Ewing, and Mrs. Kim Moran of Nicholas County.

Prior to his election as county Judge/Executive, Smoot served four years as sheriff and four years as deputy sheriff.

The Smoots live on Carlisle, Route 3.

Statewide program to help in filling state income tax

The Kentucky Department of Revenue has announced a new statewide program to help taxpayers in all counties in filling out their 1980 state income tax forms.

Beginning in early February more than 50 field representatives of the department will offer the free service on a full or part-time basis in each county in the state.

In previous years, this service was available only in those counties with district or subdistrict offices of the department.

Kentucky Revenue Commissioner Robert H. Allphin said this "circuit rider" concept was instituted partially to compensate for the closing of two district and three subdistrict offices by the department last year in an economy move.

The service will aid the department in its efforts to get taxpayers to file their returns as early as possible, Allphin said. Early filing helps the department process the forms more efficiently and economically and speeds the payment of refunds to taxpayers.

In most counties the service will be offered one to two days during February. Schedules may be adjusted to meet local demands in March and early April.

Department officials said county officials across the state have been very cooperative in providing the department free office space for the program.

The services provided by the field representatives to taxpayers include:

— Answering questions about and explaining Kentucky tax regulations and procedures.

— Assisting in filling out state forms.

— Providing forms needed by taxpayers to report income or expenses from farm, business and other sources.

The field representatives cannot provide assistance with filing federal income tax forms, said Alex Rose, deputy revenue commissioner. Telephone inquiries should be made to the department's district offices, Rose said.

Cawood Comments

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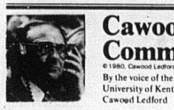

The Cither Wildcats are Winning Two

LEXINGTON — Wildcat fever is running rampant across the Commonwealth. Kentucky basketball is a subject that's discussed over coffee from Paducah to Big Sandy.

The legions of loyal Wildcat fans meet to recount every play, every win. They do their share of exporting when the Wildcats lose, too. It's been that way as long as anybody can remember.

There's another Wildcat team that doesn't have the tradition of the basketball program, but in future is also being decided on these wintry days.

With little fanfare, Coach Fran Curci is going about signing what may be the best football recruiting class in Big Blue history.

Curci says he has signed 25 players to Southeastern Conference grants-in-aid. He is permitted to sign 30.

Although Curci announces the Kentucky players he signs, he usually never reveals the names of the out-of-state signees until the national signing date on Feb. 18.

He broke with that tradition this year in announcing the signing of one Ohio player, Doug Williams.

"Doug is a program burner," Curci says of the 6-foot-6, 266 pound product of Cincinnati Moeller. "He is a great, great player, and when other prospects know he's coming to Kentucky, they know our program is headed in the right direction. We've already had some calls from interested players since we announced Doug had signed with us."

Curci thinks he and his staff must accomplish two things if the UK program going in the right direction again.

"We had a very young team last season," he says. "We've got most of them back and they should play better.

"It is imperative we have a good spring practice. We've got to get a lot done this year. It's also vital that we have a good recruiting year. That would give us three good recruiting years in a row. We won't know until the players sign the national letter, but it's looking real good right now."

That's good news to Kentucky football fans.

Notice

Vehicle Owners: Report all changes of ownership to the P.V.A. Office. This will prevent your being charged with a vehicle you do not own.

Letton receives service certificate

Harold R. Letton was recently awarded a Certificate of Service and a pin for 20 years of service and dedication to the farmers of Nicholas County as a Community Committeeman with ASCS.

ASC Community Committeemen, elected annually, are responsible for the election of the County Committee, and represent the farmers in the county in the implementation of ASCS programs.

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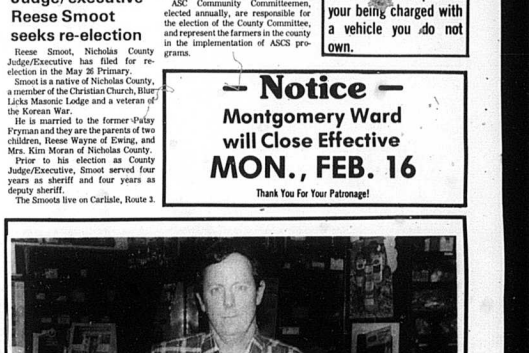

Mr. Richard Gardner

— Welcome! —

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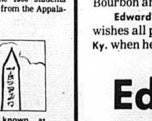
The obelisks known as Cleopatra's needles were actually set up nearly 15 centuries before Cleopatra was born.