

Opinion

A BIG week for taxpayers

Congratulations, you've finally made it! Whether you realize it or not, this is a very big week. You see, as of Sunday, May 10, you (the average American taxpayer) stopped working for the government and started working for yourself.

An editor's random thoughts . . .

Never, I think, have I seen the apple orchards such a riot of blossoms. The red bud this year has a most perfect bloom, and the haws are veritable clouds of white. It must be that a "Good Godding year" is ahead of us, barring "Good Godding year." Since the dark drought of 1890, we have not caught up. I imagine, on Monday, March and April, have been making it up to us in good measure. As a consequence the woods and pastures of May and June should be surprisingly beautiful.

The other morning, at breakfast I noticed a familiar splashing in the bird bath. The water fairly flew, as did the wings of the bather, and I recognized the slim grey shape of my favorite among the birds. The cardinal is back and with her, I always feel, comes Spring. We may have our "dogwood winter," a few oaks retreats, but we shall jump all at once into warm weather any day now. While at breakfast Saturday morning I saw a catbird, the tufted titmouse, martins, blackbirds, a song sparrow, the hairy woodpecker, blue jays and a wood thrush that stopped for a moment and sang in my weeping willow . . . and this in a town back yard! It is a rather pleasant hobby, this learning to identify birds, and easy until you enter the realm of warblers. These little sprites are so tiny and of such a variety of coloring that I am content with the classification of "warbler." These should be coming through any day now on their journey to the great fogs of the north. Watch for their quick nervous searchings of your trees. Not a leaf is missed and few insects escape when a flock of migrating warblers stop for a visit.

There is no perfume of blossom more delightful to me than that of the lilac. Very likely the pleasant memory is interwoven with the fresh, clean smell of these flowers. For me, at any rate, they "breathe the Spring," and just at present give me the opportunity to pull out more a bit of a poem that I like:

Agree or Not

Magistrate's position far too significant to be overlooked

By S.C. Van Curen FRANKFORT—Little significance is attached to some of the most important officials voters will elect when they go to the polls May 20.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN
The office is magistrate or justice. Duties of the office in Kentucky have been changed considerably within the past 25 years and particularly as when the new three-tier judicial system was adopted in Kentucky, effective four years ago.

Down Memory Lane

Gray lands 51 pound catfish

Thursday, May 18, 1981
Those Gray and Herb McClanahan caught a whopper, a Licking River catfish, weighing 51 pounds Monday.

Thursday, May 14, 1981
A restaurant across the street owned by Eliza Price also caught fire, but was extinguished before great damage was done.

Letters

To the Carlisle Mercury:
I had the pleasant experience of visiting Carlisle over the Easter week-end and while in Lexington, I'd never been in this part of the country before, although my grandfather lived most of his life in or around Carlisle.

Kentucky Afield

By John Wilson
If you've been putting off clearing up those fence rows and mooring, aren't you good — put it off a while longer, says Les Nelson, chief wildlife researcher and biologist with the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

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Attorney General says, 'Look before you lease'

"With today's interest rates climbing higher and higher, more and more people are wondering whether or not their next car lease would be a better idea than buying one," said Attorney General Steve Beshear. "If you are one of those people, you should be aware of a new law that will help you shop for the best deal."

Future not bright for firewood supply

A recent assessment of the nation's forest and rangeland resources sounds a clear warning. The study indicates that trends change the demand for wood may be greater than the supply in 10 years and prices will gain six to eight percent. The South will be hit first with softwood demand exceeding supply as early as 1990.

KY crop report

National Agricultural Service reports that the 1981 Kentucky crop report shows a strong start. Spring 1981 blossomed early in Kentucky. Field activity began early as soils were unusually dry for this time of year.

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