Opinion

Guest editorial...

Editor's note: Oct. 1-8 is National Higher Education Week in America. In observance of this focus on higher education, Dr. Donald Zacharias, president of Western Kentucky University, comments on the future of higher education. Dr. Zacharias has been president at WKU since 1979.

Picture for a moment the buildings you remember most vividly from your childhood, and they will inevitably include a church, a courthouse, and one of your schools. For most Americans the memory of schooling is so strong that it is almost inconceivable that we would ever neglect it or go soft on standards for good education. But our report cards for the past few years don't look good. According to numerous reports, we have become content with mediocrity, and our standing as the world's best educated nation continues to decline.

How weak we may be is debatable. That's not the point. We know we are not as strong as we want to be, and thoughtful citizens everywhere are going to work to improve all levels of education. Western Kentucky University is prepared to join with the next governor in a concerted effort to improve education.

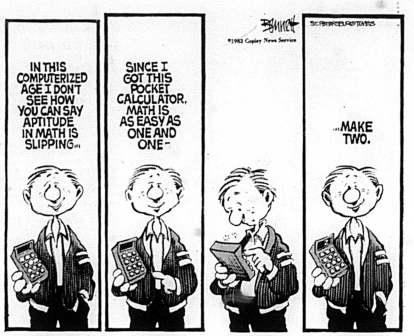
For universities in Kentucky there are unique challenges. In a state where only 11 percent of the population has a college degree, ranking us 49th in educational attainment among the states, we have to work especially hard to show why a college education is vital to our state's growth and prosperity. To many Kentuckians a college degree may look more like an unattainable luxury than a necessity, and yet the need for retrained employees and people with modern skills has never been more critical. It is up to people who genuinely care about the quality of life in our state to take the lead in placing quality education within reach of all academically alert students.

Probably most citizens don't realize that numerous faculty members and administrators in our universities are the first in their families to earn a college degree. As mentors for today's students, they understand well what a degree can do to increase the opportunity to be a contributing member of society, improve personal income, and achieve greater self-satisfaction. Throughout our campuses there are people dedicated to helping students find new avenues to personal development — people who realize that one college graduate can change the entire course of a family's history. They recognize the importance of personal contact in advising students on how to succeed in college.

The message from the university to the high school is that the fundamentals of education are still essential. They may not be glamorous to teach or make a principal feel like an innovator, but they are the sources of knowledge that permit a student to earn a college degree. More than ever, students in high and in college need to learn communication skills, mathematics, science, social sciences, the humanities, and the arts. These disciplines are the fountainheads for all that comes later in life. Through developing a proficiency in these areas, students gain the most important skill of all — they learn how to learn. Our jobs in the community and on the campus are to make the resources available to assure that students have a fair chance to succeed.

At Western Kentucky University our faculty and staff have built an educational program for people who are committed to learning. Students in many academic departments participate in a cooperative education program for those who want to combine education with work in business or industry. There are also challenging programs for outstanding leaders and the academically talented. For all students who meet our admission standards there are opportunities to excel.

"Excellence characterizes a school or college," the National Commission on Excellence in Education says, "that sets high expectations and goals for all learners, then tries in every way possible to help students reach them." People at Western believe in that form of excellence. As we celebrate National Higher Education Week, our students will tell you that Western Kentucky University is a university that works. In partnership with Kentucky's other universities, Western is committed to extending the frontiers of knowledge and to helping Kentuckians experience the satisfaction of possessing a college degree.



Agree or not

On coersive invitations, etc.

by S.C. Van Curen

Why is it that professional political office seekers get the idea that public office was created for their benefit and that they are entitled to use public monies and powers of the office for their selfish purposes?

Three prime examples of this have cropped up in the news within the past two weeks, and the public can expect more of the same before the November election.

Some editorial writers have had a field day with Secretary of State Frances Jones Mills' coersive invitation to bankers for a $100 per plate fund raiser to aid her campaign to return to the State Treasurer's office.

Not about the same time State Treasurer Drex Davis is defying a request from the state Department of Finance to deposit state funds in several banks in accordance with a plan established some months ago.

These two officials want to trade offices in the next January and continue their game of musical chairs.

Meanwhile, after drawing editorial kudos for his successful efforts in cutting state expenses to conform with drastic falling revenues in the past two years, Gov. John Young Brown Jr. blithely announces to the state that his administration is going to spend $250,000 in printing a brochure and mailing it to one million Kentucky households recounting the accomplishments of his four-year stewardship.

While all of this is going on Attorney Stephen Beshear is oblivious to it all, adopting the role of the three monkeys. He hears no evil, he sees no evil and he speaks no evil. All of his time is concentrated on not making waves in the political zoo with the hope he will slide in as lieutenant governor almost unnoticed.

Beshear certainly isn't using his office of Attorney General to ask Davis, Mills or Brown to account to the public for their using the powers of public money for their personal benefit.

I seem to recall that a candidate in Jefferson County was taken to court for making a primary promise that he would return part of his salary to county government. This candidate happened to be a Republican and the Democrats were outraged and put upon.

Mills' invitation to the bankers had a sure-fire attention getter, "I shall remember your support."

If there ever were a veiled threat of a bribe transmitted in the mails, that's it. Now, where is Attorney General Stephen Beshear? He's lieutenant governor candidate Beshear.

Where are all of the people who demanded action in the Jefferson County case?

Mr. Davis is not far behind Mrs. Mills in his game playing with the public's money. He deposits it in banks of his own choosing, not according to a plan that appeared to be worked out some months back in the sqUabble between Davis and the Brown administration.

What Davis seems to be saying is that he is a constitutionally elected official and he will do as he pleases without any regard to investment policy and administration guidelines, or what might be best for the citizenship as a whole for that matter.

After more than 40 years of newspapering in Kentucky I am still unable to fathom the pervasive public attitude toward politics and public office. The attitude that comes across to me is, "Let's elect old Joe to office and let him make some money. He' a good fellow and his family have been loyal Kentuckians. He's been a good party man."

Unfettered madman

"To have such a state for a neighbor is nearly as unpleasant as to sit by an unfettered madman at an evening party. Nobody can answer for what he will do the very next moment ...Only the destruction of Russian autocracy can ... free Europe from external danger."

Those words were published in 1886 in the book "Russia Under the Tsars" by Stepniak (Sergei Mikhailovich Kravchinsky).

The destruction of Czarism hasn't changed much.

Down Memory Lane

Weather forecasts are resumed

Thursday, Oct. 10, 1963

The first statewide honor banquet for Kentucky Selective Service Personnel was held Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Sheraton Hotel, Louisville. General Lewis B. Hershey, national Director of Selective Service, was honor banquet speaker. Attending from Carlisle were Hallye Griffin, clerk; W.S. Atkinson, Richard Hunt and Elva Kendall, board members.

At a recent organizational meeting of the Nicholas County Food Service Association, officers elected were Mrs. Clarine Lynam, president; Mrs. Lillian Vice, president-elect; Mrs. Blanche Hedges, secretary and Mrs. Sylvia McQuithy, treasurer. The Nicholas County lunch program serves over 1,000 hot lunches daily to the county schools.

Mrs. Estill Wasson and Miss Herndon Wilson of Carlisle were honored Tuesday, Oct. 1, by the Southern Bell Telephone Company at luncheon directors Robert Talbert, John Sharp, James Boyd, Judge Mitchell, O.K. Curry and Elizabeth Ann Clay attended a demonstration cross-examination debate between Henry Clay High School and Bowling Green High School, Saturday at the University of Kentucky.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. William Crump, twin sons, Garry Ray and Larry Clay, Sept. 30 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Frederick, a son, Marvin Darrell, Oct. 3 at Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Sandra Clark Leach and Donald Manley, Sept. 21 in Carlisle.

DIED — George W. Grimes, 78, Oct. 5 at a Lexington nursing home. — Mrs. Viola Hughes Coy, wife of Floyd Coy, Oct. 6 at home in Lexington.

Thursday, October 14, 1963

Pvt. Stanley Smart is the proud possessor of a medal for expert rifle shooting at Parris Island, S.C. Only one other in a class of 72 won the distinction, which is the "dream of every recruit in the Marine Corps."

Effective Tuesday night, radio stations were permitted to broadcast weather forecasts for the first time in more than a year. They still are prohibited from mentioning wind directions and barometric pressures in current or past weather except as updated under an emergency warning by the weather bureau.

Hopkins Drug Store is undergoing a new fresh coat of paint to the interior of the popular drug store. When completed it will add much to the appearance.

The annual youth fair sponsored by 4-H and FFA leaders, the schools of Carlisle and Nicholas County, Farmers Stockyards, Businessmen's Club, Nicholas Fiscal Court, Farm Bureau, Purebred Livestock Assn., and merchants of Carlisle, will exhibit war food, farm products, and other interesting products of the youth of Nicholas County, when the fair opens next Tuesday at the local stockyards.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Egbert Marshall of Oklahoma City, OK, a daughter, Sue Sanford, Oct. 4.

MARRIED — Miss Roberta Ross and Cpl. Richard Snelling, Oct. 9 in Lexington. — Miss Margarette Allison and Pvt. Earl Hartley, Oct. 2 in Paris. — Miss Ruth Ware and Glenn Ledford, June 22 in Frenchburg.

DIED — James Hubbard, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Hubbard, Tuesday at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

A bird called a grebe builds floating nests on rafts of decaying vegetation in lakes and ponds. It fastens the rafts to cattails and weed stalks.

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Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Apparently, Carlisle remains bitterly divided on the question of the sale of alcoholic beverages in two city precincts.

The Bible, however, reveals that both Jesus and God heartily approved of the consumption of alcohol. I, personally, do not approve of alcohol, its sale or manufacture except for industrial or medical purposes. In 70 years I have totally abstained, and I believe everyone should leave it alone. It is an evil and it creates evil.

Following is the word of God on the subject of alcoholic beverages:

Matthew 11:19. The son of man (Jesus) came eating and drinking (wine), and they say, Behold, a man gluttonous and a winebibber...

Judges 9:13. And the vine said unto them (the trees), Should I leave my wine, which cheereth both God and man, to be promoted over the trees'

The above was uttered by Jotham, the son of Gideon, and it clearly indicates that God drank wine and was cheered by it.

In John 2:3-10 Mary asked Jesus to make wine for the wedding party at Cana. Jesus made 122 gallons of excellent wine from water. It must have been quite a party.

Proverbs 31:7. And also that every man should eat and drink (wine) and enjoy the good of labor. It is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 9:7. Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine (ale) with a merry heart: for now God accepteth thy works.

In view of the above, how can anyone who believes the Bible oppose the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages? I, for one, will continue my total abstinence despite the examples set by Jesus and God.

Ray Lanum
219 N. Broadway, Carlisle

To The Carlisle Mercury:

The outcome of the Nov. 8 election will be of extreme importance to the people of Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton and Robertson counties.

Age and experience are two of the crucial necessities that Jack Arnold fails to have to preside as Circuit Judge. G.A. Farnsley has this experience.

I know Judge Famularo regrets that he has been unable to contact each of you personally but he has been unable to do so because of his heavy court schedules which he feels must come first. He was appointed to do a job — and he's doing it. Judge Famularo is not an opportunist. If elected he will serve a full term. In addition, no one will be added to the unemployment statistics. Even his opponent will still retain his present $44,522 yearly job which he was elected to for a four year term less than two years ago.

I urge the voters to go to the polls with the awareness of what this position means. This person will be making decisions each day that may affect your life. It's not a matter of who you know or who you have met, but who is most qualified to administer justice. There is no substitute for judicial experience and integrity. Being Circuit Judge is a big responsibility.

Sincerely,
Alma Slade
Cynthiana, Ky.

Letters to the editor policy

All readers of **The Carlisle Mercury** are welcome to submit letters to the editor, and it is asked that the following guidelines be followed when writing to us.

Letters sent for publication should be originals addressed to the Mercury, not copies of letters to some third party. All letters must contain the letter writer's signature, address and telephone number or the phone number at which you can be reached.

Poems and cards of thanks will not be published as letters to the editor.

Brevity will help and we reserve the right to edit or reject any letter we consider libelous or in poor taste.

No fee is charged for publishing a letter to the editor.

If possible letters should be typed and double spaced and if written in longhand, please write as legibly as possible.

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The great Gothic cathedral of Milan was started in 1386. It wasn't completed until 1805.

Op-Ed page

Great idea . . . but how can you spell out VULTURES for IRS?

You can't say Charles M. Cooper doesn't think big. He's gone and invented a new phone system for the whole blessed federal government. The idea is that an agency's number shouldn't be random, as it is now, but should spell out a word that tells the nutshell truth about the office you are trying to reach.

Under Charlie's system, all federal numbers would begin with 87 or 872. That stands, of course, for US or USA. Then the fun begins.

If you wanted the CIA, you'd call US7-7665—or USSPOOK.

If you wanted Commerce, it'd be USA-7335 — or USASELL.

The U. S. Information Agency? Why, USA-7667 (or USAPOOP), of course.

The Department of Army? Charlie suggests USA-4867 (USAGUNS).

Not to be outdone, the Department of the Air Force would be ASA-7267. (USASOAR). The Marines would be US5-6325 (USLNECK). And the Coast Guard, which chases plenty of smugglers these days, would be USA-3673 (USADOPE).

State would be US7-3223 (USPEACE). HUD would be either US4-6873 or USA-4663, depending on whether you lived in a HOUSE or a HOME," as Charlie puts it. Labor would be USA-9675 (USAWROK).

Finally, the main switchboard on Capitol Hill would be USA-2855. I'll let you work that one out yourselves, kiddies. Hint: the answer is usually found in china shops.

My only complaint with Charlie is that he forgot a few.

I say the cash flow department of the Social Security Administration should be US2-7653 (USBROKE).

The clerk at U.S. District Court should have US3-3529 (USDELAY).

The Interior Department's number should reflect the biggest ego in the place (USA-9288 (USBROKE).

And the White House, regardless of occupant, simply must have dibs on USA-4973 (USAHYPE).

— RM —

News Item: The CAB is considering banning smoking on all short commercial flights of two hours duration or less.

"Good morning. This is your captain speaking. I want to welcome you aboard Flight 007 of Dogpatch International Airlines.

"In a few minutes we will be taking off for your destination. We want you to enjoy your flight with us.

"While you are aboard, there will be no smoking, no drinking, no foul language used, no obscene gestures made to the flight stewardesses, no spitting on the floor, no walking in the aisles, no locking yourself in the johnny, no turning green and upchucking on the passenger in front of you, no chewing gum or tobacco, no doodling on the free magazines.

"No loud belching, sneezing, coughing or snoring, no operating portable computers that might foul up our navigation equipment, no display of rosaries. In fact, don't do anything because it will probably be against CAB rules. Have a pleasant flight!"

"Good morning. This is your passenger speaking. I want to welcome you as my carrier for this flight. While I am aboard, there will be no bells clanging, no lights flashing, no luggage misplaced, no seating next to gays or people who have eaten garlic, no seats more than six inches away from emergency exits, no climbing angles greater than straight up, no air pockets, updrafts or downdrafts.

"No holding in airport patterns, no smoking, daydreaming or telling jokes in the cockpit, no bumpy landings or sloppy takeoffs, no sudden braking after landing too far down the runway, no lukewarm coffee in paper cups, no stale bologna sandwiches, no baby shoes, dice or rabbits' feet on the windshield, no wishing me a pleasant flight where I might be arrested for blowing my nose.

"In fact, I'd like my money back so I can take a bus!"

— RM —

RUSS METZ

Summer vacation for me always has been the classic case of a love/hate relationship. I love it when it starts and hate it when it ends. The end usually means the arrival of the actual end of those blissful days of freedom is the dread of listening to others about how they spent their vacations.

Gene Taylor of the Detroit Free Press wrote a few fictitious essays for some celebrities on how they might report theirs:

Dear Gene: Great to hear from you again. Nothing special this summer. I led Chrysler to one of the most impressive turnarounds in the history of American business, paid back a $847 million loan seven years early, became a TV star, and became the target of speculation about a shot at the presidency.

Your pal, Lee Iacocca.

Dear Gene; I'm surprised you remembered me since I didn't look like Betty or Veronica from those comics you were always reading. I spent the summer on a trip with some friends. Although I didn't think it was that big a deal, the media really got excited about my being the first America Woman in space. It still wasn't as exciting as the first time we went on the Wild Mouse ride at the amusement park.

Best, Sally Ride.

Dear Gene: I just had a quiet vacation this year with myself, my family and 79 government agents who are assigned to watch my every move. I sure confused them when I started to read those Archie comics you gave me years ago.

Best wishes, Lech Walesa.

Dear Gene: Same as last year, and the year before that, and the year before that . . . I got engaged.

Give me a ring sometime, Liz T.

— RM —

As a public service, I am presenting some sample questions from the California Achievement Test, fully admitting that I myself would do a heck of a lot better on the Kentucky Achievement Test.

✓ What is California's greatest achievement: (a) hoodwinking the nation into thinking that beach-bumming is an honorable profession, (b) attracting crazies from all over the country, thus easing other states' burden of coping with the mentally ill., (c) getting Richard Nixon to move to New Jersey, (d) requiring smoking and non-smoking sections in hot tubs.

✓ A California marriage is made up of: (a) several men and a woman, (b) several women and a man, (c) two significant others, (d) two significant others and one or more not so significant, (e) a person and a skateboard, (e) everybody who lives on your block.

✓ California has become the new Ellis Island, the current focus of America's melting pot, which in California is called a fondue pot. What is California's leading minority group: (a) Chicanos, (b) Asians, (c) Aleuts, (d) native Californians, (e) Heterosexuals.

✓ What was the greatest shock suffered by California: (a) The San Francisco earthquake, (b) Beaver Cleaver growing up, (c) E. T.'s decision to leave, (d) Marilyn Monroe marrying Joe Dimaggio.

✓ Why did E.T. decide to leave California: (a) He couldn't get a decent corned beef sandwich, (b) No one would share a hot tub with him, (c) He was a bust as a surfer, (d) He never got a proposition in L.A., (e) A dozen plastic surgeons turned him down for a facelift, saying they's sooner take on Ernest Borgnine.

✓ What accounts for the San Andreas fault: (a) An Ethel Merman high note, (b) Orson Wells on a toot, (c) the abscence of no-fault legislation in the Pleistocene Age, (d) A character defect on the part of San Adreas which did not keep him from achieving sainthood.

✓ Proposition 13 is: (a) a famous, trend-setting, tax-cutting law, (b) what a chippie on Sunset Strip gets after turning her 12th trick of the evening, (c) one of the most unlucky propositions around.

✓ What is the most popular trip abroad for Californians: (a) Tijuana, (b) Mexicali, (c) the United States, (d) the twilight zone.

✓ What is California's leading import: (a) cocaine, (b) cocaine, (c) cocaine, (d) cocaine.

✓ The California state seal is: (a) Flipper, (b) alfalfa sprouts on a field of surfboards, (c) a golden bear rising from a hot tub eating guacamole on pita bread.

A town that was

by William D. Cochrane

This story is pure fiction and is based on no actual happening, and all characters are fictitious and any resemblance to persons living or dead is coincidental. There is no radio station WKEC in Tupelo, Miss., nor any other place that I am aware of and except for Tupelo, Birmingham, Atlanta and Memphis, none of the cities or towns, including Clark, exist.

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As you travel down the freeway, chances are you have never noticed the sign that reads, "Clark next exit." It is an exit and unless you live there or know the story, it would mean nothing to you anyway, but there was a time when Clark was a thriving municipality with a bright future, then came the super highway and the town was bypassed. Not too long after this came the catastrophic event that finished off the town so that now it is merely a sleepy little town lost somewhat in reverie. Stay with me for a few moments and I will try to explain it all to you.

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The late afternoon was cold and a cutting wind caused the wind chill factor to make it bitterly so, and as the Coleman left Birmingham, the temperature was below freezing, but it now seemed warmer as they topped the hill and looked down on the little town of Clark ablaze in twinkling lights of every description. They had been Christmas shopping in Birmingham and were now returning home. "I'll have to say that Clark looks mighty good to come home to, and this is the prettiest that the town has ever been decorated. Don't you think so, Sam?" Ellen Coleman looked to her husband for an answer but merely got a grunt as Sam peered into the lights of the town through the windshield as he turned from the main street into the quiet street on the hill where they lived.

As they pulled into the driveway in front of their home and began to unload the packages from the car, Sam remarked, "I do believe it has turned a bit warmer since we left Birmingham. I know that ordinarily it wouldn't be this much warmer here." As he mounted the steps to the front porch of the house, loaded to the chin with packages, he looked at the thermometer fastened to the wall, and it read 40 degrees. To himself he said, "I distinctly remember seeing 30 degrees on that bank thermometer as we were leaving Birmingham. 10 degrees difference. No way."

He didn't mention anyot this to Ellen, but instead he said, "I could do with a good hot cup of coffee" as he dumped his load of packages on the couch in the living room. As usual she hadn't heard a word he said for she said, "Sam, why don't you put the coffee pot on and make us a nice hot pot of coffee while I get out of these city visiting clothes and into my warm flannel nightgown. I do think it has warmed up some since we left Birmingham. Have you noticed it so, Sam?"

Then again as usual, she didn't wait for an answer as she continued on into the bedroom to change as Sam got the pot ready and set it on the hot plate. Later when Ellen came out of the bedroom the coffee pot was perking in the kitchen filling the house with a tantalizing aroma. As Ellen went to the cabinets for cups she continued to talk, "From the window in the bedroom I went out and the pitch blackness was frightening. Sam picked on a flashlight he had been cradling in his lap since he returned from checking the weather thermometer. Guess we'd better get the kerosene lamps. Probably be a spell before the power comes on again."

As he got up to get the lamps he could see that the darkness outside the town was a shroud of blackness. Not only were the Christmas lights out, but the whole town was so dark that if you didn't know differently you would say no town existed there.

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"Coming up fast, Ellen, too fast. I don't particularly like the looks of this thing. Surely we're not about to have a storm. Never heard of one on the 22nd of December."

Both Sam and Ellen walked out onto the back porch. They could see the limbs of the young oak trees beginning to bend a little as the wind had freshened and was now moving into the yard. "Sam, I think it's going to storm. Do you think maybe we should move into the storm house?"

"It isn't going to storm, Ellen, not in December. Why everything's against it. Maybe a little wind and perhaps a small electrical storm, but that's about the extent of it. Nothing to be excited about. It will blow over soon enough. Why we have seen this happen before. You forget too soon."

There was a sound on the roof of the house. Too heavy for rain. More like someone throwing pebbles on the roof. "Sam, that's hail. It's hailing, Sam. Listen to it. I'm beginning to get frightened, Sam."

He was about to reply but was drowned out by thunder so loud that it shook the house. This was followed by a bolt of lightning that lit up the whole area. It cracked as it struck something close by. "That nearly got here, exclaimed Sam. I don't care about it coming any closer, that's for sure." Ellen had huddled into one corner of the couch like a frightened animal. Sam checked his watch and noted the time to be just before 9 p.m.

There was another loud clap of thunder and again followed by brilliant streaks of lightning that cracked close to the town and everywhere else in the countryside. There was a huge light that must have contained millions of watts in strength that hovered over the town for a brief moment and then the whole town seemed to burst into one giant flame and there was a shock that shook the house as far away as it was felt. Sam and Ellen were not more than one siren could be heard shrieking over the sudden stillness that followed the blast, the sirens of the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Emergency Rescue Vehicle.

Now it looked like the whole town was in flames. "Turn on the battery radio, Ellen and let's see if we can tell just what's happening."

As the radio buzzed on, nothing came from the speaker but the crackling sound of static. Nothing! The heavy thunder moved on and the lightning dissipated itself after doing its damage. Sam kept fiddling with the dial of the battery radio and through some ear splitting static heard distortingly, "This is WKEC in Tupelo, Miss. Something is happening in the small town of Clark, but at present we are not sure just what. All communications are out but we understand now through police channels we are getting through. We have dispatched one of our personnel to Clark but have not had contact with him yet. We have been told that the whole town is burning. This bit of news we have been able to get through police channels. Police tell us that the fire started when lightning struck gasoline storage tanks on the edge of the town. There is no electrical power there at all so unless you have battery sets you are not receiving us at all. This is all we know at the present time. You that have sets stay tuned to this station as we will give you news when our man gets there and sets up. Please stand by."

"Sam, this is just awful and there is nothing we can do except watch it burn, there?"

WKEC came back. Sam and Ellen huddled close to the battery set like they were afraid it would run away from them. "This is WKEC back in action in Clark now. We have our remote team set up there and will try to keep you informed what has happened so far and what is happening there now."

"Hello Jerry, hello Jerry, can you hear me, can you hear me?"

"Hello, Bill at WKEC, I hear you and we are ready to communicate and first let me state that a member of the state police force is here with me and both he and the local police have asked that all persons not now directly engaged in rescue work remain in their home. This is a most dangerous situation. Everything possible is being done to curb the fire and save the town. We will get back with you with what we can find out about how the fire started, and well, the situation in general. In the meantime we are going to move to a different position. Will call you when I get set up in new position. WKEC remote in Windsor."

"This is WKEC, we will stand by."

Sam stood on their front porch and watched Clark burn. Sam felt like a place of business was gone. He said, "Ellen, I could get down there, I need to know what is going on. Wonder if I couldn't just ease down Harrison Alley and come in that way."

Just as he was contemplating this move the radio started again, "Hello Bill at WKEC, we are set up in new position. Can you hear me okay now?"

"Yes Jerry, we hear you all right. Better than from your last place."

"Bill, you'd have to be watching this to believe it is happening. A cold wave has now come into the picture and of course this will make fighting the fire all the worse. Despite this cold wind, this heat is such a raging inferno that the firemen are having a hard time getting close enough with their hoses and the flames keep spreading. I'll tell you it looks terrible. Many business places are gone already and more are going every minute. We have fire trucks and crews from five different towns and they are all going full blast."

"Jerry, have you learned how it all got started?"

"Yes, lightning struck one of the gasoline storage tanks on the outskirts of the town and it exploded, throwing flames into the Coleman Milling and Lumber Company and the dry lumber on the yard spread to another gasoline

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New Owners!

Dean Plunkett and Don Lail have recently purchased Laytart's Grocery on Myers Road. They will continue operating under the same name and will continue carrying the same merchandise, such as Country Hams, Kerosene, and Ashland Oil Products, etc.

"Come in & See Us!"

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