Opinion

A 'taxing' dilemma

No matter who wins in November, Walter Mondale told cheering Democratic convention delegates, taxes will have to be raised. At that point in Mondale's speech, delegates were cheering anything that he said. But at least in this one respect they were being consistent. Already approved were party platform planks that oppose the other deficit-reduction remedy of spending cuts.

The Democratic nominee's promise of new taxes also has been praised by some in the media as "candor." This is pleasing to his campaign tacticians, who believe that a "Fritz will tell the truth, even when it hurts," approach is a good strategy to make President Reagan appear too general and evasive.

But the Mondale prediction also risks being swamped by an enduring torrent of good economic news from Washington. The latest is that the economy, as measured by the gross national product, grew at an annual rate of 7.5 percent during the April-June quarter, or nearly two percentage points higher than the preliminary estimate.

GNP growth during the first quarter also was much higher than estimated — at a 10.1 percent rate. Meanwhile, inflation hovered at a 4.4 percent annual rate during the first quarter and 3.2 percent during the second.

This has confounded many economists, who have been predicting less growth on the assumption that heavy consumer and business borrowing would drive up interest rates and prices and choke off the recovery.

A robust economy, combined with lack of inflation, lessens the chances that this current economic boom, the strongest since 1950, will be quickly followed by a bust cycle.

Equally important to the taxpayer, the greater the economic growth the more revenue raised to offset the deficit.

Already, those $200 billion-plus annual budget deficits everyone was worrying about earlier this year have shrunk, thanks to the increased revenue. The deficit for the fiscal year beginning next September is estimated at approximately $177 billion, which is still horrendous. But it's also about $50 billion less than originally projected.

So Vice President Bush was not being evasive in his recent national television interview when he said that revenues can increase without having to renege on the Reagan tax cuts, especially if Reagan tax cut reform proposals already under study are implemented.

If Walter Mondale, on the other hand, continues with his gloom and tax talk, "Fighting Fritz" may end up as the Chicken Little of American Politics.

Days of 'arrest' ahead

Prediction: A lot of people will be "jailed" here in a four-day period beginning Sept. 4, including some of our more prominent citizens.

It's all in fun, of course, to raise money (hopefully $5,000) for the Nicholas County Chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Called a "Jail-A-Thon" here's how it works: A "jail" will be constructed on the first floor of the courthouse. For a fee of at least $15 anyone may have someone "arrested." That person will be handcuffed and taken to the courthouse by local law enforcement officers. Bond is set and prisoners will remain in custody until bond is raised, either from friends passing by or telephoned pledges.

Likely candidates for "arrest" are bosses, husbands and/or wives, ex-lovers, politicians, public servants, beauty queens, loved ones, enemies, you name them, everyone is a candidate for "incarceration" for a good cause.

And to raise the $2,500 goal, it will involve a lot of people in the community. The Jail-A-Thon originated in Nash County three years ago in memory of a young radio executive who died of cancer. We're told the Nash Co. Cancer Society raised $2,100 the first year, $6,044 the second and a whopping $13,077 last year.

Materials for the "jail" have been donated by the Chamber of Commerce. Lloyd Duncan has volunteered his services for its construction.

Here Abouts
...with Emily A. Wolf

Other last minute details are being worked out and we'll pass them along as they become available.

Super idea!

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A new airport for Falmouth and Pendleton County was dedicated last Saturday and guess who it's named after?

Yep. Congressman Gene Snyder, that county's mouthpiece in Washington who helped make available an $800,000 grant for its construction.

The same Gene Snyder who is pushing a lot of political buttons to get the proposed Falmouth Dam built for his constituents in the 4th District.

Good old Gene. If things ever get too hot in his hometown of Louisville he can always grab a helicopter and hightail it to Falmouth. Let's hope the airport is built on high ground because there are just too many people against construction of the Falmouth Dam, designed to alleviate Licking River flooding in that Northern Kentucky city.

We understand Falmouth's concern ...and it's legitimate. But not at the expense of thousands of other people and their farmlands which would be forever inundated if the dam is built.

Get those letters off to Washington!

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Patiently 'wading' — The front page of the February 16 issue of The Mercury featured a picture of Mrs. Della White in ankle-deep water that stands on the sidewalk and in the yard of her home on North Broadway following any heavy rainfall.

The drainage problem, which has existed since the Henryville Construction Project was completed a number of years ago, may now be corrected. Work crews were on the scene in recent days digging a drainage basin, etc. which should collect and carry off water that used to run under her house and otherwise make life miserable.

As this is written there hasn't been enough rain to adequately test the new installation. But we've got a feeling things will be much improved at the White residence.

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Worthwhile mistake — We hate to goof but when people like Edgar Boyd call to set the record straight we get a chance to talk about old times in the course of the conversation. Edgar, a former basketball player now working for GE, correctly pointed out that **Johnny Beach** won Rookie of the Year honors in 1965, not 1976, as printed here. In '70 JB was voted MVP laurels. (Strange I didn't hear from Pree Blair on that one.)

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The beautiful mush pictured on the front page of a recent issue of The Mercury has been identified as a Samia Cecropia. According to The Encyclopedia Britannica, "the cecropia moth ranges along the Atlantic seaboard westward to the margin of the great plains."

It was found by **Claude Bussell** in the yard of his home on the Moorefield Gravel Road and brought to our office for photographing. Its wing span measured seven and one-half inches.

And now we know, thanks to our expert on moths and other matters who shall remain anonymous.

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Perch thieves strike again — Mrs. **Elizabeth Caywood** has been victimized by thieves who, in the dark of night, remove things from her front porch on North Street. Her latest loss occurred Friday, when burglars made off with a heavy concrete urn filled with red begonias. In recent years she's lost wicker chairs and an old jar.

In June, someone swiped a clay planter from the home of Mrs. Edith Sanders on Elm Street. Then in July Mrs. Lena Williams was relieved of a hanging basket which decorated the entrance to her home on Locust Street.

As Mrs. Caywood said, "Enough is enough."

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Somebody Said: "I am not overweight," said the wife belly to her husband who suggested she lose a few pounds. "It's just that according to this chart I should be six inches taller!"

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Letters from our readers

Ailing man seeks job for wife

To The Carlisle Mercury:

You the people of Carlisle and neighbors, received us among you for nearly eight years and we tried to live as decent people as possible without being a burden to anyone.

We lost everything in Lebanon and we were forced to leave home and any belongings or be killed. We left at gun point at my son's chest. And so we lost everything, not knowing who is using it now.

We tried to work and make our living here. My wife, through all she went through and her shyness, left her job as the depression was too heavy on her. She was a good worker at Blue Grass Industries. And I lost my job too.

Now after weeks of tests at St. Joseph Hospital my days are numbered as the heart is failing to work. I need about $150 a month to keep it going and my income from Social Security is $450 plus $110. So I have to give up my drugs and let my family live or get the medicine and live on starvation.

I ask the generosity and kindness of some good hearted people to give job to my wife and God will bless them and their enterprise by helping us as we like to work for our own living. We owe over $2000 for doctors, hospital and medicine as we have no insurance.

Matt Motouk
434 Broadway, Carlisle

Fond memories, via The Mercury

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I read about the Blackberry Festival with a lot of interest — brought back a lot of fond memories. Would love to see the flag waving again electronically atop the Courthouse.

I am especially enjoying "Here Abouts" by Emily Wolf.

Have not been back to Nicholas County for almost two years — and that is a long while to be away...Kentucky and Nicholas County are dear to my heart.

My issue of The Mercury gets to me on a Monday and I always look forward to reading it.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Louis E. Chambers
Edmond, OK 73034

Agree or not
Immortalization of Carl Perkins

by S.C. Van Curen

Frankfort — Congressman Carl D. Perkins returned to his beloved hills last week to a final resting place after serving the people of Kentucky's Seventh District for 38 years, but let not this last public ceremony and outpouring of respect be the last public view of the man's life and his accomplishments.

If a member of the United States House of Representatives was ever dedicated to serving his people, it was Carl Perkins. He spent 38 years pursuing the dream that every person should have an equal opportunity to a successful life. He chose the Health, Education and Welfare Committee in the House as his best opportunity to achieve this end.

He fathered many of the federal programs for education and zealously supported their continuation to help those unable to help themselves.

He admitted that he was a liberal, a liberal in the sense that he believed in helping a person until he could help himself.

HE PUSHED for the school lunch programs, trade schools, retraining of adults, medical aid for the needy, food stamps and other programs.

Perkins pushed for the black lung program to help destitute miners who were no longer able to work.

He was instrumental in convincing President John F. Kennedy to take the idea of the old Eastern Kentucky Regional Planning Commission and make it into the Appalachian Regional Commission that serves 13 states with the chief concern of giving the people of this area equal opportunity. Roads, sewage systems, water systems, health facilities, etc. are the concern of this agency.

The above recounting is just a sample of the concerns and accomplishments Perkins sought and achieved during his long years of service. He always had time to talk with anyone from Kentucky or anyone who visited his office, and returned home most every weekend to see his people. He remained just plain Carl to the people just as he was before he was elected to office.

HIS DRESS was as plain as his down-home manner, a mode of life he never changed even though he rose to a powerful position in government and associated with the mighty. Yet, he could be tough and convincing with his peers when the occasion demanded. He preferred persuasion until the last resort demanded stiffer action.

His service to Kentucky should be recognized more than filling his works in the archives for scholars and historians to find in the future. These will represent only a small segment of the people. The children and the little people who are beneficiaries for years to come should be reminded of what he did for them and it should be more than the printed word in books.

If ever a Kentuckian in modern times, at least in my lifetime, has earned such recognition, it is Carl D. Perkins.

A FITTING TRIBUTE to him would be to accord him similar recognition to what is being done for Senator John Sherman Cooper, another giant in government in our time who served Kentuckiana equally well in the U.S. Senate.

A bust of Perkins should be placed in the rotunda of the State Capitol and his statute should be at Hindman or somewhere in the Seventh District, preferably Knott County.

The bumpkin lawyer from Kentucky became a master in the art of persuasion and an unabashed paragon who shuffled through the halls of Congress in going about the business of serving the people.

Down Memory Lane
Giffins retire, Shumate succeeds

Thursday, August 20, 1964

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Griffin Manufacturing Company August 12, Lonnie Giffin and Mrs. Beatrice Giffin retired from the company and relinquished their duties as president and treasurer. Wayne Shumate, vice-president for the past five years, executive vice-president and general manager for the past four years, was elected president and general manager. Harry H. Wolf Jr. was elected treasurer and chief financial officer.

The Nicholas County Fiscal Court and the 11 incorporated Johnson-Mathers Inc., the corporation formed to operate and manage the home for the elderly and nursing home being built on the county farm, met Aug. 12 and elected Joe D. Blount, president; James Gill, vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Hollar, secretary; Mrs. Betty Mathers, treasurer. Directors named were Mrs. Edith Taylor, Mrs. Ruth Gum, Mrs. James Simons, Charles Cox, Emery Clark, Earl Letcher and Brasher McDonald.

Members from Nicholas County at tending the Junior Conservation Camp Earl Wallace last week to earn Outdoorsman's Badges were June Talbert and Lorraine Frey.

Miss Lucille Buntin, who has been employed at the Duncan Electric Shop for the past 11½ years has retired effective Aug. 15.

Allen Clay Stone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kash Stone, was commissioned a Kentucky Colonel August 10 by Lt. Gov. Harry Lee Waterfield.

MARRIED — Miss Patty Brenda Eden and Arnold Freddie King, Aug. 8 at the Carlisle Christian Church parsonage. — Miss Carol Ann Williamson and Joseph Guglietta, July 25 in the Louisville Evangelical United Brethren Church. — Miss Charlotte Duncan and Ray Hobbs, Aug. 13 in Lexington. — Miss Linda Kay Wagoner and James Taylor Ring, Aug. 15 by the Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED — Charles G. Kimes, 79, Aug. 12 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Joe Gladys Kendall, 72, wife of Elva R. Kendall, Aug. 13 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Thomas, 64, Aug. 15 in a Louisville hospital. — Wilma Jessica Hopkins, daughter of Robert and Betty Hopkins, Aug. 18 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Cecil F. Alexander, 56, Aug. 18 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Ronald David George Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald George Sr., Aug. 17 at home. — Miss Laura Mason Wanson, 88, Aug. 17 at Good Samaritan Hospital. — Owens Ratliff, 94, Lexington, Aug. 15 at Good Samaritan Hospital. — Mrs. Maude M. David, 74, Paris, widow of George B. David Sr., Aug. 1 at Bourbon County Hospital. — Jasper Lee Hughes, 43, Haddies Mills, Aug. 6 at the farm of Mrs. J.H. Fisher. — Howard Vestes Hamilton, 79, Aug. 6 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Mrs. Minnie Myers Gilvin, 83, widow of James H. Gilvin, Aug. 8 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C.W. McVey, Mt. Sterling. — Mrs. Virginia Mitchell Cartmell, 27, wife of James Cartmell, Paris, Aug. 6 at University Hospital, Lexington.

Thursday, August 24, 1944

Manager E.M. Smith announces this week that the Nicholas locker plant is complete and ready for service.

The 60th anniversary homecoming and mortgage burning was held with a special program Sunday afternoon at the Carlisle Christian Church in Henryville. Rev. H.H. Oldham, evangelist, Rev. I.L. Ellison, Rev. H.T. Wilson, Mrs. Bettie Johnson, Mrs. Ellison, Mrs. Aurelia Hamilton, Mrs. Mary Williams and Mrs. Clartine Livas, appeared on the program. Mrs. Annie Vice, the oldest member of the church, presided at the burning of the mortgage.

About 200 persons attended services observing the 162nd anniversary of the Battle of Blue Licks at Blue Licks State Park on Saturday.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Berry, a son, Ronald Nathan, July 18 at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Ethel Mae Jones and Oscar Florence, Aug. 19 by County Judge Walter Shepherd. — Miss Jean Frances Gastle and Boatswain's Mate 3-C USNN James Henry Wade.

DIED — Miss Ida Maria Worledge, 68, Thursday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — Miss Mary Meeks, 89, Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Julian S. Burns, Orangeburg. — Mrs. Hattie Wagoner Booth, 73, widow of James F. Booth, Monday at the home of her son, Thomas Booth, Cincinnati. — Sgt. Edwin R. Sanders, Headquarters, July 30 in action in France. — Pvt. Robert George, 28, son of Ed George, July 27 in action in France. — S.Sgt. E. C. Snapp, July 30 in action in France.

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Op-Ed page
Old shakey risks never die
...they're put in charge of administration treasures

"I was skulking through the nether regions of the White House, as in my wont, my path dimly lit by flickering sconces mounted on the dank walls," Arthur Hoppe was saying the other day.

He went on to describe his experience this way:

I might have passed The Door all unaware had not I heard footsteps approaching. I ducked quickly into a darkened niche. The shadow hurrying up the subterranean passageway was that of presidential counselor Michael Deaver. As he reached The Door, he gave it a reluctant glance — a glance filled with horror and revulsion. Horror, revulsion and something else. Guilt? He shuddered and scuttled away.

I examined the heavy oaken portal. What hellish secrets lay behind its sombre aspect? The huge, rusting padlock easily gave way to my journalistic skill. The wood groaned; the hinges shrieked. The Door, slowly opened to reveal an even blacker blackness. My heart pounding, I stepped blindly inside.

Suddenly, there was rustle and the flare of a torch! In its

RUSS METZ

wild light stood a macabre figure, its hair and beard uncut and tangled, its white sunken cheeks unkissed by the sun, its nails longer than the fingers that bore them. And yet behind this wretched facade was something that rang a distant bell.

The poor creature extended a bony claw and croaked, "Please, sir, would you make me an interest-free loan of $83,572 even though I have no collateral, have a terrible credit rating and have no hope of paying you back?"

"My God!" I cried. "Ed Meese, I presume."

He nodded. "Yes, I am that former presidential confident to whom all of Washington bowed low," he said, pulling himself together. "And make no mistake, I am grateful for this position of trust the president has given me."

"Position of trust?"

"That's right. He has entrusted me with the care and keeping of the mementos of his administration that now grace this new office of mine. Would you care to see some of the treasures I guard here?" He held up a rusting arc of battered metal. "This," he said proudly, "is the famed Laffer Curve."

"I wondered where it had gone," I said. "And that jumble of rotting ropes over here. Could it be..."

"Yes," he said, "that's the widely heralded Safety Net. Oh, I try to patch the holes for appearances' sake, but I fear it's too far gone. Careful you don't back under that drip. It's the Trickle Down Theory."

I had drawn back at the sight of scrawny beasts gnawing at a bound volume labeled "1982 Unemployment Figures."

"Those are rats!" I cried, my voice rising in panic. "I hate rats!"

"Never fear," he said, tossing them shreds of paper. The rodents gobbled up this dry feast and, one by one, rolled over on their backs to begin snoring peacefully. "Feed them a few pages of Jimmy Carter's briefing papers and off they go," he explained.

But what fascinated me was a pair of golden scales that glowed serenely in the gloom. They were held aloft by a blindfolded figure. I thought at first it was Justice, but I saw it was a likeness of the president, himself. I reached out to touch one of the scales, but my hand passed right through it.

"What weird, ethereal chimera is this?" I asked, mystified.

"The Balanced Budget," he said with a yawn.

— RM —

Bureaucrats speak a language of their own. We've always known this. But there is also an international diplomatic language that needs interpretation since we read about what they are saying every day in the newspapers.

Perhaps these few phrases and their translations will help you to understand exactly what these diplomats are talking about:

"We sent a sharply-worded note of protest. "We won't do anything about it.

"Further incidents of this nature will bring grave consequences." We'll send an even more sharply worded note.

"The situation is fluid." We don't know what's going on.

"We're watching developments closely." The short wave radio is turned on.

"We had frank discussions." We don't agree on anything.

"Ongoing negotiations are in progress." We haven't convinced them yet but keep trying.

"We are discussing an agenda for the meeting." We haven't even agreed on what subjects to talk about.

"We laid the groundwork for future understanding." We agreed to meet again some time to talk about what we couldn't agree on this time.

"We agreed to lessen tensions between us." Like prizefighters, we each go back to our corner for a rest between rounds.

Perhaps the most overused diplomatic phrase is the one that led German statesman Otto von Bismark to remark, "When you say that you 'agree in principle,' you mean you have not the slightest intention of carrying it out in practice."

— RM —

Jim Boren offers these "Boren Advisories":

— Nothing is impossible until it is sent to a committee.

— It's hard to look up to a leader who keeps his ear to the ground.

— When a bureaucrat makes a mistake and continues to make it, it usually becomes new policy.

— Peace: "I'm for peace. And I'll clobber anyone who says I'm not."

— Budget: "I will not spend money needlessly unless absolutely necessary."

— Integrity: "I will always stand by my convictions as long as necessary."

— School prayer: "This issue should not divide the nation, and I will propose that we keep prayer out of the classroom and put it on the buses."

— RM —

Sam Levenson is noted for his humor and sharp repartee. But there is a serious side to him as seen in his non-funny rules for parents which he calls his "Ten Home Remedies for Juveniles:"

(1) Thou shalt guard thy children in the home and on the street.

(2) Thou shalt make thy home a sanctuary of love and devotion.

(3) Thou shalt honor the teachers of thy children and teach thy children to honor them.

(4) Thou shalt not condone the faults of thy children through a misguided sense of family loyalty.

(5) Thou shalt teach thy children respect for the law and keep them from the companionship of children who indicate disrespect for the law.

(6) Thou shalt not lead thy children into temptation by providing them with the means thereof: too much money, a car, or adult privileges.

(7) Thou shalt enforce decency in the dress of thy daughters, and dignity in the dress of thy sons.

(8) Thou shalt protect the morals of thy children from the indiscretions of youthful ardor and inexperience.

(9) Thou shalt conduct thine own affairs in such a manner as to set an example worthy of imitation by thy children.

(10) Thou shalt not permit thy children to bear arms except in the service of their country.

— RM —

Signs from travelers throughout the world: In Fan elevator in Belgrade, the instructions: "To move the cabin, push button for wishing floor. Driving is then going in alphabetically by natural order."

A window sign for a tailor shop in the Middle East: "Order now your summer suit. Because a big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation."

On the hotel desk in Yugoslavia: "The flattening of underwear with pleasure is the job of the chambermaid. Turn to her straightaway."

The dentist's office in Hong Kong: "Teeth extracted by the latest methodists."

Onward upward.

Crop outlook rated 'good'

Kentucky and U.S. farmers expect yields of major crops to rebound from the drought reduced levels of 1983. The Kentucky Crop Reporting Service has released the first production forecast estimates for major crops and prospects are generally good.

Burley tobacco is the number one cash crop in Kentucky and 1984 production is forecast at 462 million pounds. The effective quota for Kentucky is 460 million pounds. The estimated production would be 55 percent above 1983, but down 16 percent from the record high level of 1982. Farmers in the state set 13 percent more acreage and the forecasted yield at 2,300 pounds is up 38 percent from 1983.

For the Belt, burley production is forecast at 688.7 million pounds compared with 481.4 million in 1983 and 821.9 million in 1982.

Corn production is forecast at 138.7 million bushels, three times the low production of a year ago, but less than the 153.5 million bushels produced in 1982. Average yield is forecast at 95 bushels per acre compared with 48 last year and 103 in 1982. July temperatures were generally favorable for pollination as they averaged below normal for the month.

Kentucky's 1984 soybean crop is forecast at 43.2 million bushels, up 88 percent from last year, but 16 percent less than 1982. Yield is forecast at 30 bushels per acre compared with 16.5 last year and 31.5 in 1982.

Alfalfa hay yield is forecast at 3.2 tons per acre, while all other hay is expected to average 2.5 tons per acre. Hay crops were generally good, but dry conditions during parts of June and July limited growth of hay and pasture crops.

Free shade trees available

The National Arbor Day Foundation is giving 10 free shade trees to people who become Foundation members during the month of August.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's effort to promote fall tree planting throughout America.

A sugar maple, weeping willow, red oak, green ash, thornless honeylocust, pin oak, silver maple, tuliptree, red maple and European mountainash tree will be given to members joining during August. The 6-13-inch trees will be shipped this fall at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10. They will be sent postage paid with enclosed planting instructions and are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, a $10 membership contribution should be sent to Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by August 31.

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