Opinion

A significant time

The coming holiday weekend and the day following promise to be memorable, indeed, as at least three occasions figure to touch the lives of most Nicholas Countians.

Sunday, the 1984 graduating class at Nicholas County High School will say goodbye to its academic shelter of the last 12 years. For some, books will be closed and gainful employment sought. For others, it marks the beginning of a yet another stint in the field of higher learning. Based on the accomplishments of several students during the past year, there's little reason to doubt they will acquit themselves and the class they represent very, very well.

The Class of '84 ranks with the very best ever to graduate here. Some athletic records and classroom achievements may never be equaled...a challenge sure to bring out the best in NCHS underclassmen. We wish you well.

Monday marks the annual observance of Memorial Day, when Americans pay tribute to the war dead, or other departed family members, at cemeteries large and small. It is especially significant to those who fought and survived the wars and conflicts as they pay homage to their fallen brothers.

Tuesday is primary election day, when every Nicholas Countian who took the time to register should exercise his or her right to choose legislators who will best serve our interests in Frankfort and Washington.

Often, when no local race is being contested, voter apathy sets in and the best candidate loses out. Don't let this happen. Go to the polls Tuesday and make your choice. Every vote really does count.

Nuclear Olympics

For people who believe the Soviets would restrain themselves from a nuclear strike on this country for fear of destruction of their homeland, the Soviet pullout from the Olympics is a sobering event.

It shows that the Soviets are willing to go toe-for-tat with the United States, even if it means as much harm for them as for us.

Like Olympic athletes, the superpowers are developing split-second electronic reflexes. But their fears and vindictiveness remain as old as the human race.

Here Abouts · · · · · with Emily A. Wolf

Bells, errors and memories

There's good news for the Genella Bell Choir, the brainchild of Russ and Sarah Jane Bell, of Route 1, Carlisle.

Not one but two music publishing firms have offered to publish their handbell arrangement of the popular hit "Send in the Clowns."

Russ reports they did it on a whim and are naturally elated at the possibility of publication.

One publisher, Douglas E. Wagner of Westfield, Ind., wrote that "My muse was instantly turned on with the 'Send in the Clowns' setting for bells and when that happens, you have to just 'go with the flow.'

"Regarding publication, I've sent the tune to Jim Kimmel at Jenson. I know he'll be very excited about this piece...and I'm confident we'll see this in print within a year..."

As Russ points out, all that remains doing is submitting a cassette recording. After that it's finger-crossing time.

Genella is very much a Bell family affair. Its members include Rusty and Frankie Bell, Mary Frances and Steve Morrison and their sons Jeffrey and Michael, Linda Gillespie and son Stacy, Sharon Thomas, Randy Smoot and of course the founders, Russ and Sarah Jane.

The group appears at local events whenever it's possible to get the gang together. We're told their performance is "Bellringing," to say the least!

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Even the best of newspapers can make a mistake.

Take the May 14 edition of the Wall Street Journal, the "bible" of the business world. Its lead story — Westinghouse Move Into Robotics Shows Pitfalls of High-Tech Push — referred to a former Carlisle man, Paul Ockerman, as a 29-year-old operations expert who had been chosen to head Westinghouse's Danbury, Conn., robot manufacturing division, which at that time was struggling in the robotic marketplace.

An expert Paul is, age 29 he isn't.

One of the brighter lights of the Carlisle High School, Class of 1944, Paul would be close to his 56th birthday, though I'm sure he wouldn't mind being 29 and in his current job post.

I know of whence I speak. I received my high school diploma that same day in May, 40 years ago this week.

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Bragging rights are ours! — The pro shop at Carnico Country Club boasts a very large and handsome trophy, the "spoils" of the "Great Kentucky Shootout" between 20 local golfers and a like number from Stoner Creek GC.

The home team defeated the Stoner lads last week, 136-126 in match play in Paris and was later treated to a steak dinner. The trophy, which had spent the winter at Stoner Creek by virtue of a win here last year, will be up for grabs again June 6 when Carnico hosts the "Shootout."

While it's all in good fun there's a lot of pride involved in the competition. A CCC win means the trophy will remain here til next year. Go get 'em, guys.

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Welcome back, Marys — Recent visitors here were **Mrs. William Smith**, daughter, and **Mrs. Dick Stall**, both with maiden names of Mary Curry and Mary Curry Smith, respectively. They were in town to visit **Jane Harper**, niece of Mrs. Smith, a sister of Jane's late mother **Aileen Harper**, as well as **Mrs. Ibsh (Dorothy Curry) Hensley** of Louisville.

The younger Mary was my longtime best friend in high school days and before. She'd come here from Ft. Thomas to visit her grandparents, **Judge D.M. and 'Ma' Curry** each summer and I'd sometimes get down there to a ball game or Coney Island, if daddy happened to be going to the races at River Downs.

The trips back and forth were the most fun. Both daddy and Mary Curry could harmonize and on certain numbers I managed to carry the tune. It may not have been exactly barbershop harmony but we thought it was pretty fair, when I stayed on key. (Sometimes we all three were singing harmony.)

All the Curry girls were especially blessed with good looks and young Mary was and is a real throwback to her mother. Come to think of it, those of you who remember Ma Curry can probably testify to her sweet, smiling face.

Mary's time spent here coincided with the days when there was juke box dancing in the rear of the Carlisle Drug. Everybody jammed all available booths, ordered a five-cent Coke or cherry Coke limeade and all afternoon or evening, a pimento cheese sandwich split in half and fed the juke box with every last nickel we could scrounge.

There was one very dark and handsome young man with well placed dimples and a cleft chin. He was new in town and a star on the CHS football team. His favorite song was "Polka Dots and Moonbeams" and he and Mary danced many a mile to its strains.

She asked about **Charlie Caudill** while here the other day. Seems I'd heard he died a few years ago. Anyone know this for sure?

Mary attended UK before her family moved to the Akron area of Ohio. She met and married **Dick Stall** and raised her family there. Dick died a few months ago and Mary has now joined the work force.

For those of you who remember her brothers Bill, Tom and Bob, all are well.

Hurry back, Mary Currys, you're both still the greatest.

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It's good to be home. Florida was fine, but extremely hot and humid. Seemed strange being down there for the Derby when the horses paraded to the track as the band played "My Old Kentucky Home." It's one seemed to mind that we were a little teary-eyed, and surprisingly, most everyone at our party knew the words to what we described as our "national anthem."

One last thing. I found a way to get from Florida without driving through Chattanooga. Fly over it. Besides, it's a whole lot faster.

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Somebody Said — (Sorry, I'm out of 'em.)

Letters from our readers

Congratulations from Columbus!

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I was delighted to learn that a resident of your community, Pamela A. Sparks, was among the world's best high school science students who came to Columbus to participate in the 35th International Science and Engineering Fair.

Columbus, Ohio, was proud and honored to host all the outstanding high school students who earned the right to compete in this Olympic Games of Science.

Your community, its parents, leaders, school systems and teachers are to be commended for the part they have played in encouraging and supporting one of the world's finest science students.

Our community sincerely enjoyed hosting all those participating in the 35th International Science and Engineering Fair. We hope you will drop us the news of your young citizen's achievement with all your readers.

Cordially,
Dana G. Rinehart
Mayor, City of Columbus

House speaker endorses Arnold

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Members of the Kentucky General Assembly must address the issues of concern to the people of the Commonwealth.

The problems are many and solutions are difficult to find. Careful study through preparation and complete understanding are needed if we are to make decisions in the best interest of Kentucky and its citizens.

Adrian Arnold has served in the House of Representatives since 1974. He understands state government and the legislative process. He knows the concerns of his constituents and the people throughout the state. He realizes that their interests must be served and their needs met.

During his tenure in the legislature, Adrian has proven himself an able and effective member. He has distinguished himself as chairman of the House Counties and Special Districts

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Agree or not

A flood of a different water

by S.C. Van Curen

Frankfort — A flood of administrative regulations has been filed with the Legislative Research Commission for committee review. Joe Hood, attorney for the Regulation Review Subcommittee, said last week.

This is the first month after the legislature overrode Gov. Martha Layne Collins' veto of House Bill 334 which was passed by the 1984 session with the emergency clause attached.

The deadline for filing regulations to be included in the next administrative regulations register was May 15.

The 1984 legislation is an effort by the General Assembly to establish its role between sessions. Legislators had tried to exert some authority of certain governmental expenditures and to limit or amend administrative regulations.

GOV. JOHN YOUNG Brown Jr. filed a friendly suit charging the legislature with trying to usurp executive powers. The Supreme Court ruled against the legislature on monetary controls between sessions and at the same time limited their power to delay or limit executive authority through regulations when the legislature is not in session.

House Bill 334 repeals all the regulations filed before July 14, 1984 if a renewal notice is not filed by the affected government agency.

However, it is not these extensions that are causing the deluge. HB 334 prohibits a government agency from affecting the public other than by regulation, Hood explained. "Several agencies had house rules and standards that they used in dealing with the public, not included in legislation or regulations." New regulations are being filed by some agencies to support these actions.

WHEN LEGISLATORS overrode the governor's veto April 13 and 14, they passed a resolution in an effort to spell out legislative intent in HB 334 and to allay the governor's fears.

The veto message said HB 334 would require the Albert B. Chandler Medical Center at the University of Kentucky to file approximately 1000 separate regulations to cover proprietary charges and also require the same for dormitory, cafeteria, laboratory charges of all universities and fees of other state agencies. The joint resolution spelled these out.

The Legislative Review Subcommittee has no power to stop or knock down a regulation under the legislation. The legislative sub-committee can point out what it considers errors or irregularities and make recommendations. Its most powerful act is to bring the situation to public attention if it strongly disagrees with a proposed regulation.

Regulations have the same affect as law after they have been published in the Regulations Register. The only remedy then is the courts.

REGULATIONS ALWAYS have fallen into the debatable category. Many claim state agencies promulgate regulations to accomplish what they tried to achieve in legislation that failed legislative approval. Hence, regulations continue to grow. Few are ever withdrawn voluntarily although they may not be used and considered obsolete.

All regulations were repealed by the 1974 legislature. The law required that all be refiled if the agencies wanted them. This action reduced the number to about 1600 and it has grown to more than 6000 now, Ralph Ed Graves who worked this area in the 1984 legislative session said.

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HB 334 can eliminate many simply because the agency fails to ask for its retention. It also has caused the filing of many new ones, Hood said.

Down Memory Lane

Lake Carnico dedication June 4; Poppy sales raise $133.45

Thursday, May 28, 1964

Dr. James Benjamin Kincheloe, University of Kentucky professor of Education, will be guest speaker at Nicholas County High School commencement exercises Friday, May 29. There are approximately 77 students in the class of 1964.

Invitations extended some time ago have been accepted by a host of state officials and Governor Edward T. Breathitt, who hopes to be able to visit Lake Carnico on June 4, 11 a.m. to dedicate Lake Carnico's recreational area, to not only the citizens of this county but to all the people in the state of Kentucky. Lake Carnico and the 4-H camp site with its two lakes could not have been achieved without the cooperation of the previous administration of Governor Bert T. Combs and will continue under Gov. Breathitt.

E.H.D. Allison received an award of $10 from the Florence, Peak, Pepper and Fryman Wool Company at Cynthiana, after having sold 50 consecutive crops of wool to the company. Mr. Allison sold his first crop in 1914 to John D. Florence and son.

Jonathan Wood Shepherd, eight-months-old son of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Wood Shepherd, received Christian baptism at Georgetown Methodist Church Sunday morning, May 24.

Miss Jean McClanahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClanahan, and Miss Judy Caswell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Caswell, were among 30 freshmen women tapped for membership in the Mu Chapter of Cwena, a national honorary society for sophomore women at Eastern Kentucky State College.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Anderson, a daughter, Jonny Lynn, May 25 at Good Samaritan Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. David Warren, Medway, OH, a daughter, Susan Elaine, May 19 at Mercy Hospital, Springfield, OH. — To Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Walters, a daughter, May 23 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cadle, a daughter, May 25 at Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Mrs. Ruth Calvert, Tollesboro, and Hanson Paul Vice, Moorefield, Saturday at the home of Mrs. Calvert.

DIED — Mrs. Jennie Smith Collier, 81, widow of William P. Collier, May 22. — Mrs. Rosemary Hatcher, 66, wife of Cassius B. Hatcher, May 18 in a hospital in Kansas City, MO.

Thursday, June 1, 1944

Dr. J.B. Shannon, native of Carlisle and associate professor of political science at the University of Kentucky, has been made acting assistant director of the graduate school of the United States Department of Agriculture.

William Harper, who submitted to an appendectomy two weeks ago at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, will return home. His son, Charles Harper submitted to a tonsillectomy Monday and will come home with his father.

Miss Susanna Reynolds, who has been taking post-graduate work at the University of Kentucky, will receive her Masters of Arts degree in psychology Friday at the annual commencement exercises.

The sale of poppies here last Saturday on the annual Memorial Day resulted in a total of $133.45. The sale was sponsored by the Nicholas County unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, with Mrs. Ben Pumphrey as chairman of the sale.

BORN — To Pvt. and Mrs. Sterling Mutton, Southgate, a son, May 22 at Booth Hospital, Covington. — To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Smart, a son, May 28 at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Pvt. and Mrs. Eugene Gilvin, a daughter, May 28 at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

DIED — Miss Hattie Higgins, 76, May 26 at Booth Hospital, Covington. — Charley H. Mann, 68, May 24 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

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Op-Ed page

Rock is revenge of the nerds...getting even with us for snubbin them

"I think I have figured out what's behind the whole rock music scene," Lewis Grizzard was saying the other day. "It came to me as I sat in on a press conference they were having for Boy George at the Hyatt Regency (that's in Atlanta, where Lewis writes for the Journal).

"For those who don't know — and there are still those who don't read People magazine or watch 'Entertainment Tonight' — Boy George is from England and his real name is George O'Dowd and he sings with a group called Culture Club and he dresses just like a girl, makeup, lipstick, ribbons in his hair, the whole bit.

"In an earlier time in this country, mental health authorities would have been alerted had there been a male person traveling about singing in his sister's clothes.

"But that has changed now. Boy George already has made enough money to keep himself in Cover Girl and eye shadow the rest of his life, performing to sellout crowds of screaming children who should be home doing their homework.

"About the only thing Boy George said at his press conference worth reporting, however, is that the rumor Michael Jackson is, in Boy George's words, 'wooing me,' is completely false.

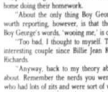
"Too bad, I thought to myself. They would have made the most interesting couple since Billie Jean King played doubles with Renee Richards.

"Anyway, back to my theory about what all this rock music is about. Remember the nerds you went to high school with? The kids who had lots of zits and were sort of wormy looking and never played sports and carried a lot of pens and pencils in their shirt pockets and never had any dates?

"Know what happened to them? They all grew up to sing and play in rock bands. Ever notice how many wormy looking people there are in rock bands? I rest my case.

"They're now getting even with society for making them outcasts in high school. Boy George, a nerd's nerd, admitted he hated school, and two young men sitting next to me, both of whom were earrings and were in dire need of a Clearasil care package, shook their heads in agreement with their idol.

"That's it, folks. That's what all this crazy, dress-like-something that just crawled-out-from-under the refrigerator, screaming, eardrum



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smashing, rock thing is all about.

"It's not really about sex and drugs and overdosing on pizza after all.

"It's the revenge of the nerds."

— RM —

Classified ad in the Walnut Creek, Calif., newspaper: "Late 40s model, female, one-owner, reliable, compact chassis, good interior/exterior, well maintained, many extras, all original parts, runs great and looks well. TLC required for maximum performance. Seeking male counterpart with similar features."

— RM —

"There is something I could use," Momma was saying the other day. "I know it's been invented because they're using it on television. It's something that would make my life, if not exactly easier, certainly more fun.

"And that is?" I asked.

"I need a laugh track," she said.

I thought I was a barrel of laughs," I told her.

"You are, grumpy," she said, "but all women on television have them, and I want one too.

"I want to hear hysterical laughter every time I come out of the bathroom in my ratty robe. That will really set up my day. As I trek down the hall to the kitchen, I want to hear muffled gasps of happy anticipation. These gasps should last as I pick up the tsketrtle off the stove and walk with it to the kitchen sink. When I drop the lid on the floor, I want to hear a few guffaws. More muffled laughs as I walk back to the stove and turn on the burner. What will she do next, you can almost hear from the sound track.

"Then, when I turn to you and say, 'Coffee this morning?' I'd like to hear a few giggles rather than the snort you give me."

"Yeah, OK," I say. As her straight man I ought to get a couple of chuckles, too.

"Television has conditioned us all to expect laughter at even the most inane exchange between two people — and we have plenty of that — whether their actions or remarks are truly funny or not," she went on.

"Laugh tracks would be more valuable to me than a microwave oven. I rarely want to bake a potato in eight minutes, but I often want the sort of approval that a crowd of people enjoying themselves at dry/ expense would afford. It would make me feel a little less klutzy and a lot more significant.

"Any given moment of my day is funnier than anything I've ever seen on 'We've Got It Made.' It's a shame to waste perfectly good laughter on television's sitcoms when people need it so badly in their own lives.

"A microwave will make my dinner, but a laugh track would make my day."

— RM —

Q What's the best time to mow the lawn?

A. I recommend you get it in some time before the first frost. If you're a fanatic and insist on doing it several times a month, the best time to mow depends on how you feel about your neighbors. If you can't stand them Sunday morning at 7 is ideal. Just as good is a Saturday evening when they're having friends over for a cookout.

Q My husband likes to drink beer while he does the lawn. What's the penalty for mowing under the influence of alcohol?

A. A severe headache. Also you must enroll in the Accelerated Lawn Rehabilitation program. However, there are advantages to mowing under the influence. Chances are excellent that an MUI mower will end the day having few bushes to mow around in the future.

Q I am having a terrible problem with weeds. We've tried an assortment of lethal chemicals, including Agent Orange, and we're still the shame of the neighborhood. What do you suggest?

A. Don't fool around. See if you can develop a nuclear capability before they/ dry weather comes. If that doesn't work, install Astroturf. DuPont is working on a hush-hush chemical for inorganically grown lawns. It will be known as green paint. It comes in a kit with Corfam dirt patches and polyester earthworms.

Q I'm married to a man who is a loving husband and father. But every spring he becomes another person. He forbids human contact with the grass. If the kids so much as cast a shadow on the lawn, he reaches for his air rifle. The kids and I are terrified. I thought we had a backyard lawn, not a museum. Am I crazy?

A. The first thing you should understand is you're not alone. You're not crazy. Family counselors report a surge in business in the early spring and it is directly related to lawn-obsessed men. Get in touch with a grass widow support group called Lawn Stress. It recommends that you get off your husband's back, for gosh sakes. Don't drive him away because then you'll have to cut the grass.

Q I've got bare patches all over the lawn. I can't get them green. What do you recommend?

A. Kudzu. It will cover the holes — the whole lawn, the house, the neighborhood, the town, the

Onward, upward

Letters...

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Committee, tackling the tough issues confronting county governments throughout the state.

As a member of the Agriculture and Small Business Committee, he has been an outspoken advocate for the farmer and small businessman.

Simply stated, Adrian Arnold's voice has been heard in Frankfort. His experience, knowledge and "compassion have earned him the respect of his colleagues.

Adrian has represented the people of his district and his state well during his service in the General Assembly.

I urge you to return him to Frankfort so he can continue his good work.

Sincerely,
Bobby H. Richardson
(House Speaker)

'Olympics of the Mind' commended

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I want to commend Superintendent Alice McDonald and the Department of Education for their sponsorship and support of the 1984 "Olympics of the Mind" April 21, 1984. This event, held at the University of Louisville, provided for academic competition between Kentucky's students, grades K-12.

This type of program allows for the enhancement and enrichment of problem-solving skills through scholastic competition. Kentucky's students are rewarded for skill development and creativity in the same manner as athletic competition, and rightfully so. The winners gained the opportunity to compete in the International Competition to be held in Akron, Ohio.

I am encouraged by Superintendent McDonald's concerted effort to push academics to the forefront in Kentucky. She has recognized the need for such events as "Olympics of the Mind" and should be commended for her efforts.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
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