Opinion

More on the dam

The Mercury's opposition to the proposed Falmouth Dam and its chief proponent Gene Snyder is well documented. It was refreshing to read the following editorial in last Wednesday's Lexington Herald Leader:

Taxpayers searching for something constructive done by the 98th Congress can take heart about something that fell flat on Capitol Hill: the proposed Falmouth dam.

In eliminating about $513 million worth of Kentucky highway and water projects, lawmakers cut $189 million earmarked for the dam on the Licking River.

The Falmouth project, a pet of 4th District Rep. Gene Snyder, a Jeffersontown Republican, has been a sore point since it passed the House as part of an $18 billion water projects bill. Snyder and a few others in his district wanted to build a dam that would turn 25,000 acres of good farmland into a recreational lake.

The trouble was that most of the farms involved lie in the 6th District. That didn't set too well with the farmers, nor with Rep. Larry Hopkins, who represents the 6th District.

Of course, Snyder and other proponents have advanced the usual arguments of flood control and recreational benefits. They also have claimed it would be a source of cleaner water for communities that have to rely on the murky Ohio for water.

It was obvious that none of the purported benefits could pass the muster of a cost-benefit analysis. That fact became more pertinent in Hopkins' argument that 60 percent of the project would be for recreational purposes.

Opposition to the dam has come also from the Kentucky General Assembly and several gubernatorial administrations. That's where Snyder also was tricky. He fixed the bill, when it was in the House, so that the federal government picked up the whole tab and Kentucky got off the financial hook.

This setback doesn't kill the project. Snyder will probably be back next session with a new effort to build the dam.

Trick/treat tips

Drivers and homeowners should spend as much time getting ready for Halloween as do trick-or-treaters.

Drivers should use the weekend before Halloween to check headlight adjustment, inspect wiper blades and replace worn ones. Next Wednesday morning, Oct. 31, they should take time to wash the windshield, headlights and mirrors and to check mirror adjustments. When on the road on Halloween night drivers should reduce speed.

Homeowners should inspect yards in advance and fill holes, repair steps and tighten any loose railings. Before darkness on Halloween night, they should clear yards of lawn and garden equipment, toys or any objects a child might trip over. At dusk, yardlights and porchlights should be turned on to light the way for trick-or-treaters.

Parents should decorate children's costumes with retro-reflective tape, which optometric studies show is the only material safely visible to drivers even at excessive speeds. They should also use nonallergic makeup instead of masks so the child's view is not blocked.

Children should walk on sidewalks or in yards, not in the street; look carefully before crossing a street; cross at a corner with a street light, if possible, and carry a battery-operated light or lantern so they can see and be seen.

Youngsters, of course, should be accompanied by an adult. And to avoid harmful side affects parents should caution their children to bring all treats home for inspection.

Agree or not

Education Collins' best shot

by S.C. Van Curen

Frankfort — As Gov. Martha Layne Collins approaches the end of her first year, she has failed to find a way to birth her brand on state government.

This isn't because she didn't try in her first session of the General Assembly to fulfill her campaign promises to education, but can more properly be laid at the foot of lack of planning and an inexperienced staff.

She didn't have the legislature, and more importantly the public sold on an increase in taxes for a program where results couldn't be proved. This is the first requisite where an overpowering need is lacking. Material structures are far easier to sell.

She may be on the right track now with her study committees recommending a public education program that could culminate in success in the 1986 legislature. The public must be sold to the extent that the legislature is convinced the public will accept a tax hike. That's the only way.

HER FIRST YEAR has been spent in getting acquainted with her job in a housekeeping role, more or less, although she has spent what seems to some as an excessive amount of travel out of state on missions that seemed more political than in the role of attending to state business. Some observers have wondered aloud that she may be more interested in furthering her political goals than tending to state business.

Her administration is not without accomplishments.

The single most important improvement, although not generally recognized by the public at large, is bringing order out of chaos in the Department of Human Resources, the largest division of state government.

The most impressive concrete showing comes in the highway department that runs on like the river from one administration to another. Planned programs have reached the construction stage in several areas of the state, notably Northern Kentucky, Bowling Green, Louisville and Frankfort.

Now that the Interstate Highway construction is complete in Kentucky, improvements to this and other important routes and connections will have their turn at the money.

FORMER GOV. John Young Brown Jr. must be given credit for the Northern Kentucky AA highway that survived and has stuck through a highly political climate.

Industrial development has been an area in which past governors shined, but changes in the industrial world make it hard to maintain the present number of jobs and some little growth. Further mechanization through the use of robots is making it hard to create more jobs. Recent announcements by General Electric in Louisville and IBM in Lexington will take their tolls in jobs. Thousands of jobs have been lost in the coal industry in the past 25 years.

Since she stressed education improvements so much in her campaign, her sales program to get improvements passed by the 1986 legislature seems the best chance she has to leave her brand in the history books.

Down Memory Lane

McMillen comes as Crabb goes; Gatewood sells confectionary

Thursday, October 29, 1964

Lawyers of Kentucky for Johnson and Humphrey ticket chairman, Attorney General John B. Breckinridge of Lexington, announced the appointment of Joseph F. Conley as chairman of Nicholas County. Other members of the Nicholas County committee are Charles Cox and Roger Womack.

William W. Power, mayor of Carlisle, was one of the 96 mayors of Kentucky cities named today as members of a Mayors for Johnson-Humphrey organization, it was announced by Frank Paxton, state Democratic campaign chairman.

Three residents of Nicholas County graduated in the Kentucky Army National Guard are Sergeant E5 Charles Judge as Section Chief of the Communications Section of Battery C, 3d Howitzer Battalion, 138th Artillery; Private First Class to the rank of Specialist 4 E-4 include Norman Duncan and William Alexander Jr.

Sherry Cord, Lana Vaughn, Bonnie Gum, Jane Talbert, Lorrain Frey and Patricia Craig have been chosen Junior Varsity cheerleaders for Nicholas County High School.

Police Chief Eugene Kelley reports the theft of $260 from a cabinet at the City Police Station sometime last Wednesday or Thursday. Sometime Sunday night two doors of the Legion Hall were broken open and $136 in cash and a small amount of cigarettes were taken. Then Tuesday night the grocery of Frank Simons was entered resulting in the theft of a large quantity of candy, several cases of pop and $56 in change.

MARRIED — Miss Doris Ann Roe and William A. Cannon, Oct. 24 at the Carlisle Baptist Church.

DIED — Mrs. Esther D. Boggus, 67, widow of H.B. Boggus, Oct. 24 at home on Dorsey Avenue. Mrs. Drucilla Lawrence Fisher, wife of William R. Fisher, Newport, AFB, Oct. 25 at Newport Hospital. — Frank J. Mathias, 81, Oct. 25 at home in Lexington.

Thursday, November 5, 1964

The Rev. Ira McMillen, minister of the Beaver Baptist Church in Warren County, has accepted a call as minister of the Carlisle Baptist Church effective Dec. 1. He succeeds the Rev. James H. Thompson.

Dr. Cecil V. Crabb, who has been minister of the Carlisle Presbyterian Church for eight years, has tendered his resignation to become effective Dec. 1. Dr. Crabb and family will go to Columbia, Tenn. where he has accepted the pastorate of the Zion Presbyterian Church.

Q.T. Gatewood, well-known businessman in Carlisle for over 30 years, retired from active business Wednesday, Nov. 1, when he sold his confectionary and lunchroom on West Main Street to Miss Mildred Gaunce and George Marshall, who immediately took charge of the business.

S-Sgt. Gatch N. Maxey Jr., having completed his 25 missions as a B-24 liberator as a tail gunner in the European theater of war, has received the following awards: The Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the President's Citation with one oak leaf cluster, two bronze stars for major battles in the sky, and a three-year medal for good conduct.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilcoxson, a son, Larry Joe, Oct. 28. — To Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Taylor, a son, Oct. 26 at Johnson Memorial Hospital.

DIED — Isaac Lee Dale, 61, Myers, Oct. 28 at a Lexington hospital. — Aaron Linville, 78, Saturday. — Mrs. Rannie Cray, 67, widow of Ed Cray, will go to home near Peak's Ridge. — Walter Johnson, 52, Mt. Olivet, Oct. 27 at Veterans Hospital, Lexington. — Wallace Campbell Ward, 88, Monday at the home of his son, Homer Ward. — Mrs. Bertie Thompson Maffett, 66, Monday in a hospital in Jenkins. — Joseph D. Sheehan, 70, Owingsville, Monday at home.

Nice guys... good book

Here Abouts
...with Emily A. Wolf

After watching the Wildcats work out during Basketball Media Day last week, I made a friendly $10 wager that UK would lose more games than it wins this season.

It wasn't that the practice was anything less than any other first outing for freshmen and veterans. It was just looking at the roster and looking at the schedule and then looking out on the court in Rupp Arena. Poor Jubilee. Why Teen Hello could be an All-America on this team!

Even Winston Bennett seems less ferocious. Both he and James Blackmon have shaved their heads and Bennett's aggressive personality, at first glance, seems to have been left on the barber shop floor.

Fresh center Robert Lock has shrunk since coming here from California. Either that or his ego has been brought under control, thereby shortening the height a couple of inches from the advertised 6'11".

Of all the freshmen Richard Madison looks like he can be a Wildcat down the road. Only trouble is, there are precious few patsies on the early schedule, and none on the road, where the imposing spectrum can gain valuable game experience.

Guard Ed Davender and forward Cedric Jenkins are so slight they look like walking (make that running) matchsticks. Everything I read about Davender when he was being recruited had him listed at 6'2" or 6'3". Information passed out to the press has him at 6'1".

To give you an idea about the depleted ranks with the departure of four starters from last year's team, Trey McKinley was working out with the guards. A nice guy, yes, a guard, too slow. And heaven knows, coach Joe B. Hall must rely on speed if he expects to win any given game. This may be the under statement of the year.

The fifth recruit, Todd Ziegler, is a doll, your All-America boy type. Dolls don't necessarily make the best basketball players. However, on a so-so team he will at least give us something pleasant to look at (at which to look?) if he sticks around. But then, I don't remember anyone else recruiting him.

Then there's Leroy Bird. Mercifully, he had a bad leg and wasn't suited up for the media event. He does have a big smile, but even that can't make up for his diminutive size. He does make Bret Bearup look tall. Guess that counts for something.

In the "nice guy" category one Kenny Walker stands head and shoulders above the rest. He does have a big appetite, though. Unfortunately, we were behind him going through the chow line. Only four pieces of chicken remained, all wings, when it came our turn to pick and choose.

Nice guy No. 2, Paul Andrews, along with Walker and McKinley, were the only players who remained after the meal, served at the Raddison. The rest, including guard Roger Harden, "snuck out" before athletics director Cliff Hagan and Hall took over the podium. Guess they wanted to hit the books!?).

We ate with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Kerr, who asked to be remembered to their friends here when both put in editorial stints at The Mercury. Jeff is currently sports editor at the Winchester Sun for which Jean takes a lot of pictures, including the UK sporting events.

We snapped some pictures of the Kerrs talking to some of the players. Only trouble, she's so short and they are so tall we may have missed her or cut off a few heads. Bird would have been just fine, but he wasn't around. Where were you, Leroy, when we really needed you?

It was fun.

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People, hereabouts, who had ordered Dr. Edie Asbury's latest book, Both Sides of the River, finally received their copy last week, almost five months after its scheduled publication by the Thoroughbred Press in Lexington.

It's just about as Doc said it would be: a book of memoirs and personal philosophy, an autobiography. As such, it lacks the entertaining anecdotes of his previous effort, Horse Sense And Humor in Kentucky. On the other hand, it chronicles the life of the highly successful surgeon and horse breeder in a very faithful and factual manner, on both sides of the Ohio River.

Members of his family sbdlad be pleased to look the time to put in print so many, many recollections. Nicholas County, his birthplace, the old hospital and some of the people he came in contact with are constants throughout the book.

Doc was generous in his praise of those who were instrumental in the development of the old Aras Wiggins farm, better known as Forest Retreat. He paid $60 an acre for the original 256-acre tract back in 1934 on the advice of my grandfather, the late Thomas C. Asbury. Restoration of the horseplace was under the guidance of the late Judge Innes Ross.

I had forgotten just how much a role his interest and participation in baseball played in his early life until later career in medicine. This same interest carried over to his oldest son, Taylor, better known as Tuck. One chapter of the book deals with Tuck and George Bush, when they were prep school and college teammates. Bush is described as a "slick fielder" much coveted by the late Clark Griffith, owner and manager of the old Washington Senators. Bush opted for the Air Corps and became a war hero in the years to follow.

In his typical Ascot chapter reminiscing, Doc recalls ordering (leasing) his Ascot attire from an English tailor. "They fitted perfectly but when I looked in the mirror I had to confess no matter how far you take a boy out of Carlisle, Kentucky, you can't take Carlisle out of the boy. I looked like a vaudeville comedian!"

His later meeting with Queen Elizabeth during this 1956 visit proved her knowledge of race horses was quite universal. He was introduced to Her Majesty as the breeder of Determine.

"What a pleasure," she said. And you bred the little grey that won your Derby. He was by our Alibhai, wasn't he?" He was, of course.

Of particular interest here is a detailed account of the old hospital on Scrub Grass Road and his early part in its development formed his proudest service. Mentioned prominately are Drs. Jack Morford and Wendell Kingsolver.

The farm operation refers to Gall and Ruth Hughes and Russell Selvage several times. Other employees mentioned are Boots Marshall, Carl Steele, and his wife Geneva ("the greatest cook in Kentucky, without whom we could not entertain customers") and office manager Jeanette Hughes.

Not mentioned, through an oversight, I'm sure, were the numerous weekend spreads concocted and served by Edna Boyd. She devoted a great deal of her life seeing to it that the Asbury's "company" enjoyed the best food her hands could prepare.

I think you'll enjoy this story of a man, born in a log cabin at Bald Hill, who put himself through med school and the Mayo Clinic by operating on patients, often indigent, on trains...who invested wisely and heeded the advice of his peers. It definitely could be adopted for a movie.

I just can't think of who would play the leading man.

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While you're stocking up on treats for the trickers and setting your clock back this Saturday night, keep in mind that Christmas is just two months from today. Enough said.

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Op-Ed page

Save bad habits 'til you're 65

...for all the good it will do you

If you are determined to have a swinging, stinging lifestyle, wait until you are 65 years old, doctors now tell us. After that it will make no difference on your health, they say. And then there is Social Security to make it easier to finance.

Following a healthy lifestyle does not seem to help older people live longer, a Harvard Medical School study concludes. Which, in effect, means if you can last that long in this polluted world doing everything that isn't good for you, then you got it made in the shade.

"Once you've survived to 65, healthful practices at least in our data, did not suggest a longer lifespan," said Dr. Laurence G. Branch. The research does not mean that bad habits don't count for much. It suggests they do count for a lot during youth and middle age, but not much if you are a 65-plus survivor.

The results, based on interviews with 1,326 elderly Massachusetts residents, were published in the October issue of the American Journal of Public Health. The notion that all people, even the elderly, are responsible for their own longevity has been in vogue for several years and probably pushed by health food peddlers and illiterate preachers.

Of course, those Harvard medicine men neglect to tell you that after 65 you can't pass the physical for raucous living and your tastes are so much more easily satisfied and whatever your lifestyle is it will be something less than it was back in your younger days.

I never believed in saving my wild oats for my old days. Besides, our family has never been ready to accept 65-year-old men on panty raids or old geezers cruising the streets whistling at young girls and breaking street lights with their gummy shooters.

A report by the U.S. Surgeon General estimates that "perhaps as much as half of the U.S. mortality in 1976 was due to unhealthy behavior or lifestyle." 1776 wasn't a very healthy year either for the American hotblooods when you get down to it.

So saying that if-you can make it to 65 whatever you do after that won't make much difference is reasonable — unless you enter the Rookie Marathon, try to scale the Matterhorn or invite in three swinging young starlets for a weekend.

Those doctors can safely say it won't make any difference because they know you have reached the age where the greatest adventures of senior citizenry barely fill the garbage can in the garage or get the lawn mowed.

Reaching 65 isn't all it's cracked up to be. I don't know of a single liquor store that gives senior citizen discounts.

— RM —

A fellow named Nat Shapiro has rounded up a number of quotations from people giving vent to their particular dislikes. He's published them in a new paperback volume titled "Whatever It Is, I'm Against It." Here's a few of them:

— S.J. Perelman on home aquariums: "Why anyone would want to live with a small amount of stagnant water populated by half-dead guppies is beyond me."

— John Rankin on Beethoven's music: "It always sounds to me like the upsetting of bags of nails with here and there an alto dropped between."

— Carl Foreman on boxing: "This is the only sport in the world where two guys get paid for doing something they'd be arrested for if they got drunk and did it for nothing."

— Ross MacDonald on Southern Californis: "There's nothing wrong with it that a rise in the ocean level wouldn't cure."

— W.C. Fields on why he avoided water as a beverage: "Fish mate in it."

— Ronald Arbuthnott Knox on babies: "A loud noise at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other."

— Tallulah Bankhead on making love: "I've tried several varieties. The conventional position makes me claustrophobic. And the others give me a stiff neck or lockjaw."

— Lord Chesterfield on making love: "The pleasure is momentary, the position ridiculous and the expense damnable."

— Oscar Wilde on George Bernard Shaw: "He has no enemies but is intensely disliked by his friends."

— RM —

Retired physician Alfred Kamm discovered a faded newspaper clipping containing this anonymous essay:

"The human body is a prolific source of idiomatic expression:

"We would be at a loss for words if we couldn't give body to our thoughts by letting a person 'head' the class, the team or the committee, or 'foot' the bill, 'toe' the mark, 'shoulder' the blame, or 'skin' a cat. Or, spill 'beans,' 'hose up' on a subject, 'eye' the question, put the 'finger' on the culprit, 'muscle' in, put 'teeth' in a law, win by a 'nose,' give someone plenty of 'lip,' or bend the 'elbow' on auspicious occasions.

"What would we do if we could not 'thumb' our noses, scare the 'gizzard' out of someone, 'elbow' our way in the top, get to the 'seat' of the trouble, 'earmark' a sum for a given project, 'stomach' the ordeal, go out on a 'limb', stick your 'neck' out, turn the other 'cheek,' laugh at something 'rib' tickling, 'arm' yourself with facts, beat your 'gums' or 'knuckle' down to business?

"These anatomical allusions only back up the statement that we put our whole being into our vernacular."

— RM —

Probate Court Judge Bob Burnett mentioned the time, back when he was city attorney at Arlington, Texas, a dispute over a car collision was being heard.

Vehicle A moving south, had collided with Vehicle B, going north, when B attempted to make a left turn in front of A.

An elderly man, who'd been on the scene, was called to testify.

"Did you have an opportunity to observe this car as it attempted to make a left turn?" Burnett asked him.

"Yes, sir, lawyer, I sure did."

"Were you able to formulate an opinion as to about how fast this car was going that tried to turn left in front of the other car?"

The elderly man studied for a long time and then said, "Yes, sir, it was going just slow enough to get hit and not quit fast enough to get out of the way."

— RM —

Alex Thien was telling this story in the Milwaukee Sentinel. There was this man who fell into his 70s who always followed the dictates of his religion. In other words, he was strictly kosher.

What's more, he had worked hard all his life, been a good husband to his wife until the day she died, raised three sons and saw them through college and was always ready to help them with advise.

But as time went on he become low in spirits. Life wasn't the same. He felt sad, missed many of his friends who had passed on and one day admitted to one of his sons that it didn't seem worth living.

The son discussed his father's attitude with his brothers and they decided to try to help him. They got together and rented him a room in a Miami hotel that was strictly kosher and where they thought he would enjoy a month's vacation.

After dad was gone a week, the guys decided to pay a visit to cheer him up and make sure he wasn't lonely. They got to Miami and the hotel. The clerk told them their father wasn't there.

"He stayed only two days and checked out," the clerk said. "He's in one of those fancy, expensive hotels on the strip."

The sons went to look for him and found him at a posh hotel right on the beach. He was outside at the pool doing a bit of break-dancing with two lovely young ladies in bikinis, ordering champagne for everyone and having a terrific time.

"Dad, how could you do it!" the sons asked. "Carrying on like this when we checked you into one of the best kosher hotels in Miami."

"I didn't miss a beat.

"There's nothing to worry about, boys," he said. "I don't eat here."

Onward, upward.

Beshear feels sherrifs should have the right to seek re-election

Lt. Governor Steve Beshear has endorsed the proposed Constitutional Amendment that will allow sheriffs to seek re-election.

"The people of Kentucky today — those who are registered to vote — are denied the right of a total voice in elections for sheriff," Beshear said. "And that's wrong. Any time the citizenry is restricted in expression of opinion, democracy suffers."

Beshear pointed out that Kentucky is the only state denying sheriffs the chance for re-election and that the sheriff is the only county official who cannot seek re-election.

"The cold hard facts are that even if citizens in any given county want a good sheriff to remain in office after a term, they can't have their way," Beshear said. "The sheriff must step aside, loss away all that experience, training and knowledge and sit or the sidelines for four years. There are lisany examples of this being a costly flaw in our Constitution."

With the November 6 election day drawing near, Beshear said he hoped to call attention to the fact that the proposed amendment is on the ballot.

"Thus far, this particular subject has received very little mention and could well become the forgotten issue on election day," Beshear said. "That would be unfortunate."

"Let's not wake up on November 7 and have Kentuckians say, 'Frankly I didn't know anything about the bi-partisan amendment question,'" Beshear added.

Beshear stressed that a vote in support of the amendment does not guarantee any sheriff re-election.

"It simply allows that individual the opportunity to put his or her record on the line for the voters to evaluate," Beshear said. "There is no doubt in my mind that it would increase professionalism among sheriffs, improve the quality of law enforcement in the state and be less costly to the taxpayer."

Meet Clay Letcher

Newest employee of Reid and Vice, Inc. Clay's duties include stocking inventory, filling customer orders, loading and unloading trucks. Clay enjoys watching sports events and is a member of the Carlisle Christian Church. He resides at 518 East Main Street, Carlisle.

Church establishes twins fund

The premature birth of Brandy (two pounds, nine ounces), and Keith (two pounds, 11 ounces) Graves has brought the twins home to their parents, Bourbon and Belinda Graves of Bourbon County Hospital costs over a two-month stay have been extremely high and not covered by insurance.

The twins, now 4½ months old, have been moved to their home on Skeele Road. Brandy weighs 10 pounds and Keith just a half pound less.

The Little Rock Christian Church, believing "it is more blessed to give than receive," has established a special fund which will be applied to the hospital bill at Central Baptist Hospital.

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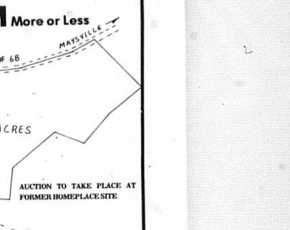

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