Opinion

'News service' AP or PC?

Word that the White House is starting its own "news service" made us cringe until we got a full picture of what the president's communicators have in mind. If the service does what the White House press people say it will, and no more, then it's a splendid idea.

The aim is to give newspapers or broadcasting stations around the country the kind of immediate access to information materials they now could obtain only by maintaining a Washington bureau, a luxury that many papers and stations cannot afford. As the new service is described, it will distribute only the same materials now made available to reporters in the White House press room — news releases about the president's activities, texts of speeches, announcements of future events, and printed reports on this subject and that.

The difference is that the materials will be available to an editor or reporter anywhere in the country who has a computer capable of making a telephone link with a computer in Washington. Editors who have phoned the White House in the past to ask that the text of a presidential speech be mailed to them will now be able to obtain the text in minutes via their computer.

What seems to be going on here is that the Reagan administration is waking up to the opportunities computer technology is creating for the dissemination of information. A presidential spokesman says the new convenience has nothing to do with President Reagan's opinion of the quality of reporting by the White House press corps.

Some commentators were quick to attack the White House for starting up a news agency to compete with AP or UPI — "a government-controlled press service" like Tass in the Soviet Union. They should hold their fire until they can dial up 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue on their computers and see what they get. Our guess is that a political speech or a press release won't sound any more convincing just because it arrives by computer. There's a limit to what even high tech can do.

How to catch a fugitive financier

It was a neat bit of detective work. The FBI sent "wanted" fliers recently to more than 30,000 employment firms around the country. When Bernard Striar, 60, walked into one of them in Cincinnati on Jan. 7, an employee recognized him from his "wanted" picture and called the local office of the FBI, and he was arrested. He is to be returned to San Diego for trial.

Striar was known as Eldean (Don) Erickson before he disappeared March 5, leaving his wife with a note describing himself as a fraud and asking forgiveness, leaving investors holding the bag on investments of at least $2 million in his commodities trading ventures.

He was known by other names in other cities, according to federal authorities, where he usually started out a new life by applying for temporary employment as an accountant. The government says he led at least five different lives over the past four decades, all of them ending when his illegal activities were discovered or were about to be discovered.

The decade-long trail of deception now has ended. Once again, the FBI has got its man.

Hamburger help

In a time when the list of cancer-causing substances sometimes seems longer than the list of things that are safe, it's almost uplifting to read that consumption of ordinary fried hamburgers might prove helpful in preventing cancer.

So says a University of Wisconsin professor who stumbled across a substance in fried hamburger called a mutagenesis modulator, which seems to prevent cancerous changes from taking place in beef. But don't bet your flame-broiled burgers on the stuff yet, he cautions. Only mice have been tested so far.

Even so, the discovery could become a bonanza for fast-food joints. It isn't hard to imagine a day when customers will belly up to the counter and order a quarterpounder — "with extra mutagenesis modulator, please."

Light at the end of the tunnel...

When is a picture worth that thousand words?

We really don't know the answer!

We had this old photograph that the Historical Society wanted identified and the first time we published it like say Jan. 10 there were any response — didn't anybody say what a lousy picture, what poor reproduction, just utter silence. It wasn't up to snuff, we knew it could have been made to rsproduce better, so last week [Jan 24 issue] we made made the halftone negative one column wider [to better fill the space] and used the information sent us by Mrs. J.E. Krebs of Florida.

Well, Thursday, Jan. 24 Mrs. Gilva Vice calls with complete identification, see photo on page 3, of the World War I inductees. She places the date as Feb. 28, 1918.

The same day Cecil Smart brings us a photograph in much better condition that belongs to his mother, Mrs. Anna Shanklin Smart, Mrs. Krebs sister. He is of the opinion the photo dates from 1917.

Next Ward Shannon of Millersburg, who has a similar picture that shows the faces of two men standing in the courthouse doorway. They were James Myers, sheriff and Criss Dunn, constable.

Minnie Rawlings called identifying Herman Shannon as being the person in the first row from the right. She also identified the rest.

Ella Workman, Dorsey Avenue, called us that she too had a photograph and completed identification Monday, Jan. 28.

From the morning mail Monday was a letter from Gussie S. Fryman, Route 6, Cynthiana, seeking the whereabouts of Mrs. Krebs. Mrs. Fryman's grandmother was a Krebs from Pendleton County.

We don't think we've reached

*See Vapours, page 3

MERCURY VAPOURS
Warren R. Fisher

Letters from our readers

To The Carlisle Mercury:

I feel that it's long overdue to say thanks to Mr. Earl Lee Planck for the excellent job he's done while in office. He's improved our roads plus a walkway to our mail boxes. He's kept our church roads with gravel. He's helped people that were in need. I cannot speak for everyone but I can speak for myself and many others that I hope you will open your eyes and support him in his coming election. I feel that there was nothing else he could do to try and please our community. Again I will say thank you Earl for giving your time for an excellent job.

Patsy Robinson

To The Carlisle Mercury:

As a scleroderma patient who has suffered alone for too many years with a disease that few people have ever even heard of, I am attempting to locate others who suffer from scleroderma (systemic sclerosis).

My New Year's resolution is to correspond with as many scleroderma patients as possible. Doctors tell me there are 300,000 of us. Perhaps your readers can assist me in locating others like myself. I can be reached at 21 Brennan Street, No. 21, Watsonville, CA - 95076.

Thank you,

Diane Williams

To The Carlisle Mercury:

In the Jan. 17, 1985 issue of The Mercury there was a notice of a candidate for jailer. It said that James E. (Jim) Mitchell and the former Janet Marie Fryman are the parents of James J. and Jeffrey A. Mitchell. The truth is that James E. Mitchell is the father of the two sons by a former marriage.

Sincerely,
Jo Ann Mitchell

Something on your mind? Write a letter to the Mercury

Agree or not

Jealousy among Republicans reduces publicity chances

by S.C. Van Curen

Frankfort — Why is it the minority party usually manages to make a tactical blunder in the formative stages before the statewide races for political office.

Yep, the 10 Republicans in the 38-member Senate got into a cat and dog fight over their election of the three minority leadership offices in the short organizational session early this month.

As a result, the Democrats had completed their party business, named the committee members and gone home before the Republicans ever settled their 3-4 stalemate. There wasn't any Senate Republican elected leadership to recommend to the Majority Democrat Committee on Committees any Republicans for standing committee positions. Therefore, the Republicans don't have a vice chairmanship of any Senate committee, the highest position normally given the minority party.

The major advantage, if there really is any to having a part in the minority leadership, is the publicity during the 60-day law-making session in 1986.

The minority leader gets quoted by the press and gets on television on partisanship votes. He gets on camera making the party's position known during floor action on these measures. It is of real value then to any Republican who contemplates running for statewide office in 1987.

John Rogers, a veteran senator from Somerset, has generally made it known among Republicans and legislative watchers that he has been seriously considering running for the Republican nomination for governor. He's from the party's Fifth District stronghold which is an asset.

With these facts known, it's also known that party members would be cooperating to help the party win the governorship.

Rogers was a candidate for the leadership post along with Gene Huff, who had served before, and Clyde Middleton who had the post in 1984.

Rogers pulled out in a move for harmony, then the party split 5-5 on the other two. Eventually, a compromise was made and Joe Lane Travis of Glasgow was named to the office with Middleton being made caucus chairman and John Ackerson as whip. Gene Stuart had served several terms in the post with satisfying results but Huff beat him in 1984. Stuart didn't run although he ran for lieutenant governor last time.

Former State Senator James Bunning of Fort Mitchell, who ran for governor in 1983, has said he intends to run again. A good hot Republican primary would be a good move to improve the chances for a Republican victory in November. In that way, the candidate gets well known and doesn't have to start from scratch after the Primary.

Without a GOP primary, if Democrats scrap it out in the summer and get all of the attention. As a result, the election is over for a majority of the voters because the Republican candidate isn't known.

The last time the Republicans won, 1965 with Louie B. Nunn, he and Marlow Cook had a very hot primary. Nunn was well known to the voters and he and Cook had both offered answers to the Democrats and proposed to improve the political climate in Kentucky.

The Democrat majority in the Senate could make a late move for courtesy's sake and name some Republicans as vice chairmen to some of the standing committees.

But, it is going to take more than that to remove the petty jealousy among the Republicans.

Down Memory Lane

Old Glory flys over Manila

Thursday, February 4, 1965

A county-wide meeting of all barley growers, civic leaders, local business people and agricultural agency representatives and others interested in the tobacco program will be held at the courthouse Friday night, February 5, according to Leroy Hollar, Harvey Wagoner and Estil Noffsinger. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the problems facing the tobacco farmer, the need to get out a large vote on marketing quotas for the next three years and to organize a county referendum committee.

With the $500 check from the employees of Blue Grass Industries and the $250 recently donated by the Carlisle Rotary Club, Nicholas County's quota for the District 4-H Camp Fund is met in the sum of $29,000. The funds were donated in part for the purchase of land to make possible the location of a 27-county district camp here. The $256,000 camp located three miles north of Carlisle is scheduled to begin operation this year for 4-H members of the 27-county North Central area.

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Thursday, February 8, 1945

American troops reached the port of Manila Bay and raised the Stars and Stripes over the great Philippines capital for the first time in more than three years.

The first play content to be held in the Carlisle High School was won by the junior class entry, "Miss Personality Plus" with the cast including Louise Hopkins, Dottie Hughes, Anna Lee Vice, Janice Ruddell, John Barr, Jimmy Burnaw and Donald Cameron.

Monday night during halftime of the carlisle-Nicholasville game, varsity team sponsor Miss Anna Ruth Owings drove a gold spike in the floor of the gym where co-captain Simpson stood when he dropped a field goal which won the game for Carlisle over Paris by one point. This is the first time since 1938 Carlisle has won over Paris, although they have met in five tournaments.

Miss Martha Davis Judge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Judge, Moorefield, has enrolled as a freshman in the women's department of Centre College, Danville, for the second semester beginning January 29.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. David M. Curry Jr., Lexington, a daughter, Linda Marr, Sunday at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

DIED — Mrs. Annie B. Thomas, 85, widow of James B. Thomas, Thursday at Massie Memorial Hospital, Paris. — Orval C. Harney, 64, February 1 at home in Millersburg. — Mrs. Anna F. Hedges, 60, widow of Rollie M. Hedges, Sunday at Massie Memorial Hospital, Paris. — Mrs. Leslie Gifford, January 25, in Cincinnati, OH. — Pfc. Lloyd F. Duncan, 30, husband of Mrs. Minnie Duncan, January 9 in action in Belgium.

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Top row: Homer Ward, Ollie Ritchie, Gilva Vice, ? Bishop, Kash Shankland, Elmer Vice.

Op-Ed page

Prologue... O'er the rampions we'll watch, while Momma is so gallantly reeking

I should have been suspicious when you took me to the Battle of Lookout Mountain on our honeymoon," my wife said. She was already planning our summer vacation early as usual, which is always an exercise in imagination for her.

Somehow, she didn't associate reading headstones in Civil War cemeteries and the wedding vows of love, honor and obey. It took satisfying thinking to make her believe it all is connected. I can't remember the story I told her, but few marriages go on the rocks during the honeymoon, as I figured I was good for several days of history buffing before I had to get serious about being married.

A fellow I know took his wife on a honeymoon to John Dillinger's grave. At least my taste for graveyard hopping is a little more refined. He was raised on detective books, while I was studying American military encounters. Environment makes the difference, you know.

"Why can't we go to the seashore and soak up a lot of sunshine and good food like everyone else?" she wants to know.

"I have never been to the seashore," she whined.

"You wouldn't like it. Sand fleas, sharks, pollution, half-naked girls, sunburns, high prices, beach bums, broken beer bottles, muscle freaks throwing sand in your face, loud music. Wouldn't you rather take a walk through the hallowed battlefield at Gettysburg?"

"Now I know why Martha Washington stayed home all the time and made apple jack. When you got a husband who's into history and won't take you to the beach, you get a little desperate."

"I don't know what you are complaining about. Didn't I take you to see Roy Acuff's guitar at Opryland last year? And Grandpa Jones' banjo? Bought you a snow cone to boot. We even swung over into the Smokies and got you a genuine stretched pig bottle. Show me another wife in this town with a stretched pog bottle," I laid it on her unmercifully.

Before you get an idea this vacation bit is all that one-sided, it ought to be told that our first vacation was entirely for the benefit of my bride. She was the public trough at the time in a New Deal job at the courthouse and I thought it would be nice to take her to Georgia and show her where the Sugar Daddy of the New Deal went on his vacations. He wasn't home at the time. They had taken him back to New York for permanent residency.

Driving through the piney woods of Georgia gives you time to think there ought to be better places to blow a vacation on, but I wanted to show I was willing to sacrifice a week for a good wife and Democrat, come hell or Harry Truman.

"What do people do here for a living?" she asked.

"After Sherman marched through, there wasn't anything left but the WPA, the NRA and the CCC, and FDR came down to personally hand out the dales.

From then on, our vacations took on more meaning. There was Chickamauga, Bull Run, Appomattox, Perryville and Richmond.

"I'm getting battle fatigue," she complained one day after Gen. Lee and I had chased the Yankees off Missionary Ridge. "Why couldn't I have married a normal man, who'd be content to spend his vacation whistling at bathing beauties and drinking beer?"

"Didn't I show you Thomas Jefferson's indoor privy? And FDR's cigarette holder? And Grant's mountaetop cup? And Minnie Pearl's hat? And you have the nerve to say I never take you anywhere!

"I have never even been to Florida. All those plush motels, long white beaches and seafood restaurants..."

"Castro will probably invade that sand pit any minute now and you wouldn't want to be caught in the crossfire, would you?" I told her. "Let's wait until it's over and there'll be some dandy battlefields we can visit there."

I take her to the best eating place and still she complains. "After you've been to Ollie's Trolley, what can you do for a hamburger encore?" she gripes.

"O.K., you win," I told her. "I'm going to treat you to something rare in table vittles and a trip to the beach for good measure."

"I can't believe the whole thing," she said.

Heh, heh. Little does she know. I have this friend in West Virginia and he's been after me to come visit him and take in a ramps bait. That's like a stripe bunt with B.O.

Rampions are little plants that grow wild in the mountains. Their leaves and tuberous roots are used to make a salad that will make Caesar sass his mammy.

Nobody in his right mind visits those mountaineers in ramp season, unless he has a mighty strong constitution. What happens is this: After eating a big bait of ramps, you take on an air. Actually, you stink to the high heavens. For at least two days, you give off a rather sour odor that has been known to bole up a skunk for a week.

This is not the run-of-the-mill bad breath that can be knocked by that mediciney, minty mouthwash. You smell bad all over. That breath-taking aroma oozes from every pore and no antidote known to science is going to make you smell good until all the ramps juice is gone out of you. You reek until the reek goes away by itself.

After we have sampled the ramps, I'll put momma in the rumble seat, open all the windows and head off for the beach. She can't swim, so she will sit on the beach and drive away people with puny noses. I plan to stay underwater for two days until the blue funk leaves. After that she'll be glad to go back to the battlegrounds with me.

From rampions to ramparts. That's my kind of poetic justice.

— RM —

We predict the following things will not happen in 1985:

— No one will develop an artificial appendix to be implanted in human beings this year.

— Rep. Tip O'Neill will not race in the Indianapolis 500.

— California will not fall into the ocean during an earthquake. It will, however, break into small pieces and be carried off on the winds to Kansas and New Mexico. Oklahoma will fall into the ocean and scientists will call this a "spurt of nature."

— Foreign armies will not invade South Dakota.

— Autumn will not be replaced by a season officially known as "The Pre-Christmas Season."

— Yassar Arafat will not write a book of memoirs or design a line of work clothes for Calvin Klein.

— The national debt will not be resolved by use of a chain letter.

— Ronald Reagan will not lose his hair. Maybe his jelly beans.

— Someone will discover what "progressive rock" is.

— John Y. Brown will open a chain of breakfast restaurants featuring my wife's biscuits.

— American health faddists will call their newest diet plan, "The Ethiopian Weight Loss Program."

— A pill will be discovered that will make it easier to get along with nurses in hospitals.

— They'll invent a new wig complete with curlers for women to wear when they go shopping.

And some things I'd like to see in 1985:

— A locker room without a hair dryer.

— A par eight.

— All basketball games start with three minutes to play and the score tied at 100-100.

— John McEnroe, the tennus grouch, apologize.

— A boxer or country singer, who didn't start out in prison or end up in charge.

— A college football team running off the field shouting, "We're No. 2!"

— A bigger lie than "one size fits all."

— Somebody explain the reason for drag racing.

— Skateboards become an endangered species.

— Somebody ask to check under my hood.

Onward, upward.

Vapours from page 1

the thousand word mark but we did stir up quite a bit of interest.

Many thanks to all who aided us. And now we wonder whether it was the larger photographic reproduction that caught the attention or the repetition!

— MV —

Could it be that Saturday will be wood chuck day?

We've been looking forward to ground hog day for nearly a month now. It beckons with a light like a searchlight at the end of a tunnel.

If you wonder why, re-read the last sentence of the Here Abouts column in the Jan. 3 issue.

What with all the ailments, bad weather, doctor appointments, etc., it will be very nice to have our editor back on the job, that is if she hasn't fallen in love with Florida.

— MV —

Candidates and candidate cards and more cards

About two weeks before we ran too low on candidate cards we ordered 20,000 of the little cards making certain that the paper company understood what we wanted.

I'll never forget the time they stacked 125,000 cards in front of the old Mercury office, when I had just ordered 12,500 cards. That was back in the early 1950's and the paper company took back what I didn't think I could sell!

Twenty thousand may last through more than one election, and again I may run out — time will tell!

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