Opinion

GOP squabbles

by S.C. Van Curon

The Republican Party is beginning to show some signs of life that could enliven the political scene in Kentucky for the next two years. Admittedly, the action to date is just a sign that the Republicans will field a candidate against U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford and contestants in several of the House races.

Since Fourth District Republican Congressman Gene Snyder announced that he does not intend to seek re-election, he has begun to chide Jim Bunning and Larry Forgy about their word battle over the governor's race, which doesn't come until 1987, after the congressional races.

Snyder is saying the Republican Party should devote its attention to getting a candidate to seek his seat and aid Republicans Larry Hopkins, Sixth District, and HalRogers, Fifth District, in their quests for re-election.

What Snyder is saying is that the party leaders should devote their full attention to the offices in order of their sequence if they expect to build the party.

Bunning was defeated by Gov. Martha Layne Collins last time, and immediately announced he would seek the office again four years later. He has been devoting time toward this effort, and even seeking money toward that goal.

Forgy seems to be trying to tell Bunning he shouldn't be talking about the governor's race two years away while the House and Senate races come up next year, leaving the impression that Bunning should become a candidate against Sen. Ford.

If Forgy can get Bunning to run for U.S. Senator, it would leave the door open for Forgy to seek the Republican nomination for governor with little apparent opposition.

It's somewhat surprising that these party leaders aren't making more noise about fielding a candidate in the other four House districts and urging support for that effort.

While state Republican Chairman Gordon Wadde has said he reserves the party in Kentucky by encouraging candidates to seek local and state offices in predominately Democratic counties, he is being accused of supporting Bunning in his campaign for the governorship. In the last governor's race, Forgy allowed his name to be speculated on for some time before he took himself out of the race.

Sixth District Congressman Larry Hopkins waited almost to the last day to say he had no interest in the governor's race. This was late, and the party had to finally persuade Bunning to run.

These hands are not clean as they go into the present squabble.

The trouble, as I see it, is the Republican leaders generally try to avoid a primary for governor and all other important offices.

Their reasoning seems to be why waste money on a primary? Save it for the general election.

Consequently, the Democrats get in the field early and stage a Gingham Dog and Calico Cat fight in the primary. Democrats interested in voting readily recognizes the name of the Democratic victor. At the same time, more than half the voters don't even know the name of the Republican candidate, much less anything about his record or his platform. The electorate just assumes the election, for all practical purposes, has been decided in the primary.

The last time the Republicans won, they had a primary for governor. Why not have a hot one for the U.S. Senate and House seats?

Extra special benefit

With a little cooperation from the weather, this year's Health Care Auxiliary dinner should be one of the very best ever. To be held June 28 on the grounds at Carnico Country Club, the event features pontoon rides on the lake for ticket holders, the great harmony of the Sweet Adelines of Lexington, an art and antique auction and the unbeatable food prepared in the club's kitchen.

And, in case of rain, the benefit can be quickly moved indoors, a luxury which hasn't been the case in recent years when it was held at Forest Retreat, and often switched to the elementary school cafeteria at the last minute because of threatening weather.

Mrs. Gina Kingsolver is currently accepting donations of various forms of art and antiques. Persons with items for the auction may contact her at 289-2401.

The buffet, served from 5:30-7:30 p.m., will be set up under the club's carport, with tables overlooking the lake and golf course. Boat rides, compliments of Lake Carnico residents, begin at approximately 4:30. Reservations are necessary and must be made by next Tuesday. It's a good meal and a good time for a good, good cause. I wouldn't miss it.

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Among those roasting in the hot gym at Georgetown College last Tuesday night were **Barbara** and **Mike Kenney**, local basketball coaches interested in seeing the Kentucky All-Stars scrimmage the Junior All-Stars.

Here Abouts

...with Emily A. Wolf

Actually, they wanted to see one **Rex Chapman** of Apollo, touted as next year's Mr. Basketball in Kentucky. They also wanted to visit with Rex's mother, **Laurie**, an all-around athlete, and father **Wayne**. Barbara grew up in London with Laurie and have been close friends ever since.

Barbara says Rex gets his athletic talents naturally. Wayne, of course, is a former cage star, and Laurie's father, the late **Red Little**, was a state tennis champion in the 1960s.

Recruiters are making life a little hectic in the Chapman household, with UK and U of L leaving no stone unturned in their pursuit of the super duper guard and floor general.

UK fans might be encouraged to know that Rex's grandmother lives in Lexington and would no doubt love to see her grandson play for the Wildcats. At least it would be closer to home. Whether it will play a part in Rex's decision remains to be seen. There are those who felt UK's chances went out the window when Wayne was not hired as an assistant under coach **Eddie Sutton**.

Incidentally, Rex didn't disappoint his followers, scoring 20 points in leading his Junior All-Stars to a 90-78 upset win.

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Our latest "world travelers," Shy and Betty Abner, returned last Tuesday from a cruise to Alaska with nothing but rave reviews for our 49th state.

They flew from Nashville to Los Angeles, where they joined the 700-plus passengers for a memorable nine days of cruising through some of the most beautiful water and shore line attractions they've ever seen. Sighted were rare bald eagles, whales and seals, just about what you'd imagine Alaska would offer in the way of nature's far northern treasures. Including, of course, icebergs. In fact, their ship was escorted by a cutter that blazed the trail to insure safe passage.

The water was so clear that passengers were able to see the huge, underwater ice masses belied by just the "tip of the iceberg" seen on the surface. They thought of the Titanic on more than one occasion, we understand.

In Juneau, the group was treated to panning gold in a stream just outside an abandoned mine. And yes, they swished and swirled their pans until a small amount of gold gleamed in the bottom of the pan. A nice, however small, souvenir of their visit. As Shy said, you couldn't exactly retire on it!

Would they recommend the cruise?

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Letters...

Let's honor our eighth graders

To The Carlisle Mercury:

On June 7 we attended the eighth grade graduation at Bourbon County Junior High School. With over 200 students receiving their diplomas and honor certificates it was evident that the faculty and staff at Bourbon County school had organized and planned a memorable event for their eighth graders.

As these students graduated from elementary school they ended their first level of learning. It was a time to celebrate and bring recognition for their achievements. The parents and relatives attending this occasion showed their support of their children and the school system.

I would like to see our eighth graders honored the same way at Nicholas County.

Sincerely,
Lucille Waugh
Carlisle, Ky

Agree or not

Mulling the ed reform plan

By S.C. Van Curon

Frankfort — Will there be a special session of the General Assembly to pass Gov. Martha Layne Collins' education reform plan?

That's the big question to be decided within the next 60 days after the legislators received the plan, briefing last week. Legislators are taking the plan home to study and discuss with their constituents.

The estimated increase in revenue the governor's plan would generate is $387.7 million. The additional five cents per gallon tax on gasoline would raise an additional $285 million for roads over the next three years.

Collins stated away from increasing the sales tax with the exception it would be extended to leased equipment such as automobiles, airplanes, tractors, computers, etc.

An increase in the sales tax or extending it to all services had been mentioned but was decided against.

Hearing the brunt of the proposed taxes would be corporations for increases in license tax and income tax. Rapid depreciation on equipment would be delayed another year.

Some relief would be given families for inheritance taxes and business would get a reduction in inventory taxes.

AS THE GOVERNOR said in explaining her plan to the legislators, there's a little bit of something for just about everybody. The teachers will get more money, the children supposedly will get a better education, teachers who excel will be awarded merit pay, dedicated teachers will be rewarded with longevity pay, roads will be improved and more jobs will be created.

If the plan passes, it will cost you more to drive your car, but you get rewarded with better roads.

Corporations will bear the brunt of the tax load, but they'll just pass it on to their customers in higher charges.

Then, there's the little matter that property owners in some school districts will be asked to pay higher local taxes. Several now have the low rate of 15 cents per $100 valuation in addition to the 22-cent state rate. The proposal would require a minimum of 25 cents at the local level to participate in power equalization from the state.

This is where the juggling act returns to view. When Julian Carroll was governor, they passed the power-equalization measure for schools which meant taking the first 30-cents per $100 valuation levy that was required to participate in state Minimum Foundation money from the local level and transferring it to state collection, and the state would in turn reapportion it to the local districts for power equalization.

THEN ALONG comes House Bill 44 in Lt. Gov. Thelma Stovall's special session which said property tax income could not be increased more than four percent a year without a vote of the people. Bingo, the rate has dropped every year until it is now only 22 cents for the state and schools. The state pays 13 cents and schools get 18.5. The growth was lost as inflation continues.

Now, some local districts must increase their rates; so some aren't going to enjoy the bonanza they thought they were getting, that is, if the governor passes her program. Yet, HB 44 is still costing the schools a whole lot of money.

If there is a moral to this tale, it's don't believe all the good stories the politicians tell you.

Down Memory Lane

Ground broken for BGI plant; Pfc Conley in daring exploit

Thursday, July 1, 1965

Ground was broken Friday at the 53-acre site one mile west of Carlisle on Kentucky Highway 32, for a $1.5 million fabric manufacturing plant of Blue Grass Knitting Incorporated, scheduled to begin production in January with 120 male employees. Plans for the 72,000 square-foot plant were announced jointly by Wayne Shumate, president of Blue Grass Industries Inc. and the Kentucky Department of Commerce at Frankfort. Charter was granted May 13, 1965.

Karen Watkins, Barbara Kingsolver, Jane Ellen Talbert, Kay Threlkeld and Lorrain Frey have attended a two weeks session at Girl Scout Camp Judy Layne, located in Morgan County in the heart of the Cumberland National Forest.

Mrs. Minton Whitt of Nicholas County High School is one of 48 secondary teachers of English who have been selected for a summer institute at the University of Kentucky June 14-August 6. The institute will provide advanced training in language, literature and composition for secondary English teachers.

Willie Lee Copher, Salt Lick, and Jesse Robert Johnson Jr., both ex-convicts were captured by officers Friday afternoon in a barn on the Hiram Toadvine farm on the Hardy Road near Hooktown and lodged in the Bath County Jail. Officers participating were Sheriff William Dollins, Deputy Maurice Cameron, State Trooper Hadley, Sheriff James Pruitt, Bourbon County, and Rex Crouch, Bath County.

Sue Irvin and Leanne Roberts were two from Nicholas County among the 704 Morehead State College students on the Dean's List for the spring term — Sue with a 3.56 and Leanne with 3.41 standings.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Ray Frederick, Lexington, a son, Robert Ray, June 18 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Lavell Frederick, a daughter, Anita Carol, June 19 at Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Barbara Ann McGlothrie and Paul Franklin Levart, both of Paris, Saturday by the Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED — Earl Campbell, 70, Saturday at Kings Daughters Hospital, Frankfort. — Mrs. Mary Myers Leggett, 76, wife of James Leggett, June 18 at Harrison Memorial Hospital, Cynthiana. — Mrs. Willie Jane Crump Jackson, 80, widow of Walter Jackson, Saturday.

Thursday, June 28, 1945

A Tenth Army dispatch from Okinawa tells of the daring exploit of PFC Pat Conley leading a 14-man patrol into enemy territory rather than sweat out the night under threat of a possible Jap infiltration. A veteran of the Leyte campaign in the Philippines, Conley is the son of William Conley, an attorney in Carlisle.

Bobby Pitman, Kenneth Campbell, Gaylord Carnes, John Barr, Custer Blair, Emery Clark, Henry Young, William Newell, Billy Hillock, Billy Hardin, Hugh Woodall, Charles Dixon, William Sexton, J. Paul Jones and Robert Palmer, Carlisle Boy Scouts, left Sunday for an outing of a week at Camp Offutt on the Kentucky River.

Mr. and Mrs. Estill Ockerman have received word from their son, Marine Sgt. Chester A. Ockerman that he has arrived on the West Coast and hopes to be home soon. Sgt. Ockerman has been with the Marines on Okinawa.

Ben Dickerson, employee of the Carlisle Milling Company, was burned about the face Monday when a cleaning solution he was applying to a boiler flared up during the rapid pouring of the material. He was taken to a Lexington hospital for treatment.

BORN — To PFC and Mrs. W.M. Frederick, Mize, MS., a son, William Virgil, June 11.

MARRIED — Mrs. Maggie Louise Emmons and Edward Hatton, June 23 in Sharpsburg. — Mrs. Ada Florence Jones and Hanson Taylor Sanders, June 25 in Mayerfield. — Miss Thelma Christine Fryman and Perry Dawdy, June 12.

DIED — Mrs. Lena Paris Ginn, wife of William Ginn, Covington. — Mrs. Kate Templeman McClure Strauhauer, 61, Monday at home. — Shaffner Russell, 65, Saturday at home on the Paris-Little Rock Road.

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Op-Ed page

Hold the pickle, hold the lettuce

...bumps and bruises don't upset us

We have always known that a sure cure for the bumps and bruises on a little kid is to take him down to a McDonald's or Wendy's for a big burger, all the trimmings and a milk shake. It's the kind of medicine that works internal miracles.

But a soccer player has a new way to get the best medicine mileage out of a Big Mac. You throw away the bun and beef and slap the other condiments on your bruise or sprain.

That's the word from Slobe Iljevski, a St. Louis professional soccer player, who says for 20 years he has been using onions, tomatoes and salt to cure his contusions and abrasions.

He begins his treatment by dicing the onions and squeezing them enough to start their juices flowing. Then he mixes in salt and wraps it all around the affected area in a piece of plastic. After three or four hours, he replaces the onion and salt mixture with a poultice of sliced tomatoes.

The salt and onion juice takes care of the swelling and acid from the tomatoes turns the black and blue marks white again.

"It may sound funny," says Iljevski, "but it works." Salad dressing is optional.

It is advised to stay indoors when you do this. The mixture attracts dogs and strange looks outside.

— RM —

"We simply can't live without risks. We can study them. We can, and we must minimize them. But we'll never eliminate them completely," so says Harold J. Corbet of Monsanto Company.

"As a recent example, one of only three producers of whooping cough vaccine, Connaught Laboratories, recently announced that it was getting out of the market. They can't afford the liability insurance any longer.

"Parents of children who have suffered very rare, but serious side effects have won multi-million dollar lawsuits. That has forced the cost of insurance to where it's no longer profitable for some companies to make the drug.

"Whooping cough once killed 7,000 American children a year and infected a quarter million more.

"How many die from the vaccine? On the average, less than 10 a year.

"It's easy usually to find solutions to problems — if you ignore the problems created by those solutions."

— RM —

How many rednecks does it take to change a light bulb?

Four. One to change the bulb, one to write a country song about it and two to get into a fist fight on the beer joint parking lot.

Paul Dickson, the fellow who collects laws of the Murphy type, has gathered together a bunch of lightbulb changers. Here's a selection:

How many Japanese industrialists? Three. One to make sure the new bulb isn't foreign, one to change the bulb and one to look into the export potential of the old bulb.

How many Democrats? At least 12. One to change the bulb, plus delegates representing labor unions, gays, feminists, minority groups, etc., etc.

How many massage parlor attendants? Whatever it takes to turn you on, big boy.

How many cops? Just one but he's never around when you need him.

How many psychiatrists? One but it will take a very long time and be very, very expensive.

How many conservatives? Three. One to change it and two to stand around and talk about how good the old bulb was.

How many bankers? Four. One to hold the bulb and three to try to remember the combination.

How many doctors? First, does the bulb have health insurance?

How many lawyers? Two. One to start to change the light bulb and the other to file a motion to delay.

How many therapists? Two. One to do it and one to tell him he's doing it all wrong.

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Aviasephobia — The fear of running off the field yelling, "We're No. 2," a recent affliction.

Denturaesphobia — The fear of forgetting where you put your teeth when your line is on the playing ice.

Umpaphobia — The fear of marching in front of a tuba player.

Clodaphobia — The fear of wearing garters with Bermuda shorts outside of Indiana.

Chipsaphobia — The fear of not watching where you step in the racetrack paddock.

KidRockz BoomBoom-SugarAnimalophilia — The fear of entering the ring without a nickname.

Redundandophobia — The fear of getting to a basketball game with more than three minutes to play.

Lottophobia — The fear of having the worst record in the National Basketball Association and still not getting to draft Patrick Ewing.

Slamdunkaphobia — The fear of being under the backboard when Darryl Dawkins is shooting.

Lasordaphobia — The fear of being too far away from fettuccini.

— RM —

Don't stop me if you've heard the one about Earl.

It seems that Earl was a contractor and had hired a new man. Earl had a job to do in Nashville and told his man he was sending him there to do the job.

"And while you're in Nashville, if you see Kinny Rogers, tell him old Earl says hello," Earl told him.

"You're pulling my leg," said the hired hand. "I'll never see Kenny Rogers while I'm there on the job."

"Just the same," said Earl, "if you do see him tell him I said hello."

So the hired man went to Nashville and sure enough he ran into Kenny Rogers, and he told Kenny that Earl said hello. "Well, how is Earl!" Kenny wanted to know. "You be sure to tell old Earl that I said hello when you get back."

"I can't believe it," the hired hand told Earl upon his return. "I did see Kenny Rogers and he said to tell you hello." Earl just grinned.

Sometime later Earl sent the man to Las Vegas on a job. And again he told the man, "If you see Wayne Newton, tell him old Earl says hello."

"Now seeing Kenny Rogers was a fluke. You know I'll never see Wayne Newton in Las Vegas," the hired man said. But Earl insisted and the man left for the bright lights. And sure enough, he ran into Wayne Newton and told him what Earl said. "Well, for Pete' many doctors? First, does the bulb have health insurance?

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