Opinion

Down picture lane. . .
but not so long ago...

Mare and colt...a typical Kentucky scene this time of year. This picture we think was taken at Forest Retreat. Mercury Photo

Tobacco fight finally won

by Senator Wendell Ford

Anything worth having is worth fighting for.

I believe time will prove that our new tobacco legislation was well worth the long, hard fight waged by Kentucky growers and their representatives in Congress.

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$mellis I$land... *where worldly scoundrels leave their worries—and money*

By the time you read this I'll be in the Caribbean doing some serious island shopping. It is another of my get-rich-quick schemes that never fails, and this one is the most lucrative of them all. Only my benevolent nature keeps me from being tight-lipped about this great endeavor, something the world has needed for a long time.

I plan to buy a fairly large island, one that will support a long airport runway, capable of handling the largest jets under full load.

The island will be named Smellis Island and it will become a haven for rich, displaced dictators and well-healed scoundrels, who have been run out of countries that can no longer stomach them.

At the highest point on the island, I will erect a 200-foot statue, something like the Statue of Liberty, except the lady will bear a strange likeness of me with a big buck-toothed grin and with arm raised, last with one finger extended in salute to the rest of the world.

A suitable, inspiring plaque at the base of the statue will welcome incoming aliens with a message such as: "Bring me your displaced, your despicable dictators, your dregs of tyranny...your money."

For those without a country, this will be their country for as long as they live, or their money holds out — whichever comes first.

Great leaders like Ferdinanc Marcos, Idi Amin, Baby Doc Duvalier and Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh will never have to worry about a home away from home after they are no longer welcome in their own countries. Smellis Island will welcome them with open coffers in which to put their money, jewels, gold, silver, property deeds and other accumulated wealth.

Quarters of a manner to which they are accustomed will be provided at reasonable rent, something like 10 million a year, plus utilities and ice cubes.

When a tenant is no longer able to pay his rent, it will be no problem. We simply put him on a bamboo raft and push him out to sea toward Cuba.

A street of posh shops and a gambling casino with loaded dice will keep the tenants happy while their money lasts. If they get bored, they can always lay on the warm beaches and pick sand fleas off each other. Or consult with their publishers on the books they'll be writing about how they fleeced the peasants back home out of their last peso and live happily ever after.

I have the feeling my island will never be invited to join the United Nations or the Swiss Bankers Association, but who cares. It will be a dirty job but someone has to do it.

No policing problems are anticipated. At the first sign of rebellion or refusal to obey my laws of the island, I will threaten to bring in all the college kids on their spring break or allow the IRS to set up a branch office.

— RM —

Everything changes, or should, and it's time to put the switch on some of the tired bromides:

— A penny saved is inconsequential.

— People who live in glass houses attract voyeurs.

— Sticks and stones can break your bones, so avoid elderly people with canes and gallbladder problems.

— Nothing is as certain as death and taxes, and that your wife will have a headache.

— Anything worth doing is worth negotiating.

— RM —

Then there is the story about a couple of farmers who went to a cattle auction on a farm. Both farmers felt the call of nature at the same time so both went into a two-holer outhouse which had been made available to those attending the auction.

One farmer completed his call and was pulling up his pants when a quarter fell from his pocket, rolled across the seat and disappeared down the hole. The farmer stood there staring after the coin for a moment, then reached into his pocket, took out his wallet, fished out a $20 bill and dropped it down the opening. The other farmer's jaw dropped in amazement.

"Waldo," he said, "what in tarnation are you doin'?"

"Ernest," said Waldo, "it ain't worth goin' down there for just a quarter."

— RM —

A take-off on MacArthur's "old soldiers never die, they just fade away" line:

"Old plumbers never die, they just lose their connections."

"Old mail carriers never die, they just lose their ZIP."

"Old truckers never die, they just lose their drive."

"Old lawyers never die, they just drop their suits."

"Old accountants never die, they just lose their figures."

"Old dentists never die, they just lose their pull."

"Old bartenders never die, they just lose their spirits."

"Old quarterbacks never die, they just pass away."

"Old undertakers never die, they just go underground."

— RM —

Occasionally, I try something to improve my memory. Association is one way, they tell me. You know, you meet a guy named Pickleheimer, so you look at his nose, which is roughly shaped like a cucumber, and think "pickle."

Then the next time you see him, you greet him with a big smile and "Hello, Mr. Vlasic." That goes over big with Pickleheimer, whose expression then becomes as sour as a dill pickle.

This works about as well with me as one ploy I tried to overcome: an inferiority complex. "When you are around a person who awes you, just think of him in his underwear," I was told. This is supposed to make that person seem like everyone else, an ordinary fellow.

The course I read about is "for those who want to improve their memory without having to use complicated mnemonic systems." Now, this sounds like it is for me. I don't want to use just any system, so the mnemonic system must be for me. Even if I can't even pronounce it.

It's not so bad when you are undressing men you admire, even when you find out they are wearing Hanes underwear without Inspector 12's stamp on them, when you thought they rated top-of-the-line Brooks Brothers boxer shorts.

It is more fun using this method on women, but my wife has caught on to this trick and swears it's more the dirty old man dodge than a means of improving my memory.

I called up an old teacher of mine and was immediately crestfallen because she couldn't remember me being in her class. Then I reminded her about the time her bottle of red ink was stolen from her desk and I got the blame for it. Then she remembered me.

Anyway, I confessed to my teacher that I was beginning to freak out because I couldn't remember things. All the talk about Alzheimer's disease has even made me forget to bring home a loaf of bread when I used to never forget if it was rye or plain.

My teacher soothed me with "Getting panicky is one of the easier ways not to remember anything. You begin to inhibit your memory," she said.

"You should relax rather than fight it. Plus, if you think you have a poor memory, then you do."

She reminded me that I "should use my already superior mind." It must have developed since she had me in school.

"You can always come back and enroll in my class again," she said.

"No, thanks," I told her. Seeing kids in silk bikinis and boxer shorts when I remember them in homemade feed sack drawers would be more than my brain could handle.

Onward, upward.

Down Memory Lane ...from the Mercury files of bygone years

10 years ago

Thursday, April 8, 1976

The Old Stone Tavern at Ellisville was listed on the National Register of Historic Places March 16. Congressman Carl D. Perkins made the announcement last week. The James Ellis Stone Tavern built in 1807 is located in Nicholas County on historic U.S. 68, approximately eight miles from Carlisle. It is presently owned by John E. Soper.

Henryville was not among the 22 communities approved last week by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive $10.4 million in federal funds. Carlisle and Nicholas County had applied for some of the grant money, listing Henryville as first priority.

A lodge will not be built at Blue Licks according to the Department of Parks after receiving the findings of a study of the park. "There is presently insufficient traffic and tourist market to justify the building of a lodge and restaurant," stated the memorandum to Rep. Adrian Arnold from Billy S. Thompson, executive assistant, Department of Parks.

"Service Above Self" trophies were presented Thursday, April 1, at the Carlisle Rotary Club's Athletic Banquet at Carnico Country Club to three Nicholas County High School students. Dr. Robert Sparks, local dentist, awarded the trophies to Cliff Shumate for football, Greg Letcher for basketball and Carla Pryor for girls basketball.

Gov. Julian M. Carroll, in a salute to the Commonwealth of Kentucky's last remaining military school, has proclaimed Thursday, April 15, 1976 as Millersburg Military Institute Day "in order to recognize the invaluable contribution made to education in Kentucky."

Winners in the 4-H Talent Show held Tuesday, March 30 at Nicholas County Elementary were Kay Conley for her monologue, "Mommy Says"; Lisa Shaw for a dance routine, and Alicia Sugg, alternate, who played "My Way" on the piano. The two winners will appear on the TV Showcase some time in July.

Shelley Gabriel and Lynn Judge, Nicholas County Elementary School students, along with nearly 400 contestants, are expected to enter the 12th annual Northeast Kentucky Regional Science Fair Saturday, April 10 at Morehead State University.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Goss, Marietta, GA., a daughter, Tiffany Piper, March 30, 1976 in Marietta.

MARRIED — Miss Robin Sloan and Tom Jones, March 15 at the home of the bride's parents.

DIED — Robert P. Clary, 55, Miamisburg, OH, March 20, 1976. — Miss Nell Craycraft, 80, April 1, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital. — Lester Eugene Wagoner, 58, April 3, 1976. — C.O. Leach, April 3, 1976 in Shelbyville. — Mrs. Genevieve W. Conley, 57, Lexington, widow of William Conley, March 29, 1976 at St. Joseph Hospital.

20 years ago

Thursday, April 7, 1966

Ground breaking ceremonies are scheduled for Kentucky Industry Appreciation Week, April 11-17, for a $750,000 plant for Blue Grass Industries, Inc. in Mt. Sterling. The company plans call for a 54,000 square foot building to be ready for occupancy in October 1966, Wayne Shumate, president of BGI disclosed.

Shotgun blasts Sunday evening about 10 o'clock broke two plate glass windows at the Menifee Spencer Service Station, Blue Licks, according to Kenneth DeBoard, state trooper. Other officers investigating the incident were Robertson County Sheriff Gene Hughes and Nicholas County Sheriff J. Maurice Cameron.

Eighth District winner, Mrs. Charles Hopkins, member of the Community Woman's Club, won first place in the sewing contest of the KFWC held at Morehead, March 12. Mrs. Hopkins will represent the Eighth District at the state convention of KFWC to be held in Lexington April 28.

At the annual Junior Chamber of Commerce banquet held Tuesday night at Blue Grass Industries cafeteria, Ralph Shearer, local mortician, was presented the "Distinguished Citizen" award. The "Jaycee of the Year" award went to Billy Davis, who is an employee of IBM at Lexington.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Howard, Sharpsburg, a daughter, Jo Ellen, at Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Lena Morris and William Sexton, March 30 by Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED — Wilburn Garrett, 76, Barren County, Friday — Ray D. McLean, 69, last Tuesday. — Mrs. Zena Snapp Morris, 82, wife of Arthur H. Morris, Wednesday at home. — Malcolm G. Gaunce, 64, Wednesday at home in Headquarters. — Willie B. Kennedy, April 5 at home on the Headquarters Road.

30 years ago

Thursday, April 11, 1946

Charles A. Roe of Morehead and his brother-in-law, Tommy Combs, Lousiville, have purchased the business of the Ruby and Leonard Furniture Co. here and have assumed charge of the store at Main and Broadway. Mr. Roe has taken immediate charge of the store and expects to be joined by Mr. Combs in a short time. Jack Hanley, who has been with the old firm, will remain under the new ownership.

Louise Vice, student at the East Union Consolidated School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Vice, won the Nicholas County spelling championship at the annual bee held here Saturday, defeating spellers from five other schools. Runner-up was Mary Beth Bowles of the Myers school. Other schools and their respective contestants were, Moorefield, Dolly Garrett; Headquarters, Joan Adams; Parks, Betty Wagoner and Ellisville, Juanita McQueen.

Dr. Stanley Hutchings, Carlisle dentist, was elected president of the Carlisle Rotary Club at the regular meeting Thursday night and will succeed Frank J. Hardesty. Also named as officials of the club were Everett M. Smith, vice-president; Rev. E.H. Barnette, secretary; Marion Mathers, treasurer, and William T. Straw and Robert Fisher, directors.

Mrs. Howard Colliver has received a copy of the Bulletin, official quarterly organ of the Oklahoma State Dental Society, of which Dr. Eugene W. Wise of Tulsa and formerly of Carlisle, is editor. In this issue, Dr. Wise recites "The Saga of a Hero," in which he describes his method of obtaining gifts of good country meat for his family by feigning the approach of a nervous breakdown to a friend and which according to Howard could only have been thought up by somebody who was raised in Nicholas County.

Though few people here may have realized it, the lights of Carlisle and neighboring sections were out early Monday morning from 12:45 to 5:50 a.m., it was stated by Frank J. Harris, Mercury Utilities Co. official. Cause of the interruption to service was a bolt of lightning which struck and destroyed eight poles near Millersburg.

BORN — To Cpl. and Mrs. Roy S. Hamm, a daughter, Wanda Lee, April 7 at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dixon, Lexington, a son, Donald Lee, March 29 at Good Samaritan Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Warren M. Garrison, Walnut Creek, CA, a daughter, Ann Rogers, March 27 at Oakland, CA.

MARRIED — Miss Nora Gray and Frank McClary, April 1 in Cynthiana.

Miss Katherine Jane Tandy and Keith T. Hutchings, Friday at the Campobellsburg Christian Church.

DIED — Elmer T. Hopkins, 45, Thursday at home on Hickory Ridge. — Cash Lee Small, 72, Sunday in a Lexington hospital.

50 years ago

Thursday, April 9, 1936

Payment of old age acceptance grants, provided for by the 1936 legislature, will begin some time after July 1, Frederick A. Wallis, chairman of the welfare department, announced Tuesday. Organization of county units to handle these payments and other welfare work such as probation and parole, mothers aid and child welfare and aid for unemployment, was discussed at a conference held at Frankfort.

Bruno Richard Hauptmann was executed at Trenton, New Jersey night for the murder of the Lindbergh baby, a crime he refused to the end to admit.

All the regular chapel exercises of the city school Tuesday, the following students rendered solos: Misses Pauline Wilson, Mildred Hullar, Helen Jane Henry and Charles R. Burton and James Boaz.

John McKay of the Myers section of the county, his son R.D. McCay of Carlisle and Chester Tapp suffered painful injuries Sunday afternoon when the automobile in which they were riding skidded, left the road and overturned on the Flemingsburg road near White Chimney.

At a meeting of the Nicholas Fiscal Court Tuesday, the budget of the Nicholas County Board of Education was accepted and the court fixed the tax levy requested by the board — 50 cents on each $100 value of taxable property, the same levy in effect for the past several years. The rate on bank shares was fixed at 40 cents on each $100 and the poll levy was fixed at $1.

More than 200 home baked cakes contributed by citizens of Carlisle and Nicholas County will be taken today to various Masonic and church homes in the state to be served to the residents of the homes on Easter Sunday. Dougherty Lodge No. 80 F&AM has been sponsoring the plan of providing cakes to the homes for more than 15 years. In addition to the cakes, several cases of eggs were sent to the various homes.

Leslie K. Vice, who has been operating the cream station for the Fairmont Creamery Company here for several months has been transferred to Blanchester, Ohio. T.R. Kendall has taken charge of the local station.

A cold wave following on the heels of floods and windstorms damaged crops in Kentucky last Friday. The 14th day of spring found snowfall in sub-freezing temperatures general all over the state and several sections still plagued by floods.

Finals in a series of weekly amateur programs sponsored by the Carlisle Lions Club were given in the city school auditorium Monday night. Norma Jean Hughes, six year old tap dancer, was awarded first prize. Bobby Jolly, tap-down dancer, was voted second and third prize was a tie between Duncan Wood Murray of Mt. Olivet, song and dance, and the Picadome vocal quartet from Fayette County.

MARRIED — Miss Frances Lee Taylor and Robert Lee Broderick obtained a marriage license here Wednesday morning.

DIED — Mrs. Anna L. Brunker, 68, Sunday at Harrison Hospital, Cynthiana. — Pearl Miller, 19, Mt. Olivet, Monday. — Walter W. Swartz, 68, Wednesday at home near East Union.

— Miss Myrtle Mitchellree, 16, Saturday in an automobile accident on Carlisle and Cynthiana road. — Mrs. Bessie K. Ballinger, 62, Wednesday at home in Bethel.

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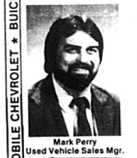
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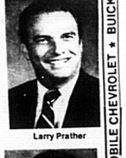
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