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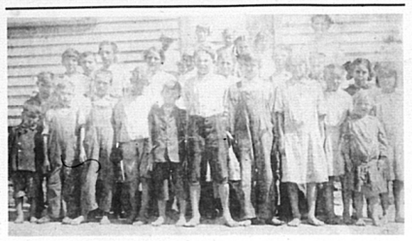

Sugar Creek School-re-visited

MERCURY VAPOURS
Warren R. Fisher

21 Names and what have you got...

I feel another day older and a little more tired and as I told the front office help tell the gentleman I'll do the best I know how to reproduce his picture post card vintage 1915 or 16.

As is my usual Saturday or Sunday afternoon chore I develop rolls of film to prepare for a day of direct screen printing which is usually Monday. This Monday however, I feel a mite more tired, but never the less I tackled the faded post card with a 75 line contact screen and Chemco halftone film, after three attempts I made one with what I hope is the correct tonal scale. A quick fix and wash and dry — I took the negative to my other darkroom and contacted it to a piece of Algo-Gevaert TP6WP, a very high contrast projection paper and came up with a positive with a little more snap than the old post card.

Without my saying it again, you know the school picture I've been working on, and hopefully the reproduction will be good.

The 21 names are as follows: Omer Anderson, Kelley Anderson, Stanley Horn, Nellie Fryman, Raymond Sparks, Guy Anderson, Everett Snapp, Nannie Ritchie, Carl Selby, Osborne Anderson, the man with the picture, Grace Ritchie, Nellie Curtis, Louisa Curtis, Elizabeth Anderson, Macy Ritchie, Roberta Fryman, Joe Bill Fryman, Bessaloise Sparks, Elvie Fryman, Edna Fryman, and Laura Bell Odgen, teacher.

Since I spent most of the day Monday on pictures, I decided to take up MV's space with the above. By the way the reproduced picture is 145 percent larger than the original, to take up the width of MV's space and hopefully bring out small details.

Only a meathead... *would louse up an eye-witness wedding story*

RUSS METZ

An old Indiana newspaperman once told me the story about Eugene Field, the poet, who worked for an Indiana paper about the turn of the century.

In those days, the doings of local Society with a capital S was front page news. Field was assigned by his editor to travel to Chicago and write a story about the nuptials of a local debutante—the daughter of one of the publisher's friends—who was to marry a scion of one Chicago's prominent wealthy meat-packing families.

Field, however had other plans for his day out of town. On the train, he wrote his wedding story using details he had managed to wickle earlier out of the bride's mother. It was a long, fulsome piece, full of description and "Eye witness"detail.

Arriving in Chicago, Field went directly to a saloon where he passed the day lubriciously. About the time that he judged the wedding to have ended, he left the bar briefly to take his written story to a telegraph office for dispatch to his paper. Then he returned to the salon to continue carousing. Later that evening, he was poured on a homebound train by some drinking companions.

The next day, badly hung over, Field managed to read his story on the front page of the newspaper, judged it satisfactory and made his painful way to work. He was met at the door of the newspaper office by the editor. "You're fired," the editor said without preamble.

Naturally, Field demanded to know why. The editor pointed to the wedding story.

"That's good reporting," Field defended himself. "What is it? Did I get one details wrong?"

You might say that, the editor said. One detail was thudding, described at such length, hadn't taken place.

It seems that the groom, suffering a serious case of cold feet, had failed to show up at the church for the ceremony.

Suddenly unemployed, Field decided to drown his sorrows.

"Why aren't you at work?" the barkeep inquired.

"The newspaper and I have severed our connections," Field replied.

"You ain't workin' there anymore?" the bartender asked. "That's right," said Field. "And it's just as well. It wasn't the kind of publication I care to be associated with. Why, you can't believe a damn word you read in it."

-RM-

Did you know that it's extremely difficult to turn down a request when another person is touching you? We're told that by Stanley Jones, a professor at the University of Colorado.

Jones says he analyzed 3,000 individual touches and his research reveals that most people react positively to certain touches and negatively to others. He adds that a touch affirms a bond between two people because it implies a situation more more personal.

At work and in other formal situations, the most acceptable places to touch are the shoulder nearest to you or any part of the arm except the hand. Hand-touching is flirtation. The same goes for any touching lasting more than 10 seconds.

He didn't mention a touch for 10 bucks that could last forever.

-RM-

When George and Frances Cawthon moved from Atlanta, she reported they encountered a form of culture shock.

She tells it this way:

It takes a while, for instance, to realize that everyone you pass on the road is not giving you an obscene gesture.

The first few times we met a vehicle, George fumed, "Why that (mumble, mumble)...." Then we realized all four fingers and one thumb of the driver were extended at the end of an upraised arm.

It has been more than a year, I think, since we have seen an upraised arm in Atlanta with more than one finger extended. Oh, I take that back. A couple or so people have given a quick wave when we let them into a stream of traffic. But mostly in a city, folks seem either too preoccupied to raise their arms at all or if they do, they must be saving their energies for the tennis court or office politics, and therefore only expend the effort or raising one finger to you in traffic. Whether most of them realize this is the wrong finger or not, I can't say.

George is having difficulty with this form of rural life. When a pickup rattles by and someone lifts and arm, George stares at the driver suspiciously until he has counted all the fingers he can see on the driver's hand. By that time, I am hissing, "George, George, you are supposed to wave back at him." George puts up an arm awkwardly and sort of jerks his hand, making sure there are four fingers and a thumb visible.

After three days running around the country, George was not so sure he didn't want to drive into Atlanta for a good old-fashioned obscene gesture.

-RM-

At a gathering, he asked how many believed that men have one fewer rib than women. Well, several people said they believed it. After all, Eve was created from one of Adam's ribs.

Both men and women have twelve ribs, he said, and brought out a book to show that while male and female bones may be different in size, there is sometimes a difference in number and that's the coccygeal, or tail, vertebrae than do men.

This fellow saying that sent several women into giggles. When the men asked what they were laughing about, the women joked that this fact could start an interesting new creation myth, that of men being fashioned from the tail bone of women.

The men didn't think that was a funny as the women did. In fact, some thought it was downright sacreligious, to say the least.

-RM-

While my back was turned something faster than a parking ticket, more powerful than a cousin in Congress, has sneaked up to menace me and all peace-loving humen.

Sounding more like Colonel Sanders' secret herbs and spices, kung fu, karate and judo are being practiced by nonviolent bullies across the nation.

Being an advocate of the Teddy Roosevelt School of Defense [Walk softly and carry a baseball bat] , I haven't had much of a chance of survival by watching old Charlie Chan movies. However, in the interest of sports, science and safety, I have undertaken to study this art of Oriental mayhem and come to the conclusion that the only muscles needed to master them are found around the face. In the mouth to be more exact.

The way it works is when a creep tries to mug you, you merely back off, take the stance, and read his rights to him: It is my duty to warn you that I am a black belt judo expert. My hands are lethal weapons. If you attack, I will have to kill you.

This warning usually strikes fear

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

10 years ago

Thursday, February 12, 1976

City Council accepted Hobart Crump's trash bid of $1,450 per month for 20 months. This was the only bid submitted and included the promise that Crump would buy a new compactor as soon as possible. The contract will be effective until Dec. 31, 1977.

Barbara Kingsolver, a Carlisle junior at DePauw University in Greencastle, IN, is among 22 DePauw students who are studying this semester in a university international program in Athens, Greece. Miss Kingsolver is majoring in zoology at DePauw and is a 1972 graduate of Nicholas County High School. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W.B. Kingsolver.

Officers of the Kentucky 4-H Leaders Council re-elected for a one-year term of office during the Council's Jan. 30-31 annual meeting in Lexington are Garvey Curtsinger, president; Dale Rigdon, Glasgow, vice-president; Mrs. Calvin Hunt, Mt. Sterling, secretary; James Crowe, Somerset, treasurer.

Dottie Bean, State Editor of the Lexington Herald, spent several hours in Carlisle and Nicholas County taking pictures on Saturday, Feb. 7. The majority of the pictures will be used in the Herald next week in a pictorial review of Carlisle.

S.R. Barlow, Carlisle, and his son, S.R. Barlow Jr. and Mrs. Barlow of Cincinnati attended graduation exercises Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at Vance Air Force Base in Enid, OK, where S.R. Barlow III was an honor graduate and received his wings. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and will leave shortly for Washington.

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DIED — Mrs. Stella Hill, 90, Paris, Feb. 4, 1976 at Harrison Memorial Hospital, Cynthiana. — Robert H. Bohanan, 80, Paris, Feb. 3, 1976 at home.

20 years ago

Thursday, February 10, 1966

Thomas P. Carter, customer service manager of the Central Division of Kentucky Utilities Company, has been promoted to assistant to the division manager. Mr. Carter, a native of Carlisle, is an electrical engineering graduate of Washington University, St. Louis. He has been with K.U. since 1949, when he joined the Central Division Engineering Department.

Miss Jimmie Henry, secretary and treasurer of the Carlisle Cemetery Company, reports for the year 1965 that 100 graves were opened, compared with 98 in 1964. Adult interments is totaled 91; under 12 years of age, eight; burial, one.

A chartered bus will leave Carlisle on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at 8 a.m. to take a number of Nicholas County farmers to the National Farm Machinery Show at the state fairgrounds in Louisville. Frank Terrell, local chairman, has worked with the following to make the trip possible: Bunting's Garage, Evans Brothers Tractor Sales, Harpers Garage, Deposit Bank, First National Bank, East Kentucky Production Credit Association, Southern States Carlisle Cooperative and Nicholas County Feeders Supply.

The Nicholas County Headquarters sixth grade Go-Getters 4-H Club were named the championship club in the county in the annual Kentucky Utilities Company 4-H Achievement Contests and was given a cash award at a recognition dinner in Morehead. Attending were Mrs. Jake Earlywine, 4-H leader; Linda Earlywine, club secretary; Mrs. Dorsey Watkins, leader; Randall Stevens, club president; Mrs. James Simons, leader; Tom Stevens, extension agent.

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40 years ago

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50 years ago

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W.S. Gaunce, farmer of the Sallwell section, while in The Mercury office Monday reminded us that February Court Day 37 years ago, in 1899, was the coldest day on record in Kentucky, the thermometer being reported at 38 degrees below zero. He also related what is probably a record unequaled by any other citizen of the county. Since February Court Day in 1899, Gaunce said he had missed attending Court Day in Carlisle but one time. Court Day has occurred 444 times in 37 years and Mr. Gaunce has been in Carlisle 443. He was ill with typhoid fever four or five years ago and unable to attend.

James Hazelrigg of Sharpsburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hazelrigg of Carlisle, has returned from Jacksonville, FL, where he drove a party of tourists from Ohio. When the automobile of the Ohio people became stranded in Sharpsburg because of the conditions of the road, Mr. Hazelrigg was employed to drive them to Florida.

Jeanette Mitchell of this county made the honor roll for the first semester of the school year at Kentucky Female Orphan School at Midway, where she is a junior.

The Nicholas County Board of Supervisors met Monday and organized with George H. Richey as chairman. Other members of the board are A.A. Dale, C.S. Whaley, Homer W. Smith and Ernest Hamilton. The board will go over the assessment as returned by the tax commissioner and will notify taxpayers of any change in the valuation of their property.

MARRIED — Miss Elizabeth Hamilton and Milo J. Ball, Feb. 1 in Oklahoma City, OK. — Miss Effie Lou Gough and Marvin Wilbyn Hinson, Monday by Rev. R.H. Covey.

DIED — John Miller, 78, Friday at Massie Hospital, Paris. — Miss Clarine Scott Hamm, 17, Friday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Caleb Hamm.

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Letters sent for publication should be originals addressed to the Mercury, not copies of letters to some third party. All letters must contain the letter writer's signature, address and telephone number or the phone number at which you can be reached.

Poems and cards of thanks will not be published as letters to the editor.

Brevity will help and we reserve the right to edit or reject any letter we consider libelous or in poor taste.

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Letters...

To The Carlisle Mercury:

Enclosed is payment of $12.50 for a year's subscription to your paper.

I do have a request. Is it possible that you could send a map of Nicholas County and also one (a map) around 1910-1915. Interest in a place that was once Crayton or Creighton. My dad lived there around that time. My grandfather had a grocery store there during that time or near those years.

If you can't do this perhaps you could send me the address of someone that could. We were there in October during our vacation, but couldn't find it nor anyone that could direct us there. Enclosed is a stamped self-addressed envelope. Thank you for any help.

Sincerely,
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Around the table

Superintendent of Schools Donald G. Elder is shown discussing proposed legislation with administrative and supervisory personnel of the school system. Staff meetings are used as a means of communication through the school system. Visible, l-r, are elementary principal Gerald Hammons, director of Pupil Personnel Betty Conrad, supervisor of Instruction Jane Becker, high school principal Gregory Reid. Behind the camera and not seen is Federal Programs coordinator Bill Guthrie. Elder also read a letter from Supt. of Public Instruction Alice McDonald urging each school district to honor the Challenger astronauts by observing a minute of silence. — (uncredited photo)

Only a Meathead

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into the hearts of evil-doers. Instead of threatening you with a switch blade, he hurriedly drops his sticker and pulls a tire chair from his hip pocket and beats you into a bloody pulp, before you can yell kee-hop! Or aaaieee! Or even the American equivalent, which is ow-wch!

Americans are making cheap imitations of foreign violence, none of which is going to replace a hickory club or a 10-foot head start.

Judo freaks are not often attacked by muggers, it is true. A mugger would have to be a rank amateur to hold up a man with no pockets in his pants.

Onward, upward.

Owning your own business seminar to be held at UK

A seminar on owning your own business will be conducted by the University of Kentucky Small Business Center Feb. 11-12 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the College of Nursing/Health Sciences Learning Center. The registration fee is $15 or $8 per session. Contact Louise Ledbetter, 606-257-7667.

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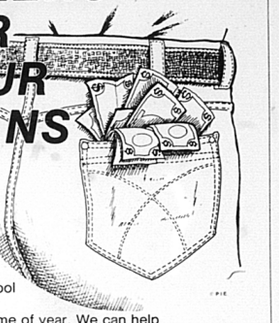

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