Opinion

Down picture lane. . .
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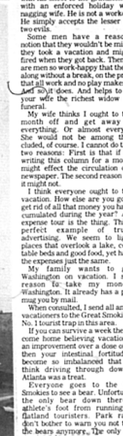


Vacations or tooth faries...
you pay for things that are missing

If you have a vacation coming, you'd better take it. Live it up. Otherwise you risk being tagged as a show-off, workhorse or even an embezzler, according to data turned up by the Northwestern National Life Insurance Co. They are pushing this news hoping you'll live to pay more premiums.

One man in six passes up a vacation the year he has it coming. He may have good reason. For instance, the man who is happier with his snoot to the grindstone than with an enforced holiday with a nagging wife. He is not a workaholic. He simply accepts the lesser of the two evils.

Some men have a reasonable notion that they wouldn't be missed if they took a vacation and might be fired when they got back. Then there are men so work-happy that they slog along without a break, on the premise that all work and no play makes jack. And so it does. And helps to make your wife the richest widow at the funeral.

My wife thinks I ought to take a month off and get away from everything. Or almost everything. She would not be among the excluded, of course. I cannot do this for two reasons: First that if I quit writing this column for a month, it might effect the circulation of this newspaper. The second reason is that it might not.

I think everyone ought to take a vacation. How else are you going to get rid of all that money you have accumulated during the year? An all-expense tour is the thing. This is a perfect example of truth-in-advertising. We seem to light at places that overlook a lake, comfortable beds and good food, yet have all the expenses just the same.

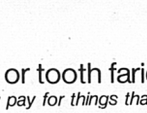
My family wants to go to Washington on vacation. I see no reason to take my money to Washington. I already has a plan to mug you by mail.

When consulted, I send all amateur vacationers to the Great Smokies, the No. 1 tourist trap in this area.

If you can survive a week there and come home believing vacations are an improvement over a dose of salts, then your intestinal fortitude has become so imbalanced that you can think driving through downtown Atlanta was a treat.

Everyone goes to the Great Smokies to see a bear. Unfortunately the only bear down there has athlete's foot from running from flatland touristers. Park rangers don't bother to warn you not to feed the bears anymore. The only bear I ever saw there was a scrawny wretch suffering from exhaust inhalation and claustrophobia from being hemmed in by kids pushed by parents.

Still, each year the local newspaper reports several people have been chewed on by bears. This is probably true. With wall-to-wall people, if that bear opens his mouth to yawn, some idiot is going to stick his hand inside just for the hell of it.



Even though the town of Gatlinburg spends thousands in advertising each year, the bear-bites-bystander is still the greatest publicity it can put out.

In the evening, the vacationing horde leaves their $66-a-day motel rooms and roams up and down the two main streets to spend their money on junk they wouldn't pick up at the city dump back home. One season streetcorp pop bottles at a buck a crack were the hottest item on the sucker list.

As if there aren't enough traps on one side of the mountain, you can always go to the other side to see a genuine Indian, still in business scalping the white eyes. Years ago the government carted off the Cherokee to Oklahoma, which needed Indians for the cowboys to shoot at, but some of those sneaky redskins dodged the draft and stayed put in the mountains.

The public has since forgiven the Indian because he didn't want to drive all the way to Oklahoma to have his picture taken with tourists' kids. He's found there's more warm-gum in selling plastic feathers and moccasins made in Taiwan than in buffalo hides.

There is nothing like getting away from it all and going to the Great Smokies and elbowing your way up to buy $1.45 ice cream cones and gumthe funnel cakes. It will have the same therapeutic cure of going to a $100-an-hour head shrinker.

—RM—

You can get into an argument with those well-healed people who pay millions of dollars for a thoroughbred horse, but the publishers of an encyclopedia still say if thoroughbreds had to depend on brains instead of brawn, they wouldn't get out of the starter's gate.

It says that of the list of the 10 most intelligent animals the horse scrapes the bottom and that the pig ranks with the college professors of the animal kingdom in contrast to the horse. You can bet that encyclopedia was not published in Kentucky, where we give the hoss a lot of credit for hoss sense. You don't see them betting on people races.

Though it may be a trifle too dumb to figure out the odds on people, the thoroughbred has pretty much the life of Riley cut out for him. After a few jaunts around the track, he can expect to retire to the life of a country squire and, if he is lucky enough to have made a name for himself, he can count on having his retirement spiced with many close associations as a confirmed wino.

Except for Arnold Ziffle, I can't buy the pig brain supremacy pitch. Gen. Custer's horse was smart enough to survive the Little Big Horn massacre and you can bet your bottom dollar if the general had been riding a pig, Sitting Bull would have been first in line at the barbecue spit.

—RM—

People are always asking me what it is like to write a weekly column for the newspaper. I tell them it isn't all that great, but at least six times better than writing a daily column.

And they ask if I write columns ahead. No, I don't. I remember the warning of the late Doc Greene, who wrote for the Detroit dailies. He said, "Never write columns ahead, because you might die and get stuck with them."

And who could ever forget him responding to a question put by a member of the Episcopal Women's Luncheon and Scripture Club who wanted to know what it really was like to write a daily newspaper column.

"Well, mam," Doc said, "It's a lot like being married to a nymphomaniac. It's fun for the first six months, and after that, it's every day, every day..."

I believe it was the late Red Smith, who when asked to define the role of the newspaper columnist in the great scheme of things, responded, "Columnists are a lot like the cavalry. We wail in the hills until the battle is over. Then when everything is safe, we sweep down and shoot the wounded."

Onward, upward.

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

10 years ago

Thursday, May 12, 1976

Mrs. Edgar (Beatrice) Buckler was recognized as state runner-up at the Parent of the Year Banquet held during the Headquart Association Convention April 28-29 in Ft. Mitchell. Mrs. Buckler was one of 14 parents of Head Start children to be nominated for this award.

Three members of the newly appointed City Planning and Zoning Commission resigned Monday night after Council voted 4-2 to permit R.P. Alexander to open up Oriole Street for a new subdivision of 44 houses. Oriole Street joins Catherine Street. Those resigning were Veach Berry, Clarence cord and Mert Evans.

A lady from Kentucky with 20 years of riverboat experience is the new president of The Delta Queen Steamboat Company. Betty Blake's appointment as president was announced by Charles E.F. Millard, chairman of the board of Coca-Cola Bottling Company of New York Inc., following their purchase of The Delta Queen Steamboat Company and Great Ocean Cruise Line, Inc. from Overseas National Airways.

Ricky Bailey, twin of Mrs. Catherine Bailey, was initiated into the Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Honor Society at the University of Kentucky, April 15. A 4.0 standing is required for induction into the society.

Miss Cary Griffith, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Gerald Griffith of Ft. Hood, Texas, graduated with distinction Friday, May 7, from Morehead State University in Morehead. She was presented a plaque for being the outstanding member of the Cardinal Keys Honor Society at the Honor Breakfast May 4. She also was a member of Gamma Beta Phi, Cwens and Kappa Delta Pi honor societies.

From Kay's Kitchen; PINEAPPLE ICEBOX CAKE — Combine 2 cups crushed pineapple, ½ cup sugar, ½ cup chopped pecans, ¼ cup melted butter. Line bottom of pyrex oblong dish, about 3x8", with a layer of crushed vanilla wafers, then a layer of pineapple mixture and so on, ending with crumbs. Refrigerate overnight. To serve, cut into squares and top with whipped cream and a pecan half.

MARRIED — Miss Doris Raye Darrell and David Allen Tipton, April 10 at the Carlisle Baptist Church.

DIED — Mrs. Maggie L. Howard, 77, May 4, 1976 — Lelia Kash Crump Bannister, 60, wife of Woodrow Bannister, April 21, 1976 at home in Covington. — The Rev. E. Hampton Barnette, 86, Friday, May 7, 1976.

20 years ago

Thursday, May 12, 1966

Frank F. Mathias was awarded the PhD degree in history Monday at the 99th commencement exercises of the University of Kentucky. Dr. Mathias, a son of Mrs. Nancy Mathias and the late Charles L. "Lucky" Mathias, graduated from Carlisle High School in 1943. Following three years in the U.S. Army, he entered UK taking his bachelor's degree in 1950. The master's degree was awarded in 1962. Dr. Mathias is presently employed as an assistant professor of history at the University of Dayton in Ohio.

Record making cold weather has done extensive damage to Nicholas County gardens, shrubs, corn, hay crops and fruit, County Agency Extension Agent J. Noffsinger reported Wednesday morning. Several farmers reported 28 degree temperatures and a few recorded a low of 18 degrees.

The First National Bank of Carlisle announced this week the appointment of Emerson Baker as manager of the Moorefield branch. He is a native of Nicholas County, graduated from Nicholas County High School in 1958 and attended the University of Kentucky. He began working at the First National Bank in the fall of 1964 as teller.

Jimmy Carter and Larry Anderson, businessmen, escaped injury Wednesday morning at 2:30 o'clock in an automobile accident occurring about four miles west of Carlisle on U.S. Highway 68. Anderson went to sleep, causing the vehicle to veer to the left side of the road where it struck a telephone pole, snapping the pole in two places, at the bottom and some 20 feet up.

Harry Duncan, local conservation officer, on his day off took his wife's relatives, Forrest Starrett and his father, Harvey Starrett of Gardena, Calif. on a successful fishing trip on Lake Cavrico. The Starretts caught a string of 75 bluegill bream.

The Carlisle Junior Woman's Club was recipient of a Pen Award presented by IFWC at the spring board meeting in Lexington, April 26. The award was presented in the area of international affairs in recognition of the large volume of correspondence between members of the Carlisle Junior Woman's Club and people in foreign countries.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Radford Cobb, a son, Michael Wayne, May 2 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Gary Mattox, a daughter, Cynthia Kaye, May 8 at Nicholas County Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Puckett Parris, a daughter, Sandra Lee, May 9 at Nicholas County Hospital.

DIED — Ellsworth D. (Buck) Hollar, 63, Scott County, Tuesday at home on 198 Hill Road. — Frank J. Berry Jr., 45, Louisville, Sunday at Norton Memorial Hospital, Louisville. — John Clinkenbeard, 67, May 7 ath is farm in Nicholas County. — Mrs. W.H. Baker, 85, May 4 at the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home in St. Matthews.

40 years ago

Thursday, May 16, 1946

Residents here will remember in 1936 a unique happening at the wellknown Harpers Garage when a car crashed through the back wall. A customer still on Cassidy Creek on the Clay Farm. The three, Leonard Watkins, Herbert Shrout and "Duck" Shrout, were taken to Winchester where they were arraigned in federal court and released under bond. It was said that the men were caught in the act.

Bath County voted dry in a local option election Saturday. Wets carried seven precincts including all of Owingsville, the county seat. Dry majority in the county was 766 votes.

Miss Alma Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Atkinson, suffered a fracture of the ankle Sunday night. When alighting from her car, her ankle turned. She was taken to the local hospital. Miss Atkinson is an employee of the the AAA offices in the courthouse.

Certificates were presented to graduates of Headquarters High School Friday night by Raymond J. Wesley, county superintendent of schools. Miss Roberta Sosby was awarded valedictorian honors and Miss Betty Hudnall was named salutatorian.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. James T. Tapp, Bountiful, Utah, a son, Paul Douglas, April 21. — To Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Jenkins, Morehead, a daughter, Janice Wilson, May 13 at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bowen, Cincinnati, a daughter, Donna Lee, Monday at Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati.

MARRIED — Miss Hazel Selby and Pvt. John Dotson, Sunday at the home of Rev. Rhodes Thompson in Paris. Miss Mary Frances Hess and Rev. Paul Neal will be united in marriage May 16 at the Methodist Bible Seminary.

DIED — Miss Elizabeth Averton Wilcoxson, 80, Sunday at Central State Hospital, Anchorage. — Edward Everett Potts, 59, Tuesday at home in Lexington.

50 years ago

Thursday, May 14, 1936

With sales of 1,069 head of livestock, the Farmers Stockyards Company opened sales here Tuesday. Hundreds of farmers and stockmen thronged the warehouse where sales were held, and the sale was pronounced a success in every particular.

Operators of road houses, eating and drinking stands, places of public entertainment or tourist camps lying outside of the city limits of Carlisle are required to get a permit from the Nicholas County Court for further continuance if their business under a recent law enacted by the Kentucky legislature, which had an emergency clause and became effective when it was signed by Governor A.B. Chandler.

Nicholas County 4-H Club members will have their fourth annual rally day Saturday morning at the Carlisle schoolhouse and exhibits will be held in the sewing room during the morning. The sewing room will represent the work of the club girls from the 4-H Club at Carlisle, Headquarters, Moorefield and Myers.

Effective next Monday, May 18, the afternoon train will arrive here from Paris at 2:27, which is 30 minutes earlier than the present schedule. On the same date the morning train for Cincinnati will leave Paris at 6:28 instead of 7:00 and the train for Cincinnati will leave Paris at 1:40 instead of 2:10.

Charlie Arnold brought to The Mercury Office Wednesday morning an old-fashioned brass-toed child's shoe, which was found in an old log building at Old Pisgah Church in the county. The brass toe had stamped on it the date November 29, 1806. The shoe was handmade and the soles were attached with wooden pegs.

Local dealers Tuesday were offering 32 cents per pound for wool. An out of town buyer is said to have purchased several clips at 35 cents per pound. The fleeces are weighing light this year, dealers say, and the total pounds in this section will not be more than a third of normal, it is believed.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hitter, Lexington, a son, Jerry Manfred, May 6 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington. — To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Howard, a daughter, Edith Caswell, May 6.

MARRIED — Miss Lurline Willard Alexander and Edward Taylor Bailey, Friday at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. C.A. Sweazy. — Mary Ellen Fulton and William F. Cheatman, April 22 at Marshall, Ill.

DIED — Mrs. Etna Perkins Judge.

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Letters sent for publication should be typed or addressed to the **Mercury**, not copies of letters sent to other 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.

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Beautiful: Tips from the Hart

Dear Hart,

I'm a 53 year old female in good health. I eat lots of fruits and vegetables. I also try to eat fish and poultry as opposed to red meat. I take a multi-vitamin and calcium tablet daily.

My problem is my fingernails, they peel. I have thin nails, so I wear polish to make them harder. However, I have tried leaving off the polish, but they still peel.

If you have a solution to this problem, please let me know.

Sincerely, Mrs. B. E.

Dear Mrs. B.E.

Good for you! You are taking very good care of you. I don't think your weak nails are caused by diet.

Nail peeling can be caused by dryness. Wear rubber gloves for water chores such as laundry and dish washing, especially when you must use strong cleansers or scouring powders. Use a rich hand cream and occasionally treat your nails to a ten-minute soak in warm olive oil or vegetable oil. Check your filing method also. Back and forth can cause nails to peel. File in one direction only. (This is very important.) push the cuticle back gently. If the cuticle is tight, the nail becomes damaged. The result is peeling. Do not cut your cuticle.

Get a liquid paper nail wrap. Your drug store should have several to choose from. Be sure to use lots and lots of coats of nail polish, the more coats the more protection.

There is a myth that nail polish should not be worn all the time, because your nails need to breathe. As long as you leave a small space between the cuticle and the polish, that's all the breathing room your nails need. These tips should do the job for you. Please let me know."

Model Tips:

Get more from your bottle. Rub a bit of petroleum jelly around the neck of your nail polish when it's new. It will stay easy to open for the life of the polish. If polish spills on the bottle neck, use a swab to remove it. Keep the bottle closed tight and less air will get in, there is less drying out and thickening.

Please send questions to:
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Shop work

NCHS student Terry Jolly is shown working on a billfold in Jim Simons' general shop class. The students in this class learn about a variety of industrial arts activities during the school year including woodworking, metal working and leather. — Submitted photo

Kentucky's best bug killer

Summer is great! Sipping a cool drink while stretched out on the porch swing, backyard sunbathing, fishing in your favorite spot.

Then along come those darned mosquitoes! Drive you crazy, don't they? Well, we know something that will soon have you forgetting what a mosquito even looks like! A sure-fire cure for summertime buzz that won't leave a greasy film on your skin — purple martins!

Purple martins, the largest member of the swallow family, eat flying insects of many types. In one day, a purple martin can eat 2,000 or more mosquitoes and other bugs. If you have eight martins around your house and they each eat 2,000 bugs a day, that's 16,000 a day gone from your yard. That's better than spraying every day or zapping with a bug light — and cheaper, too!

In 1982, the small town of Grigsville, Illinois, situated near many ponds and sloughs, decided to do something about its terrible mosquito problem and because they feared an increase in the use of pesticides, put up 28 martin houses. That was the beginning of the end for the mosquitoes.

Now Grigsville is the "Purple Martin Capital of the Nation," and the town has 120 martin houses — and no mosquitoes. The Greater St. Louis Veterinarian Medical Association has urged dog owners in their area to put up martin houses to help control mosquitoes, the most common carrier of the parasite causing heartworm infection in dogs.

So you say you're interested in this inexpensive method of mosquito control, and you want to know where to get some of these handy birds? Just provide them with a place to live and keep your fingers crossed. A good home for purple martins is an apartment-type dwelling with four to 24 rooms for the separate pairs. Each compartment should be six inches square with a two and a half inch entrance hole cut one inch above the floor level. (There are building plans for martin houses available at your library.) The house should be placed on a pole about 15 feet high, in direct sunlight and in an open field. They also like being close to a pond or stream.

But martins are rather unpredictable settlers, and if they are not known to nest in your neighborhood and you are making your first attempt at housing them, start with just one or two single boxes. If you want to try an apartment house,

*See Kentucky's best, page 12

Cardinal Hill Hospital

Cardinal Hill Hospital, Lexington, an institution dedicated to providing expert rehabilitation services to the physically disabled of Central and Eastern Kentucky, has underway a Supercare Program designed to reinforce the hospital's attitude of caring for its patients.

A total of 320 CHH employees attended the kickoff session of the Supercare Program. Cardinal Hill Director of Programs and Services Pat Rice said,

Memory Lane

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46, wife of W.E. Judge, Sunday at home on Upper Lick Road. — Mrs. Susanna Caywood, 65, wife of Robert L. Caywood, Thursday at the home of her sister, Mrs. H.W. Whaley, near Lexington. — Mrs. Amelia Highland Berry, 83, Tuesday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Maggie Shannon, Millersburg.

Kentucky tourism shows increase

Kentucky tourism and travel enjoyed a 2.1 percent increase in overall business activity during the first three months of 1986, compared to the first quarter of 1985, Tourism Cabinet Secretary G. Wendell Combs announced.

The cabinet's "barometer of business activity" showed substantial increases in three of the four sectors studied, according to James Carr, who heads the research program in the cabinet's Department of Travel Development.

Tourism attractions benefitted from a 23.8 percent increase in business activity during the three months, the barometer shows. The campgrounds sector registered a 16.5 percent gain, while state parks business activity grew by 6.9 percent. Only the hotel/motel sector declined, with a one percent drop.

To assess business activity, the department surveys a sample of businesses in each sector to determine the number of rooms sold (hotel/motel sector), rooms and cottages sold (state parks) and camper nights (campgrounds). The survey results are subject to a maximum sampling variability of plus or minus 0.5 percent.

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