Opinion

Conley has it down pat

Former resident Pat Conley is about as clever at putting words together as anyone I've run across in my years as a journalist. Little wonder one of his mother's (**Kathryn Conley**) last requests before her death Oct. 11, was for me to be sure and get Pat to tell about his recent trip to Ecuador.

As you know, Pat and his wife Laura make their home in Paris. He is regional coordinator for Kentucky Disaster and Emergency Services, headed by **W. R. Buntin Jr.**, also an ex-Carlislian.

Pat, along with **Allan Morgan**, assistant chief of the Versailles Fire and DES association vice-president, returned Oct. 1 from a two-week volunteer emergency services assignment in Ecuador. Both are emergency committee members of the Partners of the Americas, a 25-year-old private, non-profit group which sponsored the trip. It seems that Kentucky and Ecuador are "Partner" states.

The pair, both licensed amateur radio operators, delivered and tested four emergency services radios in Santo Domingo de los Colorados, a coastal city of some 175,000 which heretofore had no system for interagency emergency communications. In an article published in the Woodford Sun, Pat pointed out that the radios were part of a $5,000 project funded by the Partners' national office in Washington, D.C.

In addition to writing up standard procedures for operation of the entire radio system, the Kentucky volunteers surveyed the sites designated for installation of each radio. In one community, Luz de America, they found only one telephone.

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They also laid the groundwork for a similar communications project in Ambato, a city of over 200,000 people high in the Andes Mountains. While Ambato is subject to earthquake and volcano activities, it is served by only two ambulances. As Pat noted, "how about ambulances that have no radios for field-to-hospital emergency communication?"

Conley and Morgan were surprised at the dedication of young people to emergency support service in Ambato. Civil Defense and military officials coordinate over 1,000 youths, ages 14-18, who drill five hours every Saturday in evacuation, traffic control, rescue, fire suppression and first aid. Red Cross youths there operate exclusively the community-wide ambulance service.

In Santo Domingo de los Colorados, where they visited with Partners' President Rodrigo Rierra, schools are so overcrowded that children attend in three shifts. "I saw little bitty kids going to and from at such bizarre hours as 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. Telephone communications are a real problem at times and, of course, there is no system for interschool radio communications," he said.

"But, CB radios in the United States are abundant and at the same time, somewhat passe in a very general sense. My amateur radio friends in both Equadorian cities have the technical expertise but not the financial wherewithal to implement a radio communications system that could consist largely of good, used CB radios donated by the good people of Carlisle and Central Kentucky."

Pat said that his father, **Joe Frank** and brother, **Jack**, have agreed to serve as local contacts if anyone is willing to donate used, but functional CB equipment.

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Pat had a chance to meet the president of Ecuador, test local versions of moonshine, as he put it, and issued print and broadcast releases in "Castillano," while on his own in Lima, Peru.

Pat continued: "Lodging was furnished by the same Ecuadorians I have at times hosted at my food plain home in Paris. Ate well, (guinea pig, 18 varieties of bananas and dark beer) but somehow lost 10 pounds...and witnessed exciting 'huelga' or strike activities (road blocks, tire fires, propaganda, etc.) sponsored by the citizens protesting transist system price hikes.

"Wrote (to) my fourth grade teacher, **Miss Edna Huddleson**, and wondered if even she ever thought any of us would've ever needed our South American geography education!"

Lima, where he was strictly a "turista," was the only place where anybody tried to sell him cocaine. "Apparently they have not yet heard about **Lenny Bias**."

Pat said his mother promised him she wouldn't die until his return. "The night before she died she was really excited over the Ecuadorian purse **Mrs. Christine Booth** had 'customized' for her."

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Antique plate surfaces

A Dresden china plate, a beautiful antique inlaid with gold, found its way "home" recently. **Pauline Gross**, of Covington, a niece by marriage of **Mrs. Hazel Sims**, brought it to show us a few weeks ago, but we were in Nashville and missed connections.

Anyhow, Pauline had the plate photographed since it not only has the Carlisle Grade School, courthouse, and Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian churches reproduced on the "eating" side, but it is plainly marked on the back that it was made in Germany for Ratliff Bros. of Carlisle, KY.

As best it can be determined the plate originally belonged to **A. T. Knox's** sister, **Rebecca Knox Peterson**. Knox married **Hazel Allison** of Saltwell. He had a farm and ran a small store on the outskirts of Carlisle. The plate was passed on to their daughter, **Kitty Knox Cason**. It was brought to Pauline's attention by a couple at her church in Covington, who collect antiques. Pauline, Hazel says, is trying to talk them out of the plate but has had no luck so far. She wonders if there are others floating around anywhere.

Incidentally, Hazel Knox is in a nursing home these days. She can be reached in care of the Florence Park Care Center, 6975 Burlington Pike, Florence, KY 41042 (room 346).

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Here and there

A letter from **Everett J. (Buddy) Beers** contained a big color picture from the Cincinnati Enquirer-Inquirer of three people on horseback

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Man's back started hurting ...*the moment he stood up to congratulate himself*

In recent months, I have been advised that the sole and only cure for my bad back is to sleep on my stomach with one leg tucked up, sleep on my back with a pillow under my knees, sleep on a bed board, sleep on the floor, sleep in a bathtub or simply hang upside down like a sloth.

But I think the best advice I've received came from a doctor, whom I stumbled across at a party. I stumbled across him because he was on this hands and knees.

I asked him if he had lost something.

"No, no," he said. "I'm into crawling. Let me tell you about this great new discovery. No one ever ruptured a disc crawling."

"I guess not," I said, "but I've gotten my fingers stepped on a lot at dances where the floor was slick."

"Walking is an incredible blunder of the species," he said.

The delicate vertebrae were simply not designed to be stacked one on top of the other like concrete blocks. Is it any wonder that nerves were routinely pinched and discs were constantly squished? It's what led to war.

"I beg your pardon."

"The only time our ancestors rose to their hind legs," he said, "was to beat their chests and challenge their enemies. Standing erect made them feel tall, powerful, and, consequently, belligerent. Similarly, when a cute, cuddly creature like a bear takes its first step, its pride and mastery transform it into a willful, aggressive holy terror. Those concerned with the future of mankind must kick the legs out from under any kid they see toddle."

"Do you think crawling will solve our global problems?"

"Envision, if you will, Mr. Reagan and Mr. Gorbachev crawling up to greet each other at the next summit conference," he said. "How can they declare war if they're not standing tall?"

I said that made sense. But there must be drawbacks to crawling, unless you are looking for night crawlers, who probably wouldn't get themselves caught if they were standing tall and watching out for bait foragers.

"Well," he said, "it isn't all beer and skittles on a crowded bus on a rainy day. But I know in my heart it's worth it."

"Because you're saving mankind from being annihilated in World War III?"

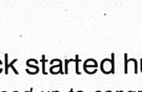
"No," he said, "because I'm saving me from a bad back."

—RM—

Sure, traffic is bad in our town and parking is no day at the beach, but be glad you're not in New York.

A fellow sends a newspaper clip revealing that in New York one woman pays $300 a month to park her car in a garage and $3 every time she takes it out.

She must give the garage attendants 45 minutes notice before



she takes the car out and the garage is 10 blocks from her apartment. The kicker is, she thinks she had a good deal, better than the Big Apple's new car condominiums that cost $27,000 plus $175 a month for "maintenance" fees.

—RM—

"Why, I remember the time," grandpa would say, "when Arthur Clute made a small fortune on frog legs in what was really cold weather."

He would always get into this story when someone brought up the weather, or how cold it is likely to get tomorrow. He said Art Clute had the gift of being able to smell a cold norther coming in over Oklahoma. He could predict its arrival to the second.

"One day Art went out and began looking at the clouds and sniffing the air," said grandpa, "and then he took a notion.

"He went down to the big frog pond, sat down on a rock and began whittling quiet-like, until he had whittled every frog out of the water.

"Then, when the time was just right, Art clapped his hands and all them frogs jumped. They hit the pond just as the norther struck. Froze the pond over solid.

"Why, there was ol' Art with a frozen pond full of frog legs sticking up like weeds. He just walked home, got a scythe, mowed them legs and shipped 'em off to Chicago."

Whenever he finished that story, grandma would always get up and go read her Bible.

—RM—

"It's nice to have an administration with humor and good feelings," said Jeff MacNelly of the Chicago Tribune, "but as a satirist, I think it's much better to have a guy in there who takes himself seriously. That's why I had so much fun with Jimmy Carter."

MacNelly recalled that Carter once told him, "You're not as bad as those editorials — but almost." The cartoonist couldn't think of an immediate comeback, but on his way home, he realized, "I should have said, 'You're not as bad as Warren G. Harding — but almost.'"

—RM—

The arrival of the football season reminds a buddy of mine of his high school playing days back in the leather helmet era.

He lettered — "starred," he claims — at left guard his last three years at his high school. Toward the close of the season in his freshman year, however, he hadn't played a down.

So, in the first quarter of the final game, he approached his coach and asked, "Coach, why can't I play a little today?"

"Henry," the coach replied, "I'm saving you."

My buddy asked again in the second quarter, then again at halftime, and the answer was the same, "I'm saving you."

Finally, says my friend, in the fourth quarter, "I turned in desperation and said, 'Coach, what are you saving me for?'"

"He said, 'Henry, I'm saving you for the dance tonight.'"

Onward, upward.

A 1960 man

Chris Knapke is "stuck in the sixties" as he dresses to represent that decade during Homecoming Week activities at Nicholas County High School. Students were encouraged to dress for a different theme each day.

Receives CPA certificate

Proctor W. Blair (right) is congratulated by Roderick J. Tompkins, president of the Kentucky Society of CPAs at a recent awards banquet honoring new CPAs and successful candidates from the May 1986 CPA Examination sponsored by the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants. Blair was one of over 50 candidates to be sworn in by Attorney General David L. Armstrong at the banquet.

STAR winners

The students above were winners in STAR events, sponsored by the Nicholas County High School home economics department. STAR stands for Students Taking Action for Recognition. In the HERO division, (front) Nikki Earlywine, Job Interview and Becky Smith, Story Telling. In the Senior division, (middle), are Leslie Fryman, Creed and Job Interview; Melody Hammons, Job Interview; Mary Dotson, Facts Test; Pam Kirby, Illustrated Talk; Dana Vice, Parlimentary Procedure; Mary A. Farrah, Foods; and Becky Jones, Story Telling. In the Junior Division, (back), Janie Halsey, Illustrated Talk; Christy Stitt, Foods; June Tincher, Story Telling; Tonia Gray, Creed; and Kim Becraft, Facts Test and Parliamentary Procedure.

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They like apple butter

Elaine Broderick's second grade class learned to make apple butter as part of their unit on fall. Aimee Bortel's shows her excitement as Chris Rose takes a brilliant bite.

Attend annual KSBA meeting

School board members and superintendents from the Central Kentucky Region met at Harrodsburg High School Oct. 15 for their annual regional meeting sponsored by the Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA).

Representing Nicholas County were **James D. Anderson, Herbert Cecil Duncan, William E. Hunter, John Cleaver Jr.** and Supt. **Donald G. Elder**.

The meeting was led by David Hansdell, member of the Harrodsburg Board of Education and chairman of the Central Kentucky Region, and hosted by Forrest Williamson, Superintendent of Harrodsburg Independent.

Dr. Warren Proudfoot, vice-president, of the Kentucky School Boards Association and chairman of the Rowan County Board of Education, discussed the proposed constitutional amendment for the appointment of the superintendent of public instruction which was endorsed by the KSBA Board of Directors in June.

He also introduced the slide-tape presentation on the role of school board members produced by KSBA and being presented in some 30 locations around the state this fall.

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Here Abouts

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riding on U.S. 60 near Owensboro recently. One of the riders was identified as **Kathy Waugh** of Carlisle. They have been riding from 30-35 miles a day across the state to raise money for cancer. At the time the picture was made they had traveled 300 miles and hoped to have raised between $5,000 and $10,000. Buddy, who used to live here years ago, is someone we usually see each fall at the opening UK football pre-game Ag college barbecue...

Speaking of pictures, **Billy Parker** brought to our attention a picture of his son, Sgt. **James Parker**, pictured in a recent issue of Traveler publication of the 1st Infantry Division Forward, Public Affairs Office, near Goeppingen, West Germany. Parker was the subject of a full page feature for being accepted into the prestigious Sergeant Morales Club, highest honor which can be bestowed on an NCO (non commissioned officer). Parker, a records management clerk, now has the added responsibility of for the training discipline and welfare of three other soldiers. As he put it, being a member of the club doesn't mean any special privileges, but it's almost a certain ticket to an early promotion.

New additions to the Mercury staff are typesetters **Marsha Livingood** and **Kathleen Brewer**. Marsha is married to **Roger Livingood** and works parttime at Carnico Country Club. Kathleen, who works parttime for Stan Harvey Gas, on the Upper Sharpsburg Road, lives at home with her mother, **Alberta Brewer**. Both are graduates of Nicholas County High School. Welcome to the rat race.

Matilda?

In 1903 a coed at the University of Kentucky was asked to withdraw from school when she was seen waltzing with a young man in the college gym.

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Proclamation

Judge/Executive Reese Smoot has declared the week of October 25-31 as Higher Education Week in Nicholas County.

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Here Abouts

Here Abouts ...with Emily A. Wolf

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

10 years ago

Thursday, October 28, 1976

Nicholas County defeated Raceland, 14-0, Friday night here at the local football field, increasing the Jackets chances of a three-way tie for first place in the district. Nicholas County is 2-1 in the district now, and if the Jackets beat MMI this Friday night, they will be 3-1 in the district. Fairview is 3-1 now, having completed its district play. And, if Raceland beats Maysville Friday, they'll be 3-1. This will tie these three teams in the first-place spot.

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources plans to buy the 4,700 acre Clay Farm (Sky View Farm) for approximately $1,920,000. The 7.3 square mile farm will be state managed and will be used as public hunting area. The proposed acquisition was passed by the Blue Grass Area Development District board of directors at its meeting held at Carnico Country Club Wednesday, Oct. 20.

A total of 3,145 are registered to vote in Nicholas County and are eligible to do so on Tuesday, according to the State Board of Elections. However, the Board's breakdown adds up to eight more than this total as follows:

Democrats, 2,875; Republicans, 247; No Party, 24; Other, 7. County Clerk J. Berry Burnaw's office does not know why the discrepancy in the state figures.

Hospital, doctors, nursing home-in that order will be lost to Nicholas County if the hospital bond issue fails Tuesday. The hospital will close because of the loss of Medicaid and Medicare coverage. Doctors will no longer reside in Nicholas County after our three present doctors are gone, because we will be unable to attract new ones. And, the nursing home must be served by a doctor in order to remain open.

Miss Peggy Jean Tabor, Nicholas County Dairy Princess for 1976, was selected Dairy Princess Princess at the American Dairy Association District Nine meeting held in Brookville, Wednesday, Oct. 20. Miss Tabor will represent District Nine in the state contest to be held Feb. 6 and 7 in Louisville.

DIED — Nicholas County Magistrate Joe Sapp, 82, Oct. 21, 1976 at Nicholas County Hospital — Mrs. Opal Woodall, 91, widow of Homer Woodall, Oct. 22, 1976 at home in Covington. — Whitney W. Grame, 22, Warsaw, Oct. 22, 1976 in an automobile accident — Carl T. (Tommie) Hamm Sr., 52, Oct. 21, 1976 at home — William Everett Hill, Oct. 26, 1976, in Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

20 years ago

Thursday, Oct. 27, 1966

Mrs. R. H. Morris of Barterville was awarded a certificate of merit by James S. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of East Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation, for warning people around her farm that a 69,000 volt transmission line had been blown down by a severe wind storm. After hearing what she thought was an explosion at 3:00 a.m., Mrs. Morris and her daughter rushed out to the back of the farm and discovered the damaged transmission line. They remained at the scene of the accident until late that evening when East Kentucky linemen repaired the damage.

Ralph Shearer, Chairman of the Nicholas County Library Board, was elected to be the Chairman of the Buffalo Trace Regional Library Board, recently at the Cynthiana Public Library J. B. Lunsford, Chairman, Fleming County Library Board, was elected vice chairman. Mrs. G. S. Butler, Cynthiana Public Library Board, continues as secretary.

Shelly Wilson, captain of the Nicholas County High School cheerleaders, is one of seven cheerleaders to be featured during the next few weeks. Sally, seventeen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, is a senior and has been a cheerleader for two years. She is vice-president of the National Honor Society, treasurer of Future Homemakers of America and Nicholas County's outstanding 4-H Club member.

Kentucky farmers who raise registered Angus cattle helped their breed climb to new records during the past 12 months, according to a recent announcement from Glen Bratcher, secretary of the American Angus Association, St. Joseph, Missouri. Kentucky breeders recorded a total of 17,887 purebred calves which ranked last year to rank seventh in Angus numbers. The increase was 1,546 over a year ago.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Clyde F. Hamm Jr., a daughter, Tammy Jo, Oct. 1 at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington — to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wasson, a son, Oct. 17 at Nicholas County Hospital — To Mr. and Mrs. Jess T. Bach, a son, Oct. 17 at Nicholas County Hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Joyce Dianne Day and David Ottis Lykins Monday at the Carlisle Christian Church by the Rev. Frank Simons.

DIED — Mrs. Thelma Belle Clark, 68, wife of Herman Clark, Oct. 18 at Bourbon County Hospital — Harvey (Bud) Sapp, 49, Oct. 24 at Veterans Administration Hospital, Lexington.

40 years ago

Thursday, Oct. 21, 1946

The recently activated Cannon Company, 149th Regimental Combat Team, 38th Infantry Division, is rapidly filling in its ranks and will reach table of organization strength at a very early date, it was announced this week by Capt. W. R. Buntin, unit commander.

Mrs. S. W. Willett presented the Carlisle Baptist Church with the Tones Music System, as a memorial to her late husband, who was a loyal member and deacon in the church for 26 years. The chimes were installed on September 10th, the gift of an unknown donor.

Miss Nancye Bruce Whaley, daughter of Mrs. Katherine Whaley of Lexington, formerly of Carlisle, was elected secretary of the Kentucky Junior class of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester, at the first meeting of that class.

A square dance held at the Armory Tuesday night under the sponsorship of Nicholas Post No. 17, American Legion and the Active Militia, netting the organizations a total of $61.65, it was announced Wednesday by Alex Crawford, dance chairman. The proceeds have been turned over to the Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Dallas Siler, a graduate of the University of Tennessee and a former employee of the Farm Security Administration office here, Glen Bratcher, secretary of the American Angus Association, St. Joseph, Missouri. Kentucky breeders recorded a total of 17,887 purebred calves which ranked last year to rank seventh in Angus numbers. The increase was 1,546 over a year ago.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Russell Banta, a daughter, Thursday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Mr. and Mrs. William George Flora, a son, William Wayne, Tuesday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — To Sgt and Mrs. Chester Webb, Paris, a son, Oct. 21 at Massie Memorial Hospital, Paris.

MARRIED — Miss Kathleen Harris and Berry C. Woodall Sunday at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Frank M. Tinder in Paris.

DIED — Joseph Elijah Collover, 63, Monday at Johnson Memorial Hospital. — Mrs. Lelia Mae Snapp, 77, widow of A.L.C. Snapp, Saturday, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Elva Kendall near Saltwell. — Henry Letcher, 54, Sunday at home near Pleasant Valley. — Mrs. Elizabeth Elanor Patton, 91, widow of David B. Patton, Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J.W. Dalzell in Cynthiana.

50 years ago

Thursday, Oct. 29 1936

One of the most perfect specimens of prehistoric animals ever unearthed in Kentucky was found imbedded in Johnson Creek in Robertson County recently by Warder Cleaver, who owns a farm near Mitchell's Old Mill, who found the jaw and tooth of a mastodon in the bed of the creek while he was wading in water about 12 inches deep.

The federal government has spent a total of $1,302,074.26 in Nicholas County during the past three years in its national recovery campaign, according to report of Lorenzo K. Wood, state director of the National Emergency Council for Kentucky, and the coordinator of the various governmental agencies in the state.

The Carlisle water works lake level has reached a lower stage than any time this fall, Joe Clay, superintendent said, and unless the consumption is greatly reduced or additional rains fall the supply will soon be exhausted. Mr. Clay said that, acting upon authority of the city council, all persons who use more than 1500 gallons per month will be charged at the rate of $5 per 1000 gallons.

Extensive repairs are being made on the local Catholic church building. A new roof is being put on the church and the interior will be painted. It is expected that approximately $2,000 will be spent in the work.

A special meeting of the city council will be held Saturday night for the purpose of receiving bids for the construction of a water tank.

The first killing frost of the season visited this section Tuesday night. The temperature dropped below 30 and skim of ice formed on water.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Omer Anderson, a son, Billy Keene, Oct.18.

MARRIED — Miss Ruby Smart and Sherman Stone obtained a marriage license here Saturday.

DIED — Mrs. Frank Earlywine, 72, Saturday at home on Walnut Street. — William Estill Kimes, 29, Tuesday at home in Paris. — Mrs. Maymie Campbell Richart, widow of H.O. Richart, Monday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry T. Letton. Floyd Argo, 38, drown Sunday in Licking River.

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Remember the Lady

To the Carlisle Mercury:

On October 28, 1986 will be the 100th Anniversary of the original dedication of the Statue of Liberty.

Millions of our ancestors have seen this wonderful sight as they sailed into the New York Harbor for the first time. They believed that the Land of the Lady holding the Light of Freedom and Justice would guard their ideals against all odds.

For 50 years the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW has paid tribute. This year we ask all to join the National President of the VFW Auxiliary, Rosemary Mazer, in remembering the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and the "Spirit of Hope and Freedom" it stands for.

Leona Trunnell
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