

OPINION

Steve's Report

What's in a name?

I grew up in a home where the philosophy was: "Children, like most off-shoots and other sprouts grow best when exposed to plenty of direct sunlight."

At least, that was the way it seemed. During the summer, I think having all six of us kids inside made Mom feel claustrophobic, as if to move, young minds had to be outside.

Fresh air. When it's 98° outside with 100 percent humidity, the air is anything but fresh.

noticed what happens to a glass of ice water, just sitting there not doing anything. Beads of moisture begin to form on the outside, quickly covering the entire surface until it begins to run down its sides and forming puddles where you don't want them.

This is exactly the way it felt outside during the height of summer. We were so hot to play, so we'd look for some



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shade and try to stay cool. Still, it would take long for moisture in the air to paste our pores to our skin and mat our hair to our foreheads.

Even when it's too hot to go outside, you find it difficult to remain idle for very long. Sometimes we'd stretch out on our backs and look up at the sky and make images out of the clouds. At first we'd see easy shapes, like bunny rabbits. But the longer we played, the more creative we got.

Look over there. That one looks just like a man flying on a mountain stream. And a while later, after looking at clouds long enough, even anyone else could see those same shapes, too.

Other times, however, when we weren't feeling quite as creative (and maybe as a way of getting back at our parents for making us stay outside in the heat) we

would have a little fun at their expense. If we were feeling particularly ornery, we would sit around and make fun of our parents' names.

"My Dad's name is Harold and my Mom's name is Evelyn."

"That's nothing. My Dad's name is Garth and Eunice."

"Well, my folks are Wendell and Elvira."

Now, there's absolutely nothing wrong with those names. Still, nobody our age had names like that and the idea of giving those names to a little baby struck us as incredibly funny.

After that game grew old, we would have a contest to see who could come up with the most just sitting there not doing anything. Beads of moisture begin to form on the outside, quickly covering the entire surface until it begins to run down its sides and forming puddles where you don't want them.

honest. Some names are simply funnier than others (unless you are the unfortunate individual stuck with it).

My high school gym teacher, for example, was named Thomas Tom, or Tom Tom.

Instead of simply grinning and bearing it with dignity, he decided to take the joke one step farther. He named his own son Timothy Tom, or Tim Tom.

And if he ever had a daughter, he said he was going to name her Tammy Tom.

After funny names, we'd try to come up with "successful names" - the kind you have to grow into. A name like Winthrop R. Hewittson III might be awkward on a pre-schooler, but almost guarantees

he'll grow up to be the CEO of some multi-million dollar corporation. I imagine a name like that probably grants its bearer automatic acceptance at any Ivy League university, regardless of grade point average or SAT scores.

"When we got tired of making fun of perfectly good names, we'd start trying to say cents, our own names back."

Steve Seal

wards. That makes just about any name funny. Ask my poor, unfortunate daughter, Sarah Michelle Seal. Here's a Flacks Le Shimmer Ass.

I think Mom probably should have let us kids spend a little more time indoors.

And that's my two cents.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LETTERS Continued from Page 2 Editor, I'd like to express my thanks and sincere appreciation to the NCHS Football Boosters, NCHS staff and students for the "Throw-Back" football event last Friday evening. It was exciting to once again see the green and white colors displayed throughout the community. The reception gave us former CHS students an opportunity to still squeeze into them, once, again and share those experiences we hold so dear. Thanks to the home economics department (I know that's a 1960's term) for the cakes they baked to honor our football teams and served to us while we reminisced and admired the old football jerseys, letter sweaters and school jackets preserved Sincerely, Judy Griffin Judge CFHS Class of '62

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SCHOOL

Bluejackets "throw-back" to Carlisle Musketeers

Following is a brief history of Carlisle High School "Musketeers" football - taken as excerpts from the book Finding The Edge, by Donnie Joe Dampier, Carlisle High School Class of 1955 and co-author of the 1954 Carlisle Musketeers "Coochless Wonders"

1919 - The year that football began at Carlisle. The first game was contested on the field of Millersburg Military School on November 9, 1919 (selected after a Name the 1919, a losing effort of 49-6. Carlisle's first "home" game, played on Jackson Field, was October 11, 1919, versus Clark County High School.

1920 - The 90th consecutive year of high school football for Carlisle/Nicholas County.

Carlisle High School played football for 44 seasons, competing in some 300 plus games. They possibly won an estimated 130-135 games. The Carlisle "Musketeers" entered the Central Kentucky Conference in 1928, the 3rd year of the league's forming.

"Musketeers", with its motto of "One for All, All for One" was officially adopted on November 9, 1925 (selected after a Name the "CHS Mascot" Contest).

The first time Carlisle High School took the athletic field as "Musketeers" was on the November 14, 1919, versus Clark County High School. The school colors of Green and White were previously been adopted sometime in the early 20's, with newspaper accounts

occasionally referring to "the White & Green". The "Big Green", and the "Green and White" (pages 72-73) The "Last Season" for the Green 'n White Musketeers of Carlisle High School was 1962. They were led by Bill Ed Leady, "The Last Football Coach."

The first football game as the Nicholas County High School "Musketeers", a losing 13-7 effort, was ironically, against the Fleming County High School Panthers...the opponent in the "Throw-Back" game under the final team, was win, the Friday Night Lights of loss in a 9-game schedule, August 28, 2009.



Carlisle High School alumni socialized in the NCHS cafeteria before the game, sharing many fond memories.

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