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Rural Teachers Underpaid.

More than two-thirds of the teachers employed in the rural schools of Kentucky receive less than $900 annual salary, according to Bryan Collier in a series of articles on Kentucky state government in the Courier-Journal. 12,537 of the 18,595 rural teachers employed for the 1938-39 term received less than $900, the article revealed, and 2,018 of them received less than $500 for their annual salary.

These salaries were paid in spite of the fact that since 1934 the Kentucky school law has established seven months as the minimum elementary term and eight months as the minimum high school term, and the minimum salary was established at $75 per month, provided the county is able to pay that amount. A county is required by law to make the maximum levy, if necessary, in order to pay the $75 salary, and if this is not sufficient the teacher must accept a lower salary. Many of the Kentucky counties are unable to supplement the state school per capita of $12 sufficiently to pay the minimum salary, therefore the great majority of the teachers of the rural schools must work for a salary lower than paid to "sales-women, clerks and other workers requiring little training."

No teacher in the rural schools of Nicholas county is paid more than $75 minimum, Mrs. Eda S. Taylor, County Superintendent, declared, and the elementary and high school team for this county is eight and one-half months.

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This official, according to Mr. Collier, asserted "many counties have excessive overhead and have built up a great political machine in connection with hauling children to school."

Dr. Goodie Young, Assistant State Superintendent, denied this charge and declared that the state checks up and sees that all per capita money is paid in lieu of salaries until the minimum has been paid.

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Never while these two republics stand will July cease to be remembered without patriotic emotion.

Problems Of Rural Youth.

A recent booklet issued by the National Youth Administration, entitled "Rural Youth," summarizes a distressing future for the rural youths of America. The publication, the second in a series of social problem study, is profusely illustrated with cartoons depicting the sad plight of the farm boys and girls of the nation.

Nearly one-third of the nation's rural youth are members of farm families which receive only one-tenth of the national income, according to the booklet. To escape the poverty of rural life, many of these young men and young women migrate to the cities and towns only to find widespread unemployment. They can stay at exceedingly low wages, as a study made in Cincinnati showed, and thus displace from their jobs thousands of young married workers, or return to the farm to join the increasing farm surplus.

Rural opportunity is diminishing, the study asserts. For example, in 1920 a total of 160,000 farmers died or reached the age of 65, and in that same year 337,000 farm boys reached the age of 18. In 1930 the surplus was even greater with 201,000 farmers reaching the age of 18 than the number who died or retired. Meanwhile the nation's supply of farm land is decreasing. Soil erosion has rendered unfit for cultivation thirty-five million acres of land, while the top soil has been almost entirely removed from another 225 million acres. Thousands of boys were interviewed during the study throughout the South and more than half of them said they would rather have a farm, given an opportunity to do scientific farming, but they do not want to live as their fathers have on sharecropping or renting, always in debt to the state, moving every two or three years, and wearing out their lives in hopeless poverty. One a boy could start as a farm hand, become a tenant farmer, acquire finally his farm. Actually of wages, such as $175 a year in Louisiana and as low as $125 in Tennessee is not conducive to such ambitions.

A farm girl wrote to the administration, "I'd like to know what you can expect of youth in a world like this. Most of us, at the head in the farming districts have had to give up our dreams right away to school or college. We cannot afford to buy books or travel. The family car is getting older and older. Our tires were out, even with care, to be replaced, and the old house gets shabbier and shabbier. The local church had to close up because the neighborhood could not go on paying even part of the minister's salary. But it makes me laugh to hear youth called 'apathetic.' Isn't that word for old pens to everyone, young or old, who cannot jump?"

Perhaps the picture has been overdrawn, but we do not believe it. Certainly the older generations were not confronted with the same problems that face the youth, especially the farm youth, of Nicholas county is paid less than $75 minimum, Mrs. Eda S. Taylor, County Superintendent, declared, and the elementary and high school team for this county is eight and one-half months.

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Safe And Sane Fourth

Gone forever are the old-fashioned Fourth of July celebrations when bursts of fireworks, the blare of brass bands and the blasts of oratory were heard from early morning until late into the night. The Fourth of July celebration is now more complete without any long-winded orator making a patriotic spee hatter a reading of the Declaration of Independence. The address was preceded by rivers of stirring music and by thunderous numbers by the town band, on, of which was by practically every community. For the smaller boys, the Fourth meant firecrackers during the day and Roman candles and other fireworks at night.

Now the Glorious Fourth is often observed in a more quiet and proper manner. Family picnics, a day at the bathing beach or just a quiet day at home is the general way accepted method of spending the day. A few towns still have noisy celebrations, but most of them spend the day quietly.

No celebration has been planned for Carlisle next Tuesday. City ordinances prohibit the sale or setting off of fireworks and for us this community is convinced, the ordinance will just be as well other Tuesday.

52-Year-Old Program Found

Looking over some old papers in the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. L. C Snapp, E. H. Kendall recently found a program of the Nicholas county teachers institute, held at Carlisle August 31, September 1 and 2, 1887. James H. Minogue was county school superintendent and Dr. W. H. McCoun was instructor of the institute.

Until recent years, a teachers institute or today's course of instruction was held each year for the teachers of the rural schools of the county.

The 52-year-old program found recently by Mr. Kendall was brought to The Mercury office. Each of the teachers was required to give a talk on the teaching of a given subject or upon some phase of school work.

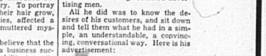
Speakers during the three days included Miss Lizzie Lawson, James McCann, J. W. Riley, Miss Della Allen, Miss Mollie Bond, Miss Mary Hutchcraft, Miss Belle Mann, J. D. Sly, E. H. Kendall, Miss Nannie Collins, J. T. Morris, Miss Anna Durnin, Horace Linville, D. D. McCoun, Miss Rosie Barnett, Miss Effie Hurst, A. L. C. Snapp, Miss Katie Boyd, Miss Sue E. Turtle, J. A. Martin, T. D. Campbell, W. H. Jacob, H. L. Peterson, Dr. Sallie Sly, Miss Theresa Birdwell, Mrs. Eckman and Miss Anna Phelps. The music during the three days session was under the direction of Miss Dee Rogers, organist.

Very few of the teachers of that day are still living. Miss Lutie Fisher, one of the teachers, resides in Carlisle. J. W. Riley, for many years County Judge of Bowan county, resides in Lexington. H. L. Peterson is a prominent Cynthiana attorney. Possibly others on the program are still living.

But It's True

The robin is believed to be the only genuine midget bird known to science.

Mr. Hastings built his house in such a manner that the spring would spurt water through a window.



Thursday, July 1, 1889.

Married—Mrs. Sue Bell and Mr. John Collins, both of the county.

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J. H. Frey, T. P. Turreman, W. J. Kennedy and W. T. Dewey sworn members of the city council.

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John H. Frey and A. M. Dillis appointed by city council as commissioners to collect tax for all bonds to be used in street lighting.

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Died—Preston Myers, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. John McGrigg—Mr. Dennis Hawkins, at his home in the county—Three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wilson, at their home in the county.

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Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John Blair, at Blairs, on July 4th, a son—To Mr. and Mrs. Boone Ingles, of the county, on July 2nd, a son—To Mr. and Mrs. James Smoot, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Samuels, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Sloop, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Talbert, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Higgins and John McBohan.

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Following candidates for county offices in the August election announced: For County Judge, John P. Norvell; for County Attorney Ben H. Robinson and John F. Morgan; for Sheriff, F. B. Tyler and C. M. McVey; for Deputy Sheriff, Jas. T. Long; for County Superintendent, J. H. Minogue and I. McCann, Joseph Huffstetter, Sanford Hall, Jas. T. Long, William Alexander and James A. Cannon; for Jailer, E. D. Scott, D. S. Talbert, Frank Kilpatrick, C. G.

29 YEARS AGO

Thursday, July 3, 1919

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hollon, on Monday, June 30th, a son.

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L. S. Hughes resigns as record keeper and finance officer of the local Macabees lodge.

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White & Myers Chautauqua to open in Carlisle Monday for six days' engagement.

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Fish and game commission sends four cans of bass which are placed in the water works lake.

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Union services to be held on Sunday at Carlisle's church by pastors during months of July and August.

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R. O. Duncan, of Carlisle, awarded contract to construct $12,000 brick residence for Wilson Boyd at Elizaville.

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Howard Hardware Company purchases business house and stock of goods of H. C. King on West Main street.

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W. M. Mathers notifies stockholders of Burley Tobacco Company that they will be paid dividend of six per cent upon presentation of certificates of stock to him.

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Died—Mr. Frank Huffstetter, 32, at his home in the county on June 30th.—Mrs. Rilla Adams, 76, at a Lexington hospital on June 2nd.—Mr. William Miller Layson, 74, at his home in Millersburg.

FROM OTHER EDITORIAL PAGES

ADVICE TO FATHERS

(Harlan Daily Enterprise)

When young boys are brought before juvenile courts on various charges, the usual report is that the boy usually gives them a stern lecture on the integrity of the home and points out where they will end up if they continue along the same path.

Recently, 10 such youths stood before Judge Franklin Beck, in the Chicago juvenile court. Some of them were first offenders and must have expected the usual warning. Instead, Beck called in their fathers.

Said that one of the outstanding causes of juvenile crime is parental neglect," said Judge Beck. "By that I mean a failure to recognize that the responsibility rests with the parents. These problems must be solved in the home. It is our duty to see to it that these immature minds have help and sympathetic understanding from their fathers.

"The job of rearing children is the most important business in the world. It pays the greatest dividends. Let me advise you fathers to know your boy. Live his everyday life with him. Love him and let him know it. Respect his boyish party to guide him, that is the way, the only way to prevent crime."

The men shifted their feet, uncomfortably and frowned at the stranger who had dared departure from court procedure. It had been many years since any had received a lecture. But every father in the land knows that Judge Beck is right. Delinquency in any home that neglects to follow the principles he outlined.

It was in that fashion that the impression was given currency that life after 40—in the movies and the wage earner—is an era of joblessness and want, that upon attainment of one's most fruitful years one starts down hill, upon the road to discard sudden and severe.

Facts regarding industry's treatment of its employes speaks otherwise. For private industry and employers recognize the value of experience and prefer to retain those workers whose loyalties and efficiency are to its interests.

As an example—and being one of the nation's foremost industrialists—there were men who passed in the role of genius. They shrouded advertising with mystery. To portray their high type of genius grew more flowing low ties, affected a far-away look and muttered mysterious formulae.

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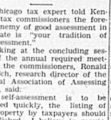

Charles Roth

TRUTH about ADVERTISING

By CHARLES B. ROTH

WHAT IS ADVERTISING GENIUS?

ing just a few dollars in his local newspaper, was able to top all the results of these high-salaried advertising men.

All he did was to know the desires of his customers, and sit down and tell them what he had in a simple, an understandable, a convincing, conversational way. Here is his advertisement:

SATURDAY SPECIAL
this coupon and 5 cents
Will buy a Bigger and Better
"Double Dip"
ICE CREAM SODA
Clip this coupon and bring it with five cents to the
DARK VIEW DRUG STORE

This is a perfect advertisement. It offers a wanted service. It offers value. It inspires confidence. It is something people in his neighborhood wanted to read.

It didn't take a genius to write it, but the whole genius of advertising is behind it.

Every day advertisers are publishing similar announcements in the newspapers. These announcements are as much in what is called the public interest as the results of scientific research or study—because they bring the public something it wants to make life better or more interesting or, in the case of Park View Drug, a little more enjoyable.

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Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore

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NOVELS WE USED TO READ

The reading of novels was condemned by the fathers of the last generation and Nevertheless some of us read them anyway, and escaped any very serious wording punishment. When I think of those days long past, but dear, I see why we did not become villains. Mrs. Mary Ann Holmes, of Kentucky, for a very few years was the most widely read author produced as many novels as Shakespeare produced plays. Not one of them, but nine numerous editions and was read by avid readers long after Mrs. Holmes had died, her novels were still appearing in cheap pulp magazines that found their way into nearly all kinds of homes. For all I know, they may still be appearing in monthly installments. But many of us cut our literary teeth on these rather soft and watery morsels. As a matter of fact, I read was Tempest and Sunshine, over which I cried until I was as almost a nervous wreck. Thousands of my contemporaries had similar experiences, I know.

In the numerous tearful theses that are turned in by graduate schools annually I have not yet found one on this novelist of our youthful reading. Something ought to be done about her neglect. Perhaps I am the only one who read was Tempest and Sunshine, but I think there is more being circulated a petition for a thesis on Mrs. Holmes should be circulated exclusively.

This is contrary to all historical precedent in votes on the liquor question. Invariably, the smaller counties have voted dry and the larger counties wet. The vote in Nicholas and Grayson counties indicate that exact reverse of that contention. In three the wet voters of the country were enforcing license upon the dry towns.

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AFTER FORTY

(Nashville Banner)

It is not unusual for a catch phrase to be so frequently quoted that it takes on the guise of a pet; or a statement to be made, however illogical or baseless, often enough for it to become generally accepted.

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SAFETY COSTS SO LITTLE!
ATLAS Grip Safe
Smith's Service Station
"Service That Satisfies"

NEWS of KENTUCKY

The Mt. Sterling Fair will be held this year July 28-29.

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Roll Conn, 29, accused of detaining Lucy Lee Gibson, 11, was acquitted by a jury in the Rowan circuit court Saturday.

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James Courtland Stamper, 21, shot and killed himself with a shotgun at his home at Sanders, Carroll county.

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Construction of the new $150,000 home economics building at the University of Kentucky was started Thursday.

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Judge James W. Stites is planning to resign from the court of appeals bench to resume the practice of law in Louisville, his home.

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One hundred and thirty-two applicants to practice law took the state bar examination at Frankfort last week.

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A local option election will be conducted in Harrison county Saturday. Both sides will open intensive campaign in the county.

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Kenneth Lee Parks, 17, was drowned Monday while swimming in the Ohio river near Owensboro.

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Nancy May Lawson, 16, of Elliott was drowned Monday while wading in Cumberland river near Corbin.

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Thieves stole 115 frying size chickens from Ed Lewis' poultry farm on the Cynthiana road in Harrison county Saturday night.

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Dr. Thomas H. Kinnaird, 61, retired Lexington physician, died in a hospital in Lexington Sunday following a heart attack.

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Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Bradley celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary at their home in Robertson county Sunday.

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Thomas Knowles, 3 years old, was killed Thursday when he fell from a high rock bluff, from a window in his home.

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John M. Malley, chief of police of Louisville, and Joseph Stewart, chief of detectives, will resign July 1.

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A total of 1921 students registered for the first term of the summer school at the University of Kentucky, breaking all previous enrollment records.

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The administration of President H. A. Babb of Morehead State Teachers College was praised Saturday in a report of the Rowan county grand jury.

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Eddie Craig, Mt. Sterling grocery, Monday entered a plea of guilty to a charge of having liquor in his possession and was fined $100 and costs.

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Two bandits held up the Beverly Hills Country Club at Fort Mitchell Monday night and escaped with $10,000 in cash.

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The Germantown Fair will be held August 21, 25 and 26. this year. In past years the fair has been held four days.

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Donnie Elias Hayden, 1 years old, was drowned Saturday when he fell into a cistern of water at the home of his parents in in Scott county.

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Charles Mason Mayhew, 56, superintendent of the Southern Bell Telephone Co. plant at Cynthiana for 27 years, died of a heart attack Saturday.

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Committees have been appointed to arrange for the seventeenth anniversary celebration to be held in Paris September 3 to 6.

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The one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Bethel Christian church in Madison county will be observed on July 9.

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An 108-year-old negro woman, former slave, who was married when she was 100 years old, died last week at her home in Hazard.

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Four persons, including three children, were bitten by a rabid dog belonging to Lee Helpherstine, of Flemingsburg.

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A new pipe organ in the Christian church at Flemingsburg will be formally dedicated Sunday, July 2. Rev. E. B. Bourland, pastor of the church, has charge.

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Benjamin F. Reid, 72, shot and killed himself at his home in Mt. Sterling Friday. He is said to have been despondent over ill health.

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Tom Brown Ginter, 30, was seriously injured when a team of mules hitched to a mowing machine ran away and knocked him from the machine in Mason county.

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Forty-four blackface western ewes were killed when lightning struck a tree under which they were standing on the farm of Emerson Thomason in Bourbon county. The ewes were purchased recently and were valued at $500.

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Carl Tracy, 32, custodian of the Unemployment Compensation building at Frankfort, was shot and critically wounded by Warren Wright, night watchman at the building when Tracy was mistaken for an intruder.

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Harry B. Miller, Lexington attorney, has resigned as special attorney for the Department of Justice, a $5,000 per year position.

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City Detective Chief Joseph L. Stewart and four other Louisville detectives were suspended last week on charges of brutality in questioning a prisoner.

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Louis C. Washburn, 16, of Glasgow was killed Sunday when he was knocked from the running board of a car on which he was riding as the car was sideswiped by a truck.

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H. M. Clay, County Attorney of Rowan, and W. E. Proctor, Morehead attorney, engaged in a fist fight in the court house and were held Friday over assignment of case for trial

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The court of appeals Friday upheld legality of the creation of the 28th judicial district, which is composed of Butler, Edmonson, Muhlenburg and Ohio counties.

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Governor Chandler last week proclaimed July 28 "Kentucky Day" at the state fair and all Kentuckians to participate "this first product in hotels and restaurants as well as for their own tables."

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The new concrete and steel bridge over South Licking river at Cynthiana, connecting Belmont, in addition to Cynthiana, was opened to traffic Saturday. The bridge, costing $61,000, is 242 feet long.

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Billy Tomlinson and Gene Hart, both of Louisville, were injured seriously Monday night in a truck they were driving left the road and plunged over a 20-foot embankment.

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Mrs. Lillian Hayes, 25, of Lancaster, died in a hospital Monday following an attempt to end her life at Lexington Saturday by taking poison. She had been divorced by husband a few years ago.

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Miss Ethel Webb, 19, walked into a road near her home on Jones creek in Harlan county Sunday and was fatally shot by the boom of her dress and shot her through the heart, dying instantly.

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John Poston, 40, of Farmers, was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by a jury in the Rowan circuit court Friday on a charge of murdering Mrs. Rebecca Vestough, 72, a neighbor. Poston is the father of eight children.

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The Union County Advocate, Morganfield weekly, published by Mrs. Bess Clayton Morris, has been selected as newspaper on the streets of Morganfield and as official paper in Louisville Sunday.

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When Mrs. Sophia Bottrich, of Bellevue, believed to be dead, called to be an insect sting on her arm she went to a doctor, who removed the needle that had become embedded in her arm months ago.

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Jack Owen, 22, of Cynthiana, suffered minor injuries early Sunday morning when the automobile he was driving struck and killed a horse on the Lexington road in the Paris and Cynthiana area. The horse was thrown on top of the automobile and carried 150 yards.

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Mrs. Pearl Hollon, 25, of Wolfe county, died in a hospital at Winchester Thursday from injuries received two days before when the motorcycle on which she was riding with her husband collided with a truck near Clay City. Her husband received minor injuries.

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An old Methodist church at Colbert Hill, Madison county, built shortly after the close of the War Between the States when the Methodist church divided, is being torn down and the congregation will unite with the other Methodist church at that place.

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Three Kentuckians are scheduled to die in the electric chair at Eddyville in July. They are April Rice, 19, scheduled to die July 7, Ernest Smith, whose execution date is July 14, and Jack Davis, whose date is July 21.

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Elam Huddleson, of Louisville, former state treasurer, and Coleman Duncan, broker's salesman, were indicted at Louisville Friday on charges of banding together to commit a felony. They are charged with converting bonds valued at $750 to their own use.

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Lonard Isaacs, 47, Dputy Sheriff of Jackson county, was shot and killed by his son, Tilford Isaacs, 17, at their home. The father had been away from home during the day and scolded his son for not setting tobacco plants during his absence.

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Thomas Bruce Holladay, 72, one of the founders of the Holladay Candy Co., died at his home in Paris Friday following an illness of several months.

KEEN JOHNSON

(Editor's Note—This is the third and last of a series of articles sketching the career of Keen Johnson, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor.)

Keen, like any other newspaper man, soon after he began publication of the Richmond Daily News in 1925 began to show its interest in political affairs. This was natural as his newspaper, championed candidates and issues alike in county, district and state campaigns.

Keen and his newspaper both supported the Democratic Party. Keen himself has always been a Democrat and his family and relatives have always affiliated with the party.

Soon after his arrival in Richmond, Keen became a member of the local Democratic Club of Madison county. He was prominent in the activities of the organization and served as its first president.

His sphere of political influence continued to widen and in 1928 the Democratic state convention elected him as secretary of the Kentucky Democratic State Central and Executive Committee, a ranking post in party affairs in the state. He was re-elected in 1930, his term of office expiring in 1940.

In 1935 he became a candidate for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor. He easily won the nomination and stepped into office in the general election by a majority of 215,000 votes.

As lieutenant governor he was presiding officer of the Kentucky Senate. Here he aided in the formulation of much of the social and progressive legislation that is now on the statute books. He displayed particular interest in measures affecting the average Kentuckian and, as presiding officer, Senate colleagues both for his ability and a keen knowledge of parliamentary procedure.

During the years that elapsed since he left his boyhood home in Edmonson county Keen in addition to his newspaper work and farming has affiliated with a number of organizations. He is a past president of the Kentucky Press Association, a former president of the alumni association of the University of Kentucky and a member of the American Legion, the Forty-and-Eight, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the national governor, is chairman of the Kentucky Advisory Board of Boys' Men's Board. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Order of American Mechanics, the Elks and the Odd Fellows.

He was married in 1917 to Miss Elanice Nichols, of Missouri. They have two children, Keen, Jr., born July, 12 years old.

This in brief is the career of Keen Johnson. It is a career unsensational, but sensational in its flashy performances. It is one based on the solid foundations of friendship, hard work and strict adherence to the job before him.

His acquaintanceship in the state is large, his reputation for integrity is of the highest, his ability is unquestioned. Even those who oppose him pay tribute to his honesty, his fairness and his ability.

The following is the copy of the winning letter:

Moorefield, Kentucky,
June 24, 1939

Anderson and Spillman,
Dear Sirs:

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Thomas Bruce Holladay, 72, one of the founders of the Holladay Candy Co., died at his home in Paris Friday following an illness of several months.

Expert Scores Assessment System In Kentucky

A Chicago tax expert told Kentucky tax commissioners the foremost enemy of good assessment in this state is "your tradition of self-assessment."

Speaking at the concluding session of the annual regional meeting of the commissioners, Ronald H. Welch, research director of the National Association of Assessing Officers, said:

"If self-assessment is to be abolished totally, the listing of real property by taxpayers should be abolished. I believe in requiring taxpayers to list their personal property. But the Kentucky practice of declaring your real property not only as to the number, size and location of parcels, but also as to value, is, I believe, a bad one."

Welch criticized the Kentucky system of electing commissioners, saying that "the assessor should be responsible for compensating them through taxes instead of paying them salaries.

The Association of County Tax Commissioners Tuesday voted its disapproval of a recommendation for abolishment of the board of review and for salaries instead of fees, which Revenue Commissioner James W. Martin made in his last annual report.

Irish Lamb Stew Called Man's Dish

For a man-sized, tasty meal, few things surpass a delicious, thick lamb stew with dumplings. Home economists suggest the following recipe:

2 lbs lamb
1 cup diced raw carrots
1 cup diced raw turnips
1 sliced onion
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper
½ bay leaf
Also ½ recipe baking powder biscuits.

Wipe lamb with a damp cloth, and cut into small pieces. Cover with boiling water and let stand for two hours (covered). Add the seasonings and vegetables and let cook a half hour longer. Drop the biscuits by tablespoonfuls on top of mixture—cover, and cook 15 minutes. Serve at once. This will serve 6 to 8 persons.

The famous "Yorkshire" lamb burger pudding is another meal-in-one but easily makes a full meal. It is made as follows:

6 lamb shoulder chops
1½ tablespoons butter
1 cup scalded milk
12 small white onions
2 small potatoes
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons of butter
2 tablespoons of flour
parsley

Have chops have excess fat, trim it off. Brown the chops in butter; add milk, onions, potatoes, salt and pepper. Cover and cook until simmer a half hour or until vegetables are done. Arrange chops, onions and potatoes on a warm platter and make a gravy by thickening liquid in pan with butter and flour; garnish with parsley and serve with mint sauce.

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First Of 95,000 Youths To Be Flying Soon

Within four months, if official expectations are realized, the first of 95,000 youths scheduled to be taught to fly under a new federal program will be in the air.

Congress sent to the White House last week legislation to create a vast reservoir of airmen for peace or war, and civil aeronautics officials predicted the training would be in full swing by Oct. 15. Between 200 and 400 universities and colleges will offer the introductory ground school study at the opening of the scholastic year in September. Actual flying will follow.

The legislation authorizes without specific limit the training each quality of $5,675,000 to train 15,609 pilots in the next 12 months, and $7,000,000 a year to teach 20,000 others annually until mid-1944.

Students At U. K. Attain Perfect Scholastic Rating

Twenty-one students in the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences attained perfect scholastic standings for the second term of the 1938-39 school year, Dean Paul P. Boyd has announced.

They are: Mary Louise Barton, Fairmount; Dorothy May Chaney, Chicago, Ill.; Edith Frost Colbert, Berea; Mary Daingerfield, Lexington; Emma Jo Earle, Lexington; Cordelia Forest, Kokomo, Ind.; Lavalette Gaddie, Louisville; Elizabeth F. Gillespie, Mayslick; Edward Hall Kinn, Wesbury, L. I.; William Nunn Lipscomb, Lexington; Mabel Lawrence Lovens, Lexington; Corie Crittenden Lowry, Princeton; James Albert Lyle, Lexington; Anna Frances Odor, Lexington; Arthur Wayne Plummer, Millersburg; Alice Ozark Robertson, Lexington; Truman S. Smith, Corbin; Betty G. South, Frankfort; Bernard G. Still, III, Lexington, and Charles Thompson Wilkins, Hopkinsville.

Chinese Illiteracy Cut From 80 Pct. To 50 Pct.

Dr. Daniel C. Fu, who helped "streamline" the Chinese alphabet from 40,000 characters to 1,000, says that Chinese illiteracy has been reduced from 80 per cent to 50 per cent in the last twenty years.

"The cost for each individual's instruction in reducing the illiteracy rate was only 5 cents in American money," said the educational director of the Young Men's Christian Association in China in an address at Cleveland, Ohio.

Census Next Year Will Cost $45,000,000

Next year Uncle Sam will be faced with the job of counting the noses of his big family, which he has done every ten years since the first census in 1790, at a cost of $22,000,000 to be available at the end of this month to make a start on this undertaking. Total cost of the decennial enumeration will be $45,000,000 and its completion will require about three years.

The work will be in charge of 600 supervisors scattered throughout the country, and installing the 435 Congressional districts. Under them an army of 145,000 enumerators will work a few days each, ringing doorbells all over the Nation, and politely inquiring how many people live there, their ages, and other vital information regarding 130,000,000 human beings within its limits these United States. This actual count will be made April 1, and it is thought it will be completed within a few days, it will be a long time before the final results will be known.

Kentucky Motorists Paid Less Taxes Last Year

Motor vehicle operators in Kentucky paid 8.61 per cent less in gasoline taxes on a state-wide average than they did in 1937, figures released by Herbert Lusby, secretary of the Kentucky Petroleum Industries Committee, revealed. This is the first time in recent years that the average motor vehicle tax bill has been reduced, and is an indication that the first phase of a general national trend toward motor vehicle tax reduction has set in, Mr. Clay believes.

The 414,207 vehicles registered in Kentucky last year paid an average of $52.09 apiece in special motor vehicle levies compared with similar payments of $56.86 made in 1937. Contrary to last year's experience automotive taxes in other years have continued to alm