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Re-examine school systems

Debate over American education, with special emphasis on the high schools, has been running hot and heavy for several years. Practically everyone seems to believe that there are wide differences as to what should be done. Proposed solutions run a wide gamut—better pay for teachers, still more elaborate school plants and facilities, general major changes in curricula, special schools or classes for exceptionally bright students, and so on.

Since the Sputniks first lit outer space, the controversy has intensified. Scores of educators, including Welfire Foster, have told us that only one out of every three or four recent high school graduates has been exposed to even a year of chemistry or physics, and that the average high school graduate has had less than a year of mathematics, foreign languages, and so on.

The Wall Street Journal sent its reporters to talk to school officials, teachers, and others throughout the country. As was to be expected, many of those queried stressed the need for better teachers and better schools. But the answer did not stop there. As the Journal put it, "The teachers themselves are worried mainly about the students' lack of interest and their hesitancy to take courses in these fields."

A New York physics teacher said, "The majority of youngsters today prefer to take the softest classes they can find," and added that his school only had about half as many physics students now as 10 years ago. A San Francisco educator said much the same thing, and his problem isn't a shortage of teachers, but a shortage of students with the aptitude and interest to get the most out of their work.

How can such a situation exist in our enormously expensive school establishment? In answer to that question, the Journal said, "The elective system has reached the point where students can choose almost anything they want. If they choose any course instead of foreign languages and the same credits, the top of that. There is all manner of academic credit, but it is not the same. It is not the same, however, as the credit in the work—driver training classes, cooking classes, citizenship classes, etc. And school administrators, too, have been misled by the firms with the credit according to the Journal, that have recommended to athletic programs, social events or other non-academic activities."

What all this adds up to is a belief, held by many informed people, that money alone is not the solution to this country's science education problem. There is a need, here, no doubt that more money is being spent, but it does not attract better teachers and to improve school facilities. There is an urgent need to re-examine and re-assess our school systems, particularly in regard to science.

Quarantine placed on CCC camp; no murder cases on Feb. decker

Thursday, February 10, 1959
Dr. J. W. Scudder, local health officer, Monday placed a quarantine on the local CCC camp here as a result of one of the employees contracting with smallpox.

Charles Armstrong suffered a painful cut over the eye Tuesday night when he fell into the floor during the Carlisle-Maryville football game here.

John J. Spang sold Tuesday his farm of 130 acres near Elizaville to Charles Reed and Walter Long at a price of \$95 per acre.

Claims amounting to \$164 for items stolen by dogs here have been filed in the sheriff's office during the past week.

Thomas H. Alexander qualified in county court last week as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Fannie Alexander, with the will annexed court, which convened Tuesday with Judge P. P. Fryer to be held here on Feb. 15.

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KENTUCKIANS IN WASHINGTON

By Gil Kingsbury
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From an editor's random thoughts

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers.

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WATCH FOR IT!

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BUYERS' CLOSE-OUT!

Buyers' Close-Out advertisement for dresses and other items.

The Federal State Market News Service Volume of offerings available in 1957-58 totaled 807,407 pounds and averaged \$420 per hundred.

Concord

By Phyllis Tapp
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IGA Values advertisement featuring Kelly's Gallon Jug Milk, Pork Roast, Loin End Pork Roast, Macaroni, and other products.

Carroll's advertisement for POWERLINER Tubed Tires, featuring a large tire image and text describing the product's benefits.