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Kentucky Constitution has its humorous side, too

By James Hudson
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Kentucky's constitution has the inherent drawback of any piece of written material in that it doesn't always say what it means.

Fortunately, the Court of Appeals can by interpretation make sense from some of the nonsense contained in the constitution, but if section eight of the Kentucky constitution should ever be subjected to a literal interpretation it could be embarrassing for the state.

From a quick reading of the section a newspaperman might get the idea that the framers of our constitution were trying to out do the U.S. constitution is granting free-dom of the press.

Such was the case several years ago when two University of Kentucky journalism students appeared before the Senate and asked for their free printing press.

"There must be some mistake," the Speaker said, "we're not giving away printing presses."

"Then you'd better start giving them away if you don't want to violate the constitution," one student said.

At the students' request the Speaker read section eight: "Printing presses shall be free to every person who undertakes to examine the proceedings of the General Assembly or any branch of government, and no law shall ever be made to restrain the right thereof."

The students didn't get their free press but the Senate got a big laugh from the young journalists' whimsical interpretation of the law.

Section eight of the constitution, even though it can be given a humorous twist, is in no danger of being changed because it is the most important part of the Kentucky Bill of Rights. The Bill of Rights section has gone virtually unchanged since it was first written in 1792. The only major change was made in 1891 when slavery was outlawed.

The Bill of Rights, which deals with basic human liberties, needs no changes, for the principles of freedom are the same today as they were in 1792. The opposite is true for many of the other provisions in the constitution, which deals with such trivialities as limiting the number of doorkeepers in the Senate. Among the more obsolete sections are:

The Commonwealth is prohibited from building highways (sec. 177).

Persons may buy their way out of serving in the militia by paying an equivalent sum of money for exemption (sec. 220).

The general laws of Virginia that were in effect on June 1, 1792, and are not repugnant to Kentucky's constitution, are in force until repealed (sec. 233). Thus Kentuckians are actually governed by three constitutions: those of the United States, Kentucky and Virginia.

All state officers and members of the bar must swear they haven't fought in a duel or challenged anyone to a duel (sec. 228). The value of this oath has been questioned. Since there hasn't been a duel in Kentucky since July 27, 1867, the oath is somewhat like asking a bachelor if he beats his wife.

Machinery was started in December 1959 to call a constitutional convention that is limited to 12 subjects. If the proposal passes in November, delegates would be elected in 1962 from each of the House of Representative districts and would convene in 1963. The people would then ratify or reject the revised constitution in 1963 or 64.

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of weekly articles that will examine and discuss the 12 subjects being considered for revision. Next week's article will discuss the organization and powers of municipal, county and other local government.

More unemployed?

The Department of Labor reports that unemployment rose by 1,000,000, reaching a total of 4,400,000, in the May-June period. This was a larger increase than was expected. Unemployment among both teenagers and adult workers rose more than seasonally.

About 1,600,000 of the unemployed in June—35 per cent of the total—were teenagers. This figure was about a quarter of a million higher than in June, 1959.

At the same time, $3,700,000 teenage boys were employed in June. And it is significant that about one third of them were sales or service jobs.

So much for the statistics. Now, suppose that the proposal to extend the federal wage-hour law to retail businesses—which have been exempt—were approved. Retailing is a service business which has room for many marginal workers—teenagers, part-time employees, and others with little or no skill or experience. Retailing offers them the opportunity to learn skills that will qualify them for better paid, more responsible jobs. But if an arbitrary national law imposed wage and other restrictions which were out of balance with their productive worth, this kind of employment would be pared to the bone.

The proposed wage-hour law extension would further swell the unemployment totals. And it would hit hardest at those whom it is supposed to aid.

6,060 head sold at local market; Squires, Watkins buy Tureman drug

Thursday, August 8, 1940

Troop A, 123rd Q.M. Squadron, local national guard unit, to leave Sunday morning for Wyeville, Wisconsin, to participate in largest troop concentrations in peace-time history.

6,060 head of livestock sold as local market re-opens.

City council instructs city marshal to arrest all speeders.

Frank Huddleson awarded contract to paint chapel of Carlisle city school and has started work.

The heat wave in this section was ended, at least temporarily by a rain Tuesday afternoon.

Julian Atkinson, who has been located at Owingsville for several months as assistant supervisor of the Farm Security Administration office for Bath and Montgomery counties, has been transferred to Vanceburg as supervisor of the Lewis county office.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Douglas, of Lexington, a son, on Sunday at St. Joseph's hospital.

MARRIED — Miss Josephine T. Herrin and Woodrow R. Blake, both of the county at Paris Saturday.—Miss Jennie T. McCarty and Adron Ramey, both of the county Saturday.—Miss Ruby Snapp and James Lawrence, both of Carlisle Tuesday night.

DIED — Alfred Scoby, 84, Tuesday morning at the home of his son, Calvert in the Sellwell section.—James Thomas Duncan, 71, Wednesday at the Veterans hospital, Lexington.—Mrs. Mary Edith Myers Norton, 54, Monday morning following several days illness. — Mrs. Edna Grace Turner Hardesty, 60, Wednesday morning at Johnson Memorial hospital.

Thursday, August 12, 1920

School census shows total of 2,306 children of school age in Nicholas County.

County school board employs Miss Ruth Henry as attendance officer for the coming school term.

R. Dean Squires and Eula K. Watkins purchase the Tureman drug store from J. C. Tureman and take charge of the business.

Omar W. Barber, of Owingsville, nominated by Republicans as Congressman from this district in primary Saturday.

John B. Blair, of Carlisle, re-elected president of Hurst Home Insurance Co. at annual meeting of stockholders at Millersburg.

John W. Swartz, local carpenter, seriously injured when he falls 25 feet from a barn on the farm of E. A. Mathias near Jacksetown.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Tuse, of Carlisle, on the 5th, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner, near Jacksetown, on the 9th, a daughter.

DIED—Mrs. Emmanuel Mattox, 70, at her home near Berryville on the 11th. — Mrs. Irene Jones, 23, at her home near Moorefield on the 7th.—Emma Louis Hinkle, 3-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Hinkle at their home near Little Rock on the 4th.

A LITTLE YAPPIN'
by Nellie Crump
For Weather Like This.

Read about a group of Americans—official delegates, it said—who recently attended the International Nudist Congress in Denmark. Took off their clothes and made themselves right at home too, it also said. Head of the delegation, a guy from Florida and a nudist since 1933, was saddened, poor fellow, by the thought that there are only 15,000 "organized nudists" in the United States. But he added "far more Americans enjoy nudism in private." No charge for the tip!

—Yes—

Meet Little Miss Muffett.

Two little girls and three dogs left my home before noon-up bound for the Blackberry Patch, returning a few hours later as hot as firecrackers lit at both ends, worn to a frazle and their bottle of ice water dry as a bone. Each girls was lugging a waterbucket full of berries, plus an extra small measure to heap 'em high. Both began at the same time to tell me how Miss Muffett had chased a papa cow "away over the hill" for merely looking at them. Meet the little half grown dog of uncertain ancestry. Cuddly and friendly, nothing has yet been found that she is afraid of. A little later that morning she began barking furiously a few yards away from the girls, running back and forth, so they decided she had found something worth investigating. Cautiously they followed the leader to a spot where she stopped, wagged her tail and barked as if to say, "There is a what-is-it." They crept nearer. There the monster lay asleep in the weeds not caring a boot about dogs, kids or papa cows. The big land terrapin was full of blackberries and was taking his mid-morning nap. They left him alone to enjoy life, much to the disgust of Miss Muffett who kept a watchful eye on the critter.

Yeps—all . . .

Farm and Home

By: William T. Straw, County Agent, Margie H. Wilson, Home Agent, Luther Whitaker, Ass't County Agent

Federal Refund Gas Forms

Federal and State Gas Refund forms have arrived and any farmer wishing to have these forms may receive them by calling at the County Extension Office.

Beef Cattle

August is a good time to treat beef cattle with Co-Ral or Ronnel for heel flies which produce grubs or cut warbles in cattle next winter and spring. Good on beef cattle—not for dairy cattle. These treatments work mighty well.

4-H Camp

4-H members in Nicholas County who are planning on attending 4-H camp this year should be planning on what to take and practicing themselves for a wonderful week of camping. Leaders who will be accompanying the members to camp are Miss Lavina McFarland, Mrs. Glenn Clay and John Wallace. Miss Rebecca Barlow, daughter of Mrs. W. G. Irvin, is the permanent Life Guard for 4-H camp this year and Caleb York, Camp manager, reports that Rebecca is doing a wonderful job and should be commended for her work.

4-H Council

The 4-H Council held its monthly meeting in the form of an outing at the City Reservoir Monday night. Mrs. Harvey Wagoner, Council president, presided over the meeting. Plans for the coming year were discussed and also plans for completing 4-H project books were discussed.

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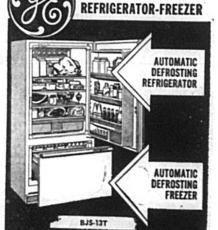

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Saltwell

by Mrs. Fred Holler

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Paynter of Middletown, Ohio, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp.

Ronnie Gaunce and Johnny Faulconer returned home recently from a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Faulconer and sons of Ft. Pierce, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Elrod, Mrs. Omer Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Brayfield of Carlisle, spent last Friday with Mrs. Grace Earlywine.

Rev. G. C. Gaunce preached at Headquarters Sunday and Sunday night in the absence of Rev. Hill.

Doris and Jerry Snapp of Paris, spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Huguenot of Ashland, and Mrs. Pearlie Morris spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe McDuffy of Cynthiana.

Garland Earlywine and Miss Helen Howard were Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar and son.

Mrs. Mertie Kenney and Ray were Saturday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bramel of Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and son, Mrs. Biddie Hollar and Myrel Hollar spent Sunday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Shaw and daughters of Mt. Dora, Fla., spent the past week with Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Gaunce.

Mrs. Lizzie Martin remains a patient at Nicholas County hospital.

Misses Shirley and Glenda Snapp, Sue and Phyllis Faulconer, Paula and Linda Storey, Judy Hutchison and Dorcas Allison, enjoyed a slumber party Wednesday night at the trailer of Mrs. W. F. Faulconer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Kenney and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams in Cynthiana.

Miss Judy Hutchinson of Headquarters spent several days the past week with Miss Virgie Green of Mt. Sterling. She also spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Morris of Little Rock.

Miss Rebecca Gaunce of Lexington, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce and Ronnie.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney spent Friday with Mrs. Kenneth Kerns at Jacktown.

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Henryville News

by Harrison Hamilton

Mrs. Norene Steverson and Miss Charity Marks are visiting with Mrs. Gertrude Marks of Detroit, Mich.

Mrs. Lottie O'Bannon will entertain the Willing Workers club on Monday night, August 8 at her home on Pickerel St.

Sunday was a big day for Rev. Edwards at Clay City. His congregation entertained with a lovely basket dinner, plenty of good singing, preaching and eating.

Death claimed Mrs. Maggie Davis, wife of the late Robert Davis. She is survived by several nieces and nephews, one sister, Mrs. Harriet Cole, of Mcarguis, Mich.

Mrs. Noretta Thompson of Winchester, visited here with relatives and friends a few days ago.

This week is Bible School week at the High St. Christian Church. The children are invited to come and attend and have plenty of fun.

Millersburg

by Mrs. Martin Heflin

Mrs. Beatrice Hurst and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ritchie and son Donald spent a weekend recently with Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Taylor and family in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Gene Hyatt and friend from Springfield, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. James Hawkins and family of Little Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Davis and sons from North Middletown, Mr. and Mrs. James Matherly and son visited Mr. and Mrs. George Hyatt, one evening recently. lunch was served on the lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells and two children from Florida, spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Soper and daughters.

Billy and Joe Hurst of Lexington, spent the weekend with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ritchie.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Earlywine and daughter and Mrs. Jessie Earlywine spent the past weekend visiting in Dayton, Ohio.

Misses Linda and Kay Megill spent Wednesday with Miss Dotty Keene.

Taylors Creek Homemakers

Mrs Joe Sapp, Mrs. Kenneth Kearns, Mrs. Roxie Wilson; Mrs. Walter Hamilton and Mrs. Jessie Smith of the Taylors Creek Homemakers visited the Johnson Memorial hospital Aug. 2.

After visiting with the patients and serving ice cream and cake, the same members visited the County Infirmary where they had a program and served refreshments.

Bald Hill

by Mrs. Elmer Ritchie

The first good rain in a month fell here Sunday morning. A barn belonging to W. F. Guthrie, was struck by lightning during the storm. Tools, a large amount of hay and two calves in the barn were destroyed. Electricity was off and telephones were out until late in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Miller spent last Thursday with Tilton Snapp and family.

Mrs. Clyde Miller and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Lester Snapp and daughter and Mrs. Mina Snapp one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Shell Morris were last Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ritchie. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ritchie, Sardis, were Sunday night supper guests.

Rev. Marvin Snapp and family, Sandy Hook, visited relatives here last week.

Rev. W. P. Fryman, Lexington, was a recent visitor at his old home here, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Shell Morris. He was also their luncheon guest.

Mrs. Rose Snapp and Thurman visited Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mynear Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Mayme McVey is visiting her daughter and family, Mrs. Bernis Ritchie, Bourbon county.

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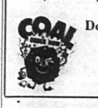

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