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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

"We Are Even Poorer Teachers."
As many people have seen, the article which appeared in this paper two weeks ago, "Do Teachers' Need More Money?" was replied to last week in this paper in the article, "I'm a Poor Farmer." This article is in response to certain misleading statements made by the latter article.

As "I'm a Poor Farmer" has so aptly pointed out, the farmer is indeed in a very bad financial condition. There are few people in Nicholas County who can better understand the condition of the Kentucky farmer than this writer.

However, the fact that the farmer and the teacher are both suffering from very low incomes does not appear to be properly appreciated by said farmer. The farmer can do a better job in his farming, and thus improve his income. The increased profit-encency. Rather, the teacher receives the same pathetic salary regardless of how good a job he or she does in teaching. If the job is poor enough, the teacher will lose the job much the same as the farmer will lose his farm if he does not keep up the mortgage payment.

The "desirable income" of the teacher is a gross salary of approximately \$4,300. "I'm a Poor Farmer" would feel that his year's work was completely wasted if he only grossed \$4300. With farm expenses averaging approximately 60-75% of the gross income, "I'm a Poor Farmer" would be faced with a net income of about \$1720 to \$1975. The average net income of a farmer who is fortunate enough to own his own farm is much higher than that for Nicholas County, and for Kentucky. "I'm a Poor Farmer's" net income, given in last weeks paper, is all wet. We'll ignore such a figure as \$346.27.

This writer feels that the influx of good, hard-working farm boys into the industrial world has improved the equality of factory workers greatly. If every boy wanted to farm in this day and time, then there would be no income for the rank and file farmer at all. All this writer wanted to do was to point out that the teacher has much more invested in his job preparation than has the average factory worker. There are indeed many industrial workers who are college trained, but they are working at a salary the teacher could never reach in a lifetime of teaching. This writer only desired to point out the inequality of salaries in terms of expense and preparation time. I have former students who are now making \$8,000 per year. More power to the student but we need to improve the financial condition of the teacher who helped make that possible.

As to the comment about the "difficulty" of taking up tickets for ball games, would "I'm a Poor Farmer" want to take up tickets outside the door and miss the game going on just inside? I don't think so. It isn't the diffi-

culty of the job, its inconvenience and extra duties that create the problem. Teachers do not pay to see the games. Why should they? If you help the students make money, you should at least get in free yourself. My automobile also used gasoline in attending social events, and I'm not griping about that. I don't think that "I'm a Poor Farmer" wants his children to participate in school activities, then he must pay for that. The teacher certainly did not mean to imply that every student was a problem child. She merely meant to point out that when ever groups of children are together, then discipline must be enforced. "I'm a Poor Farmer's" kids might be angels, but this teacher has never noticed that they stand out as shining examples of conduct when at school or upon at the drug store.

Mr. "I'm a Poor Farmer" points out that everyone is expected to live morally and upstanding in his community. This is true. However, everyone expects the teacher to live "more morally" and "more upstanding" than anyone else. Let a teacher do a better job in his farming, and thus improve his income. The increased profit-encency. Rather, the teacher receives the same pathetic salary regardless of how good a job he or she does in teaching. If the job is poor enough, the teacher will lose the job much the same as the farmer will lose his farm if he does not keep up the mortgage payment.

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MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher

Before we get to rambling, may we extend our thanks and that of the community to the city and county employees for a job well-done—the cleaning of Main Street, a few cities, of Carlisle's size, in our estimation can approach its accomplishment in ridding the main drag of an accumulation of snow and ice.

Oh Happy (school) days, we've been complaining. A person of our acquaintance is reported to have called the Mercury a "tin horn" newspaper. Could it be that to a "tin cry," a creaking noise made when a bar of tin is bent. It would seem many persons have been changed by pressure, as it were.

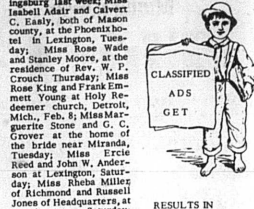
Since we have a rather lengthy letter to the editor, "We Are Even Poorer Teachers," we'd better sign-off and let it attract your attention.

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Since the weather men said was sort of consigned for Ohio due to an ill wind which blew us no wind, enveloped Kentucky Sunday and into it, Nicholas county.

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