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Do Teachers Need More Money?

(NOTE: The following article was submitted for publication by a Nicholas teacher who wishes for reasons of his own to remain anonymous.)

There has been a great deal of controversary lately concerning the salaries of Kentucky teachers. Do teachers need more money than they are currently getting?

A four year College education to prepare for a teaching position costs a minimum of four thousand dollars at the State Colleges. The University of Kentucky and the private colleges cost more than this to attend. The person electing to pursue the teaching profession must pay the four thousand dollars and give up four years of income to receive a teaching certificate. Let us see what next occurs.

The average Kentucky teacher is receiving a salary less than a factory worker. The teacher had to pay for his education, but the factory worker receives his training at factory expense. If money was the only thing involved, then no one would ever prepare to be a teacher. Teaching is a vital job, and one too long undervalued by the general public.

Teaching is a job involving much more than mere classroom instruction. The lesson preparation time, grading of papers, and the many extra duties such as ticket-taking at ballgames all require extra time. Teaching is a full-time job. Discipline is a problem. What parent has not sighed with relief when vacation-time was over? Yet the teacher must deal with many children every day, (all children are not angels,) and even with problem children whose own parents publically state that they can not handle, yet the teacher never receives any credit for an impossible feat! Teachers are the cheapest baby-sitters yet discovered.

Let us consider the base salary of a typical Nicholas County Teacher. The Rank III teacher (College degree and a teaching certificate) receives $4300 for a hard years' work. This is the total salary as published in the newspaper. However the gross salary does not tell the whole story. This is the salary before taxes and other deductions are deleted. This teacher pays $300 into the Teacher Retirement Fund each year. He pays $56 in Federal Income Tax. The State Income Tax takes another $38. His professional organizations dues takes another fifty dollars. Local taxes take some money. Teachers are required to do some additional college graduate work during summers, and this takes a minimum of a hundred dollars. These listed deductions total $1044, which the teacher never takes home. This leaves him with $3256 to meet his regular living expenses, attempt to support a family, and try to enjoy life without getting too many ulcers.

Teachers are expected to be active in community affairs, dress neatly and decently, live better moral lives than ministers, and to contribute generously to any community activity. That's very poor pay for a very important job. Remember, your children are your most valuable possession. Let's pay the people who see them as much as you do what they are worth, not the present rate of pay.

Not A Contract To Sell

Many of you have read about the recent typographical error in a New York newspaper which advertised 19-inch television sets for $8.98. (It should have been $88.98). According to the news, 200 people stormed the store demanding the sets at the advertised price. Typical comment was: "You advertised it, and you've got to sell it."

The news story left you with the impression the store had to sell the sets at $8.98. This is certainly not true, as most newspapermen and merchants will tell you. An advertisement is an offer to sell, not a contract to sell. When there is an obvious error, a store is under no obligation to sell merchandise.

Nevertheless, the store manager sold 46 sets at the $8.98. Even if he knew his rights, he probably felt that some sales was necessary to protect his shop and his life from the bargain-crazy mob. A week later another New York paper carried an ad for a sewing machine at $2.76, another typographical error; the $2.76 should have said was the payment per week for a machine that cost $339.95. This time, the store managers, on proper advice, stood by their guns and either closed their stores or refused to sell the machines at the rediculous price that is an obvious and honest error.

Many states have laws, and there are court decisions supporting them, which state that a merchant is not bound by an advertised price that is an obvious and honest error.

We hope this will enlighten Mercury advertisers of their rights, should a similar incident arise here. We do our best to safeguard against such incidents, but occasionally any newspaper will slip-up and a big glaring blooper appears. It is best to know where you stand when it happens.

20 & 45 Years Ago

Thursday, Jan. 24, 1946

Major Teddy Poe, who is home on terminal leave until April first, has been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

Miss Jean Pumphrey has been elected as president of the Hubba Hubba Club which recently held its third meeting at the home of Miss George Buntin. Other officers were: Miss Buntin, Miss Norma Jean Vice, Cabinet members were Misses Mary Lou Sears, Lucy Nell Henry, Helen Jane Scott and Emily Dixon.

Carlisle downs North Middletown 25-24 Monday night, Jan. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Bryant gave a miscellaneous shower for Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Anderson (Betty Frederick) Thursday night at their home on East Main street.

Married: Miss Emma Ruth Medley and Robert Nelson Moore; Miss Rose Elizabeth Alexander of Lexington and Joseph Dozier of Versailles at 4:30 Tuesday afternoon; Miss Anna Sue Scott and James W. Woodall Jr. at a ceremony solemnized at 3 o'clock Tuesday, Jan. 22, 1946, at the Carlisle Christian Church.

Corn To: Mr. and Mrs. Osborne Anderson of the Maysville road, a son, on Sunday, Jan. 20 at the Johnson Memorial Hospital; Mr. and Mrs. Julian Atchison of Vanceburg, a daughter, Mary Beth, on Jan. 18; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Caswell, a daughter on Jan. 19 at the Jewish hospital in Cincinnati.

Died: David Nevius, a nephew of Mrs. Harvey C. Norton; Mrs. Ella Henson, 73, Friday, in Nicholas county; Chester B. Medley, 37, Sunday at his residence in Bourbon county; Mrs. Addie Watson Hollar, widow of the Confederate veteran, died at the Confederate home at Pewee Valley last Thursday of paralysis.

Married: Miss Elizabeth Parker and Otha Gaunce on Wednesday.

Died: James Franklin Payne, aged 84 years, at his home near this city, Sunday; Mrs. Nannie H. Rankin, aged 62 years, at her home in Millersburg, Saturday; Edmund Carpenter, aged 69, at his home in Orange City, Fla. Sunday. Mr. Carpenter was a brother of J. H. Carpenter of this county; George Alexander, aged 75 years, at his home in Milltown, Saturday.

Rev. F. S. Hollar, Mrs. Sara Jane Booth Crouch, 93, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ollie Atkinson in Bath county; Mrs. Sallie Esther Brooks, 48, Monday at her home in Winchester.

Thursday, Jan. 27, 1921

Nightriders invade Bath and Fleming counties late Saturday night and early Sunday and warn tobacco growers to haul no more tobacco to the Carlisle or Flemingsburg market.

At the city school chapel on Friday evening, there will be a "Tom Thumb Wedding" put on by children in the town from ages 3 to 10 years old. Proceeds will go towards building up the school.

A total of 413,215 pounds of tobacco were disposed of on the Carlisle market last week at prices ranging from 25 cents to $59 per hundred.

Mrs. Hadden Howell has taken a position as saleslady at Mrs. Angie Waugh's dry goods store Miss Rose Wade having resigned.

The famous Domingo's Musical Extravaganza to play at the Orgheum Theatre, Jan. 29. Mr. Domingo, the director, is the first native Filipino violinist, graduated in Conservatory of Music, Madrid.

Greenberry Dotson, aged 82 years, well known

Farm Home

BY

Estil J. Noffsinger, County Agent

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Beef Cattle Short Course

One of the outstanding beef cattle meetings of the year is always the annual beef cattle short course at the University of Kentucky. The conference will be held January 26-27 at the Student Center. Outstanding speakers from other states as well as specialists from the University will be on the program. Some of the subjects to be discussed are: "Weaning a Higher Percentage Calf Crop," "Breeding Better Beef Cattle, Kentucky Can't Afford Cattle Grubs, Finishing Cattle for Slaughter, and several panel discussions on beef management. The Kentucky Feeder Calf Luncheon, The Kentucky Cattlemen's Association meeting and the Stockman's Banquet will be held in connection with the short course. Nicholas County beef producers are invited to attend.

Diversion Program

Signup January 31

The signup period for wheat, feed grain and the new Cropland Adjustment Program will start January 31. These programs call for diversion of crop acreage into an approved conserving use. The ASCS office has full details on the program.

Farmers Need Good Records

Any farmer who solicits by the operation of his farm can make an income that provides a comfortable living for his family, educate his children, pay for the farm, and accumulate savings for his old age, must conduct an efficient business.

The modern farmer keeps a lot of equipment to plant, cultivate, and harvest crops, and to do all the chores that go with livestock care.

To purchase this equipment, he needs money. Proper management of his financial affairs is just as important to his success as proper management of crops and livestock.

Since few of us remember all the details about a farm business, some organized system of recording facts is needed. Good records can enable a farmer to judge the advantages of one enterprise against another, the worth of one crop compared to another and whether or not you should shoot for top production, or settle for the most economical production.

Foot Notes

When you shop for shoes, put your foot forward. It's the best foot for measuring, since this helps get a better fit. The difference between one shoe size and the next is a mere 1/10th of an inch, say clothing specialists of the Agricultural Extension Service. A shoe should fit comfortably when bought.

Foot measurements frequently vary according to the time of day. During the afternoon the foot is about midpoint in size. This is the best time to shop for shoes, the specialists say.

As shoe styles change, so do sizes. Changing from a sedentary job to an active one can cause a change in shoe size. When fitting shoes, try on both shoes and see if you can walk on a hard surfaced floor. Your walking will be chiefly on hard surfaces, and this helps judge comfort. Try a combination last if a snugger heel fit is needed.

'Agree or Not, I say what I Think ...'

By S. C. Van Curon

FRANKFORT, Ky.--As the legislative session enters its third week Gov. Edward F. Breathitt's well-oiled machine hit its first snag when the controversial strip-mine bill got into action.

Industry representatives were busy here last week button-holing legislators to get their objections to the measure registered and hunting ways to dilute the drastic stringent requirements of the measure patterned after Pennsylvania's tough law.

Legislators were flown to both Eastern and Western Kentucky strip mine areas to get a view of the situation. The governor and National Resources Commissioner J. O. Matlick hope this strenghtens legislators stand for the law. They also visited strip mine operations in Pennsylvania.

Mine operators in the western part of the state object to a requirement of complete backfilling to the approximate original contour of the land. They want to leave the final pit open.

They claim they may return years later to claim a lower seam that is not profitable to mine with present machinery. These pits often become lakes that will provide fishing and recreation. Lakes are permissible in Pennsylvania, but they must be included in plans submitted to the state when asking for a permit.

Efforts of newsmen on the tour last week to get reclamations costs per ton mined from operators under the present law proved of no avail. Neither would they give an estimate to newsmen what costs would be under the proposed tighter law.

Reclamation is being done in Pennsylvania at 11 cents per ton, but varies up or down according to depth of the seam and terrain. Operators say the new measure is prohibitive and would "put us out of business."

Breathitt has solid control of the House and Senate, but this is one measure where loyalty to the home area and business may come before loyalty to the administration. Legislators frankly say, "I'm not going to vote to put the mining industry out of business." They still maintain they have an "open mind" on the question, but they want to be shown the industry will not be severely crippled.

This gives industry spokesmen the opening they need to take with legislators, and it's a cinch the industry will open all of their guns when the bill comes up for passage. But industry hasn't proved cost figures or laid them on the table for legislators.

Lawmakers may take a long look at the bill for the one thing that scares them is putting people out of work in their districts. This is one of the favorite tunes of industry spokesmen. Another they use is that Kentucky is "whiskey, tobacco, coal and race horses." They then leave the implied question, "are you going to put one of the big four out of business in Kentucky?".

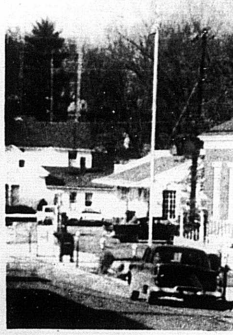
Courting of legislators is now in the friendly persuasive stage, but veteran newsmen here agree that the industry will use its siege cannons when the proper time arrives. The coal industry has successfully fought off imposition of an extraction tax over the years---varying from two to five cents.

They may be successful in convincing legislators that the stricter law will be injurous to the industry. But Breathitt has given full notice that he intends to put the "full strength" of his administration behind passage of the measure in its present form.

If it comes through unmanged by amendments weakening regulations, Breathitt's strength and power will be unquestioned.

MERCURY VAPOURS

by Warren R. Fisher



Did you ever try to take a picture of a flag that seemingly didn't want its picture taken. There was what we thought a stiff, cold breeze Monday about noon, but each time we raised the camera and took sight, Old Glory would just fold up. About five minutes of cold air and waiting until traffic cleared was enough, we just snapped away anyway. Seriously though, the flag atop the mast at the Carlisle Post Office must be replaced on the average of every four months. The present flag we learned has been up nearly seven months, and just how long the silk and cotton combination flags last is dependent upon the elements. Wind and rain hasten their demise.

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A need exists for wheel chairs, walkers or crutches belonging to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. The club commander (John Tapp) would appreciate their return to the club room on Walnut Street, so that they may be on hand for others in need. In addition the club would like to know the addresses of local persons in Foreign Service.

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In the writing business, it isn't what you think that counts, but your ability to say what you think in words so arranged that readers understand what is on your mind.--The Imperial Magazine

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Somebody said: There are three great American parties, Democratic, Republican and cocktail!

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Kraft Macaroni Dinner	7 1/4 oz.	2/39¢
Whole Cashews	Fisher Salted 12 1/2 oz.	99¢
Cut Green Beans	Stokely's Frozen 9 oz.	2/39¢
Frozen Orange Juice	Sunshine State 12 oz.	3/$1
Lady Betty Prune Juice	32 oz.	39¢
Van Camp Beef Stew	24 oz.	45¢
Softweave Toilet Tissue	white, a/c 2 roll paks	2 for 49¢
Cut Rite Wax Paper	125 ft. 2 rolls	55¢

14 oz. 2 for 39¢

10 lbs. 89¢

Limit 1 per customer

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C&G Compare KY FOOD STORES

Saltwell

by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and children of Independence.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Gaines were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. M. T. Kennedy and family.

Freddie Hollar of Carlisle spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar.

Mrs. E. Y. Delaney who has been a patient at Nicholas County hospital several days the past week was moved to the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Snapp and Mr. Snapp and family on Thursday. She returned to her home on the Headquarters Road on Sunday.

Mrs. Alice Pallard, Miss Frances Pallard and Earl Merril of Ellisville and Mrs. Andrew Gray of Carlisle visited Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Gaunce and family one evening the past week. Mrs. Gaunce is recovering from recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds Gaunce of Sunrise were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gaunce and sons were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gaunce and son honoring Woodrow Gaunce's birthday.

Rev. and Mrs. Laymon Brooks and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Gaunce and family.

Kenneth McDonald spent Sunday with Gary Hollar.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Gaunce and son were in Lexington on Saturday.

Out Our Way

By Lottie O'Bannon

All friends are invited to attend the revival at Keys Tabernacle C. M.C. church, Mt. Sterling for the next two weeks. Rev. M. J. O'Hara, pastor.

Mrs. Elvia Fields is home now. She is doing nicely.

Mrs. Celestine Jones is in the Nicholas County Hospital.

Myers

by Rena Crawford

Mrs. George Wilson and Mrs. Pearl Bettis of Norwood, Ohio, spent the weekend with Maurice Cameron and family and Mabel Shrout. They attended the funeral of Miss Ella Conway.

Earl George is very ill in the St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington.

Leo Flora, who has been very sick is better at this writing.

Mrs. Milton Flora and three daughters, Mrs. Mahle Shrout, Mrs. Rena Crawford, visited Mrs. Brenda Niblet in Carlisle Saturday afternoon.

Frank Flora is in the hospital. He is getting along fine.

Roccearl Flora spent weekend with her parents Milton Flora and family.

Roslee Kinder visited Mr. and Mrs. Clay Fryman and little daughter, debra at Pleasant Valley.

Mrs. Bonnie Minton of Carlisle spent Sunday with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George.

Mrs. Vina Flora spent a few hours Sunday with Miss Julda Hill and Mrs. Dee Brown.

Miss Leann McKee spent one night past week with Miss Rosie Flora.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bromagen visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George and Rondel George and wife Sunday.

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