Where Your Tax Money Goes

Isn't it nice (?) to pay taxes? Sure is. It's even nicer to know where your hard-earned money is going. Like, for example, to young, tanned, able-bodied Bruce Fearing and his common law wife, Carmi. One way or another, you are contributing to their 365-day-a-year vacation high in the redwood country of northern California--not because the Fearings are unable to work, but because they refuse to work.

Perhaps you saw the story in a recent issue of Newsweek Magazine. Fearing, raised with a silver spoon, educated at Harvard and Columbia Universities, employed for ten years as a technical writer in New York City, simply stopped working for a living. "For the first time," Newsweek quotes him, "I'm really doing what I want. I just want to live simply out in the country with my family." "Living simply" means a wood cabin, an A-frame barn, two goats, eighteen chickens, no phone, no plumbing, no running water. No garden, either, apparently--because they are supported by Welfare Funds in the amount of $172 a month. . .which sum includes support for the unborn child. (Isn't it strange--the rights of the child include welfare support money, but not the right to live if the mother should decide on an abortion). Of the welfare check, says Newsweek, $50 goes for the payment of "their" 80-acres of land they are buying. "Their" land? Since the American taxpayers are paying for the land, should not it belong to them??

In addition -- continues the report -- another $48 goes for government food stamps. That means that you are kicking in an additional $48, because every good stamp gets double the value in grub. Aren't we nice to the Fearings?

To his credit, the Humboldt, California welfare director yanked the Fearing off the list; but Fearing went to court, and -- need we say? -- got back the permanent vacation pay.

That's the way things work according to the rules and regulations of the Health, Education and Welfare people in Washington. If you want it changed, ask your Congressman to do something about it.

Rep. John C. Watts
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Farm & Home

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"MIRROR, MIRROR ON THE HOOK; ON THE OTHER END, HOW DO I LOOK?"

Have you considered how much of a mirror the telephone is?... How often we use it, and yet it is a poor means of communicating your "real self" UNLESS you make a special effort.

When you meet someone in person, you certainly smile at them. Do you have a smile in your voice when you meet someone on the phone? If you don't, it will certainly show at the other end. Do you chew gum or eat while on the phone; do you clear your throat in someone's ear, or do you talk away from the phone instead of into it? Do you have summarized precisely what you wish to communicate, or do you ramble (while their supper burns and you lose your point)?

If you do any of these things, you are making a very bad impression at the other end, you will have "odds" to overcome when you do see them in person.

Talk with as much enthusiasm and manners on the phone as you do in person and you'll be ever better looking at the other end of the line than you really are...and can't most of us use that advantage?

DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION PROGRAM GETS HIGH PRIORITY IN 4-H

Over the years drugs have been associated with healing, health and the well-being of people. Today the word frequently has a new, distasteful and frightening meaning for the parents of young people.

It is not surprising then that youth organizations such as 4-H are giving high priority to drug education programs. Neither is it surprising that 4-H has enlisted the assistance of its national 4-H health sponsor, Eli Lilly and Company, in the development and execution of a drug education program.

"Knowing the facts about the consequences of experimentation and addiction must receive major attention in a program of drug education," states Norman C. Mindrum, director of the National 4-H Service Committee. "And a program designed to prevent tragedy must draw from a broad basis of knowledge, utilize a wide range of methods and enlist the support of qualified people everywhere. That is the kind of program we are working on in 4-H," Mindrum said.

He noted that response of young people to a training course established by 4-H and the Cooperative Extension Service in Amarillo, Texas, which enlisted the assistance of the police. After the training, the youths themselves passed on information to other teens. Equally effective programs are underway in many states including: West Virginia, Minnesota, New Hampshire, Tennessee and Iowa, the 4-H spokesman reported.

At National 4-H Congress in Chicago, drug abuse receives the attention of 1,600 4-H'ers, 4-H'ers. The topic will fit into the Congress theme and hopefully motivate this group of young leaders to carry on educational programs in their local communities.

As a responsive, concerned and viable organization representing a cross-section of society, 4-H accepts its responsibility in providing a strong drug education program.

"Living on a budget is the same as living beyond your means except that you have a record of it."

20 and 40 Years Ago

Thursday, April 12, 1951

The Nicholas County road program for rural highways was announced this week by County Judge Spencer Taylor. It includes 92.3 miles of resurfacing on 31 county roads, with about $26,000 worth of crushed stone to be used.

Stein Brothers and Boyce and Charles A. Hinsch and Company, Louisville, were the successful bidders Monday night on $100,000 worth of revenue bonds sold by the City of Carlisle to finance the installation of natural gas lines in the city.

Rev. Ben C. Hobgood, pastor of the Moorefield Christian Church, has been nominated for the title "The Seminarian of the Year," a contest sponsored by the Christian Century's Pulpit magazine.

William Letcher, a Senior and son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Letcher, Myers, has been elected president of the student body of Nicholas County High School.

Ray Flora has sold his dry cleaning plant on Broadway to Edward Keuling of Miami, Fla., who is the son-in-law of W.R. Buntin Sr.

Patsy Clay Barnes, student at Transylvania College, Lexington, and daughter of Mrs. W.R. Barton, Midway, has been elected secretary of the Phi Beta National Honorary Music and Drama Sorority.

Two Carlisle High students receiving superior ratings at the regional musical contest at Morehead, April 7 are: Soprano Solo--Rose Ballard, and Baritone Solo--Jimmy Shepherd.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. John William Hunt, a son, Larry Wayne, April 7.

DIED--Fenton Jennett, 51, Thursday at his home in Brooksville.--Charles L. Watkins, 79, Friday at the home of his niece, Mrs. Brooks Morris, Harrodsburg.--Mrs. Phoebe Flora McClanahan, 81, Friday, at her home in Paris.--Mrs. Iva Perry Davis, 73, Friday at the Johnson Memorial Hospital.

Thursday, April 9, 1931

Thirty-eight members of the Senior class of the Carlisle high school will receive diplomas at the graduating exercises to be held on Thursday night, May 14. With the exception of last year, when 41 were awarded diplomas this will be the largest graduating class in the history of the school.

At a recent meeting of the city school board, Mr. G.B. Leonard, of Washington county, was elected as teacher of the agricultural department recently created in the Carlisle high school and Mr. Chester Shearer of Danville, was elected director of athletics.

Major C.A. King Jr., regular Army officer, will conduct the annual federal inspection of Howitzer Company, 149th Infantry here Thursday.

John M. Bowen, Frank C. Powell, J.W. Mastin, Joe Simons and Butler McClanahan, were summoned to Covington Monday to serve as jurors in federal court.

County Agent H.J. Matson reports that up until April 3, a total of 174 applications for seed loan have been made by Nicholas County farmers, the applications totaling $18,127.50.

Will Arthur Queen, negro, was arrested on April 6 on a warrant charging him with malicious shooting and wounding. Queen is alledged to have shot a young son of Jim Henry Johnson, negro, in Henryville on the 5th.

BORN--To Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Grimes, a son on the 5th.

MARRIED--Miss Elizabeth Bowden, of Van Wert, Ohio, and Mr. Emil E. Chiles, of Lima, Ohio, on the 5th.

DIED--Miss Tommie Barbee, 41, at the Massie Hospital in Paris on the 6th.--Alvin Land, a former resident of Nicholas County, at his home in Macon City, Mo.--Robert Hardwick, 59, at his home in the county, on the 3rd.--Mr. John H. Barnett, 79, at his home in Barterville, on the 7th.

Agree Or Not

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT--The Kentucky Association of Highway Engineers has a list of objectives that should pay big dividends to the taxpayers of Kentucky as well as to themselves.

The Association had its first membership meeting in Lexington recently and 340 members, from across the state, attended at their own expense. The association has 440 members which comprise 98 per cent of the professional engineers of the State Highway Department.

The by-laws stress that it is a professional association and not a union although the objectives largely deal with protection of the professional in his job--chiefly against political reprisal--so long as he abides by the State Merit System, the Hatch Act and presumably standard rules of conduct expected of a professional.

The turnover in state employment is atrocious in comparison to private enterprise. Separation was 41 per cent for the year ending June 30, 1970. The taxpayers are paying a high price to train personnel for private enterprise, or the state is paying a large percentage of personnel that doesn't stay long enough for the state to benefit from their experienced endeavor.

This was one of the recommendations of Gov. Loule Nunn's Task Force report early in his administration--provide inducements for personnel to make a career of state government. The Task Force viewed turnover as one of the most expensive operations of government.

Efforts have been made in the past to form the Kentucky Association of Highway Engineers, but governors or commissioners have discouraged the effort until this administration.

One of the chief instruments toward formation of the organization was provided by Highway Commissioner Eugene Goss when he was successful in getting the professional engineers into the State Merit System. They were not covered by it before and were subject to discharge or transfer without explanation.

This disturbed the morale of the department and hampered professionalism in the execution of their duties, at times being indecisive on routine matters until it could be cleared through higher authority.

Goss also got salary increments for the engineers about the same time they were put under the Merit System.

Commissioner B.E. King approved the formation of the association, and apparently Gov. Nunn approved because the matter was discussed with both of them.

The first of a long list of objectives is to "Ensure that all personnel matters involving association members are based on professional merits in accordance with the Kentucky Merit System Law and applicable federal laws."

This covers distribution of political tickets as well as the solicitation of political contributions.

Also covered are:

--Engineers are always to be consulted for their recommendation prior to any personnel action concerning employees under their immediate supervision.

--Establish definite lines of communication between the members and Board of directors and develop guidelines for expeditious action on documented grievances of members.

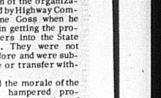
--Demand that all members conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times and encourage them to support KSPE and other engineering organizations.

There are other objectives that are equally beneficial to the taxpayers and the engineers. The 41 per cent turnover metioned above concerns all state employees and not just the Highway Department.

Goss, who is legal counsel for the association said in his speech before the engineers, "I sense a new mood among career employees, a mood which says things can and must be more attractive to career employees. They should be made aware of, their worth, take more pride in their accomplishments and more concern about their predicaments."

Goss believes the state stands to benefit a great deal from the association that he believes will instill professionalism and loyalty in the employees. Goss stressed that the association is totally nonpolitical.

In an interview, Goss said when he went to the Highway Department work conditions were such that there was a feeling of lack of security among the employees and morale was low. He believes the Kentucky Association of Highway Engineers will be a strong force in keeping morale at a highly satisfactory level.



Letters

The following letter while not a letter to the editor, is self explanatory:

31 March 1971

Col. Taylor Davidson
State Director Selective Service
220 Steele Street
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Col. Davidson:

Please accept this letter as my resignation as a member of Local Board No. 77, Nicholas County, Carlisle, Ky.

I feel that I can no longer serve in this position after the conviction of Lt. Calley on charges of murder civilians in Viet Nam. He was under order and was on a mission where the civilian population was very hostile and were supporting the enemy.

I want no part in sending a person into the armed forces where he may find himself in a position similar to that of Lt. Calley.

Also, I am not in sympathy with the consolidation of several local boards which is in the making. I feel it creates a hardship on the registrant in his need for advice and information regarding his status - which he should be able to get from his own local board office.

Sincerely,
Arnold C. Bowen

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THE MOWER

By Russ Metz

When you're stalked by rhubarb, you don't look forward to Spring

"Now I can wear my new sheer pants suit."

"I'm going to make a killing mowing lawns."

Spring is a many splendored thing at our house. The sheer pants suit might as well be armor plating. Momma keeps the shades down. And this lawn mowing bit sounds like a rerun. Last year, I paid out $50 in repair bills to keep all the lawns on our street mowed except our own.

"And what are you going to do this Spring, dear old Dad?" asks Momma.

"I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I'm going right out and chop down that damned rhubarb like always, that's what I'm going to do!"

Most families have respectable skeletons in their closets and decent, chain-rattling apparitions and ghosts to haunt them. I have to be different. I have to be stalked by a rhubarb stalk.

"Are you going into the Spring scrooges again this year?" my little wife asks.

"A family curse is no joking matter," I remind her. "You have to admit that wherever we move, a single rhubarb stalk mysteriously springs up in our yard. I've been able to shake my creditors, galloping consumption and the mildew out of my bib overalls, but this rhubarb has the whammy on me. It's an evil specter of gardens past that dogs me like a murdered relative."

"Have you ever murdered a rhubarb? Is there something about your sordid past you have neglected to tell me about?" she wants to know.

I confess. I did it. I served on the first Let's Stamp Out Rhubarb Committee. I once fire-bombed a rhubarb patch with a carbide cannon. I have pushed rhubarb on college campuses to make it unAmerican, illegal and immoral.

There are people who don't much like rhubarb and others who care for it less. Somehow, I get to be called a harbinger of Spring, like the robin and the bluebird. But robins are crazy and bluebirds are liars and rhubarb ends up small to the culinary arts. It is best you don't start fooling around with those things, or you could end up with a built-in haunt like mine.

In honesty, rhubarb is good for everything except eating or making into a pie. There are those who may tell you that rhubarb, stewed with a good deal of sugar and taken with a cream-tartar biscuit has qualities to make a family glad. I have eaten it and can truthfully say it never made me glad.

My mother was strong on rhubarb pies. She believed they were loaded with calories, vitamins and natural acids which assaulted the obnoxious vapors of the system and purged the body of lethargy and sloth collected during a hard winter.

A rhubarb pie is a first-man pie. The first man to slice himself a piece can tip the pan slightly and run all the makings under his flap. Everybody else at the table then gets no more than a soggy top and bottom crust.

At an early age, I noticed that the most robust rhubarb plants grew next to the family outhouse. This made me a little suspicious and didn't help my appetite for rhubarb any too much either.

When Mom would pull a rhubarb pie from the oven, I'd ask "Where did you get the makings for that one?"

"Don't worry, son" she'd assure me. "Yours came from the stalks over by the lettuce bed."

I never questioned Mom's honesty. But it was unnerving when the steam fogged her eye glasses. And this little bit of doubt would prompt me to rush out and hack down all the rhubarb next to the little castle of comfort. Not that even this completely satisfied me. I still suspected that those plants out by the lettuce bed had a direct pipeline to the privy and I was undermined and outsmarted by a dirty old weed.

Anything powerful enough to come back from the dead year after year and haunt you is hard to kill. You can't eat it to death. A silver spike driven through its heart has no effect. A water pistol loaded with holy water only skews it down. There is only one way to kill the ghoulish rhubarb wereweed.

You pour eight gallons of embalming fluid on its roots each morning for eight days after the dew lifts. Only then will it wrinkle up, turn into a mummified reed and finally evaporate into an eerie blue haze like it missed the last plane back to Shangri-la. Trouble is, undertakers don't believe in ghosts they can't handle and have cornered the embalming fluid market.

If the English can live with their haunted castles, I guess I can put up with one little jolly green garden spook. Besides, everything is good for something, they say, and the curse of the rhubarb may be just what I need to stay loose for crabgrass, dandelions, sheer pants suits and lawn mower repair bills.

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The ultimate in government asininity is seen originating in New York City, of all places. It is about a storekeeper, who conducted a going-out-of-business sale and ended up in jail because he didn't have a license to go out of business.

This chap was not the Mad Hatter in the Land of Oz, where you might expect strange things to happen. He was the owner of a Gift Shop who simply wanted to go out of business.

His first mistake was hanging a sign in his window announcing that he was going out of business. This brought in the bird dogs from the city license department, who probably just happened to be in the neighborhood having a beer.

The sad sack was dragged into criminal court, where the judge handed down a $50 fine or five days for no going-out-of-business license, plus $150 or 15 days because he didn't take the license vultures seriously.

"I can't afford to pay the fines," he told the judge. "I'm going out of business because I don't have any money." Which makes sense to about anyone except bureaucrats.

This poor storkeeper had led a sheltered life. It didn't dawn on him the need for getting permission to go out of business from, say, unions, the Labor Relations Board, the Internal Revenue Department, the Attorney General's office and city hall.

"Taketh the scoundrel away," quoteth the judge and another rogue was hustled down to the dungeons. As a martyr in the battle against municipal sheep-shearing, he may set a new record for attaining sainthood in only 20 days of suffering. And this may please him no end until he learns he must have a saint hood, license and it's back to the poky again.

It's so simple, I wonder why they haven't thought of it before now. A license is required for about everything now. And who do they sell licenses to? Anybody. That's no qualification. They should require you to have a license to get a license. And a license to unlicense.

Make mine vanilla -- if it doesn't require a license.

Onward and taxward.

Homemakers Meet

Headquarters Homemakers

The Headquarters Homemakers held their March meeting at a local restaurant with nine members present. Mrs. James Snapp presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Elbert Smith.

The marigold was selected as the club flower. At the September meeting a flower show will be held.

Mrs. Lurie Ritchie gave the lesson on "How to Stretch the Food Dollar." As we are interested in stretching our dollars, this was a very helpful lesson.

The next meeting will be held tonight, April 8, at the home of Mrs. Veach Delaney.

Parks Homemakers

The Parks Homemakers met at the home of Mrs. Reubel Williams, March 16, with eight members and agent, Mrs. Margie Wilson being present. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Francis Wasson, reading "First Things First," by Billy Graham. The devotional, given by Mrs. Wasson, was taken from Psalms 19:14. Roll call was answered by naming "Our Favorite Craft."

Family Life chairman, Mrs. Floyd Clark presented "The Importance of Love," The business meeting included the announcement of the annual meeting being held in Lexington, March 24-25.

Mrs. Margie Wilson gave the lesson, "Stretching the Food Dollar."

Recreation was conducted by Mrs. Reubel Williams. The meeting was adjourned to meet with Mrs. Sherman Hollar in April.

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Cami Clark is shown playing at Blue Grass Industries' Easter Egg Hunt held last Sunday. --Mercury pic

Youth Orchestra To Hold Auditions

The Central Kentucky Youth Symphony Orchestra, the second oldest youth orchestra in the United States, will be holding its annual auditions for the new members early in May. Selection is made on the basis of musical ability, competence and maturity. A committee of nine members, including 3 members of the Youth Board which is the governing body of the orchestra, the adult conductor and associate conductor, the student conductor and three other professional musicians, judges the auditions.

Since its inception, the Youth Symphony has striven to provide the best in symphonic music, free of charge, to the people of Kentucky. Through past sponsorship of the Kentucky Arts Commission, the Orchestra has been able to travel to other parts of the Blue Grass State, besides its regular Lexington concerts, to carry good music to those communities which do not have such opportunities A number of out-of-state concerts have also been given over the years in such places as Cincinnati, Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C. and Atlanta.

In addition to weekly 3-hour Saturday morning rehearsals during the regular school year, an annual summer workshop is held which consists of a week of intensive study in an informal atmosphere under the leadership of outstanding professionals. The 1971 workshop will be held on the University of Louisville campus from August 6-14.

Any Central Kentucky student musician through the 12th grade, of advanced ability, who desires further information and an application form, should write to the Youth Music Society, Box 7013, Lexington, Ky. 40502. There are openings in all sections of the orchestra with the exception of the flute section.

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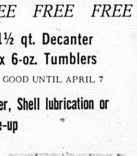

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