Hoedown

Head Start Hoedown' Square dancing was one of the many activities in which the pre-school children participated Thursday night, May 10, at the Head Start banquet and program,held in the elementary school. Mrs. Don Smith and Mrs. Kenneth Vaughn have served as co-chairmen of the Parents Center Committee during the 1972-73 school year.—Mercury photo

Kidney Disease Council hears of progress, cites problems

During its April 24 meeting, the Advisory Council of the Kentucky Kidney Disease Institute, State Department of Health, heard progress reports on two of its programs and cited financial problems in the care of long-term, chronic kidney disease patients.

David Goodloe, staff director of the institute, reported that since last August, local health departments have given 27,674 people a simple urine test which can detect symptoms of kidney disease in its early stages, when it is more easily controlled or corrected.

Bacterial infection is the most common kidney disease; it often does not produce noticeable symptoms but if not treated, can lead to kidney problems. The three groups of people most likely to develop such problems are young children, diabetics and mothers-to-be. In the first nine months of the Kidney Disease Institute's testing program, 6,492 pre-school children, 18,039 first-graders, 911 prenatal patients and 72 diabetics have been tested. Goodloe's two field representatives have also assisted in training programs for the local health department personnel and volunteers who handle the statewide program and are contacting physicians to inform them that their local health department is offering the test.

The Kidney Disease Institute has also entered into a contract with the Bureau of Rehabilitation Services of the Department of Education. This is an experimental program which to date has assisted 81 patients with chronic kidney disease. The institute provided money which the bureau used to qualify for federal matching funds. In order to enter the program, patients must be employable after receiving treatment. As of April 20, 13 patients have returned to work, three are in school and 54 are currently receiving physical restoration services—either treatment after receiving a kidney transplant or dialysis (treatment with an artificial kidney machine). Twelve patients received transplants from a living donor and 18 have had cadaver transplants. Four are now waiting for a live-donor transplant and 26 are hoping for a cadaver transplant. Eleven patients have died—seven of them while waiting for a kidney transplant.

The Council discussed the problems of financing long-term care for patients with chronic kidney failure. Nancy H. Holland, M.D., professor pediatrics at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine and consultant to the Kidney Disease Institute, called it "unrealistic" to expect communities to raise funds for a resident who is suffering from end-stage kidney disease. Even families with adequate resources and good insurance can find it difficult to meet the often-catastrophic costs of treatment: About $7,000 if a relative can donate a kidney to the patient, $15,000 to $20,000 for a cadaver transplant, $4,000 a year to maintain a patient on home dialysis and $15,000-$20,000 annually if he must go to a medical center three or four times a week to receive dialysis.

The council also discussed the question of satellite dialysis facilities, which would be located in hospitals around the state but would operate in conjunction with the dialysis centers of the state's two medical schools. The council recommended that a nephrologist (specialist in kidney disease) be in charge of such units and that the nurses working in the units should have advanced training in dialysis techniques. Dennis G. Martin, M.D., chief of the dialysis center at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, reported that his program had received a grant from the National Kidney Foundation to provide such training.

Members of the Advisory Council are: Sidney Marcum, M.D., Louisville, chairman; Miss Emy Lou Martin, R.N., Mrs. W.G. Simpson, Tom Shrunk, W. Neville Caudill, M.D., all of Louisville; C. Hernandez, M.D., Deputy Commissioner of Health for Medical Programs, Frankfort; Mrs. James B. Landrum, Lexington; William H. McBeath, M.D., director of the Ohio Valley Regional Medical Program, Lexington; Robert G. Lake, M.D., director of the University of Kentucky Medical Center's dialysis center; Mrs. Leo Bleemel, Mt. Washington, and Sam H. Traughber, M.D., Hopkinsville.

Gaunce to tour Europe

Thirty-two students from Morehead State University, along with three advisors, left Tuesday, May 15, for a 16 day tour of Europe. Among the students was William H.Gaunce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Gaunce of Carlisle.

Among the countries visited will be the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Liechtenstein, Italy, France and Belgium. This tour is one of several unusual classes offered during Morehead State University's Intersession period between the Spring and Summer semesters.

AGREE or NOT

I Say What I Think

by S. C. VanCuron

FRANKFORT—The Kentucky Education Association (KEA) announced a 14-point legislative program for 1974 in the KEA News last week.

One of the points is a tired one that has been in controversy for the last three sessions and will have the same explosive content in 1974 is the professional negotiations law.

The Kentucky School Boards Association (KBSA) lobby becomes irrational at the mere mention of professional negotiations. Such a ruckus was raised over it in the 1972 session that a Senate Committee, headed by Senator Don Johnson of Newport, took a much-amended bill and rewrote it, saying, "We'll draft a bill and we'll pass it. I'm tired of this battle between two groups where they can't begin to agree."

It was a weak bill Johnson drafted, but it was passed by the Senate and approved by the House. Gov. Wendell Ford vetoed the bill that didn't amount to much more than a title and a scrap of paper.

The KSBA objection to the bill was that it would give KEA a foot in the door and efforts would be made to strengthen it in 1974.

The original bill proposed amounted to a game of "running up and down stairs" with the school boards having the final decision. The only thing the bill did in the final analysis, was to give teacher organizations a right to an audience with the school boards.

KEA news says the proposed bill would "guarantee local associations a formal procedure for communicating and negotiating with local boards."

KEA's argument is, "Teachers should have a voice in shaping the decisions that affect them and the children they teach.

"Professional negotiation is the process through which teachers can reach their full potential as professionals. Through PN the teaching profession can provide the accountability that critics of schools say is needed.

"A law guaranteeing negotiation rights and establishing standardized procedures to cover recognition, negotiation timetable and topics, settlement of grievances, and resolution of impasse during negotiations is essential.

"Professional negotiation can do much to improve school systems because it brings about more efficient administrations, makes the local education association a responsible partner in the conduct of the educational enterprise, creates an atmosphere conducive to high teacher morale, and gives teachers a channel for involvement in instructional planning and evaluation."

This sounds simple enough, but when it is drafted into legal form, it can become more complicated.

Maurice Bement, executive director of KSBA commented last week, "If the proposed measure has content and aims similar to the bill presented in 1972, I would say now that the KSBA position is that we'll have to oppose it."

Bement said he assumes KEA is under some pressure from the National Education Association to pass a bill. He said NEA "is trying to get a bill through Congress."

KEA has indicated it will seek the support of city employe organizations as well as the State Employees Association for the bill.

Another legislative goal announced by KEA that is likely to run into strong opposition is changing the legal publication law. KEA wants to change it to require publication of an audit report instead of the detailed financial statement that lists the annual salary of all school board employes.

The Kentucky Press Association is sure to oppose this as an infringement on the people's right to know, although the proposal calls for the detailed financial records to be available to the public in the superintendent's office.

As always, KEA is going to ask for more state money for schools. They will be asking for a 9.5 per cent salary increase for teachers in each of the next two years and ask an increase of $100 each year per classroom unit for current operating expenses.

Meanwhile, the State Department of Education is going to ask for some changes in school financing that will come nearer equalizing educational opportunity for children throughout the state.

Susan Duff's

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(about five by two inches), like the white potato, is less caloric baked (150 calories) than boiled (170). Stud sweet potatoes with cloves before baking, then spice them with cinnamon, nutmeg, or allspice to add flavor without calories. Fresh baked sweet potatoes are usually quite moist as they are and really don't need any butter at all. If you're a dieter who really loves lima beans, however, you're in a little bit of trouble. Lima beans are the whoppers of the higher calorie vegetables at 190 calories per cup. Have only a half a cup if you have any at all and definitely cut out the butter. Oregano, tarragon or thyme can make unbuttered lima beans more interesting.

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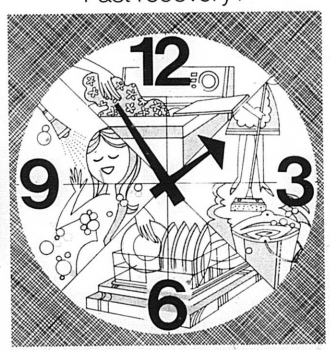

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Ribbon cutting ceremonies

True Value Hardware Store held ribbon cutting ceremonies Thursday morning, May 10, with Mayor William Power present. Store owners and staff are pictured in front of the Main Street store: Roy Roederer, owner, Joann Barker, Leroy Sloop, Rita Bussell, Gwen Frederick and Mrs. Roederer, owner. —Mercury photo

SENSING THE NEWS

By Anthony Harrigan
EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT
Southern States Industrial Council

One of the most important educational experiments in years is to be carried out in the State of New Hampshire. The experiment involves the use of the so-called voucher system of education.

Under a plan agreed to by federal and New Hampshire officials, a certain amount of money will be allocated to each school age child in the state which he and his family can then use at any school they choose.

The purpose of the voucher system is to apply the principles of the market economy to elementary and secondary eduction. It is not aid to private and church-affiliated schools, but aid to parents—all parents.

The voucher system has much to commend it. In the first place, many parents in the United States are paying double for their children's education. They are paying tuition at private and church-affiliated schools—and they also are paying taxes for public schools, which they don't use. If the entire country operated on the voucher system, it would mean an end to double payment of schooling.

Beyond that, there is widespread public dissatisfaction with the present system of public education which, in many areas, has broken down. Many public schools are blackboard jungles where teachers and law-abiding students fear for their safety and where the educational process is almost at a standstill.

In some communities, militant teacher unions have struck devastating blows at the school systems. In yet other cities and states, educational bureaucracies have diluted the content of the material taught. These and other deplorable conditions account for the growing popularity of private and church-affiliated schools where academic and disciplinary standards are maintained.

The public school systems are so immense and so much out of control that genuine reform may be impossible. A basic change to the voucher system, for example, seems to be the only reasonable road to reform.

The voucher system would encourage free enterprise in education, a healthy diversity in educational planning. Today, many types of schools are needed—schools for students seriously interested in college, vocational schools, schools for the retarded, and schools for children with special reading problems. Schools also need to take into account ethnic modes and the outlook of foreign language groups. Some students may need to be taught English almost as a second language. Today's bureaucracy-ridden, politics-suled public education system lacks the required degree of flexibility and economical operation.

The public wants better education for less money—and the free enterprise system, using educational vouchers, seems the best way of providing what is desired and needed. It is a radical new idea itself, this was proved to be a great success in the G.I. Bill of Rights concept devised after World War II. It is unfortunate that this concept wasn't carried over to elementary and secondary education at that time.

The success of existing private and church schools indicates how much could be achieved if a bigger market were created through the voucher system. The existence of a voucher system on a large scale undoubtedly would encourage many companies to establish schools as regular business operations. Many corporations, after all, have wide experience in education. They run a variety of schools and specialized institutes for their employes. These companies are accustomed to using the latest educational techniques and equipment. In this connection, one of the deficiencies of many private and church schools today is that they lack modern financial controls and long-range planning. With widespread use of the voucher system, business would have an incentive to assign skilled financial and planning personnel to school operations.

The waste in public education is enormous, as it is in almost all public services. School buildings are shamefully under-utilized. Towns and cities spend large sums on public libraries, for example, at the same time that they devote considerable sums to school libraries. Often the public and school libraries are located in the same area. There is overlapping of personnel, structures and investments in books and periodicals. School libraries could be utilized as public libraries after hours, or vice versa. But public agencies in the United States don't seem to know the meaning of coordination for the sake of economy. This is why the free enterprise system should be given a chance to undertake educational tasks on a large scale. The voucher system is the key to such an undertaking. Thus the nation will watch the New Hampshire experiment with tremendous interest.

Eastern offers 56 summer workshops

Fifty-six workshops and institutes at Eastern Kentucky University this summer will provide discussions and study for people who want to keep their knowledge and skills up to date.

They will offer a wide range of subjects from creative writing to Neoplatonism, from pregnancy to neo-natal nutrition to local government, from conservation of natural resources to teaching gymnastics.

Most of the workshops will begin about mid-June, some in May. Students may enroll during regular summer registration, June 11, or at times up to and including the first meeting of the workshop.

Dr. Robert R. Martin, EKU president, said the workshops have been scheduled at times most convenient to people in the profession of education. Most of them "are designed especially for the school people of Kentucky," he said.

Besides education, other broad fields covered by the workshops are agriculture, home economics, industrial technical occupations, art, biological sciences, English, philosophy, political science, and library science.

A complitie list of subjects, plus additional information and application forms for admission, may be had by writing the dean of admissions at Eastern.

MSU 'mini-mester' registration Monday

Registration for Morehead State University's Intersession, a three-week "mini-mester," is Monday, May 21, in the Laughlin Health Building.

Students may register from 8 a.m. until noon and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. More than 80 courses will be offered during the term which closes June 8. Students may enroll for up to four semester hours of credit.

Special interest courses include creative cooking, introduction to environmental economics, the science of music, canoeing and camperaft workshop, employment interviewing and investments.

Kentucky residents pay $15 per semester hour for undergraduate study and $22 per hour for graduate classes. Out-of-state students pay $37 per hour as undergraduates and $50 per hour for graduate work.

Additional information is available from the Division of University Services, MSU, Morehead, Ky. 40351.

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Dairy heifer sale highly successful

It is always pleasing when a new program is successful and the first annual all-breeds Dairy Heifer Sale certainly exceeded the expectations of all those involved.

The sale, held at Nicholasville, was sponsored by the Kentucky Purebred Dairy Cattle Association and the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. It was open only to 4-H and FFA members and was for the purpose of strengthening interest in dairy projects.

The top selling animal was a Jersey junior calf consigned by Happy Valley Farm at Danville. It was purchased by Sue Ellen Cave of Hopkinsville for $1,010.00. The second highest selling heifer was also from Danville, a Holstein consigned by W.O. Payne. It sold for $1,000.00 and was purchased by John McPherson of Philpot.

In pointing out these two top selling animals, I would not want to overlook the fact that the sale average was $467.00 per head. This is an outstanding sale average for heifers and I think it speaks well for the quality of the animals consigned as well as the interest and support exhibited by the 4-H and FFA members who participated. Also not to be overlooked is the fact that this event could not have been possible without the support given by the consigners. Their willingness to consign quality animals this year, in my opinion, went a long way in insuring the success of this event in the years ahead.

As Commissioner of Agriculture I want to congratulate members of the PDCA and the other agricultural leaders involved in planning and carrying out this sale program. I think it has done much to advance interest among our 4-H and FFA members in dairying. The results of this new interest will be evidenced in dairy show circuits this year and quite possibly in our total dairy industry in the future.

Nursing Home Week proclaimed

Gov. Wendell Ford proclaims the week of May 13-19 "Nursing Home Week in Kentucky", urging all citizens of the Commonwealth to participate by visiting a nursing home or related facility. With the Governor are [from left]: Chuck Carty, executive director of the Kentucky Nursing Home Association and Arthur W. Urlage, president of the Kentucky Nursing Home Assn.

MYERS

By Mrs. Rena Crawford

Mrs. Jane Kelley visited Mr. and Mrs. Rondle George and daughter the past weekend.

Otha B. Crawford visited Mrs. Rena Crawford for a few hours Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bromagen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Trussell, Mr. and Mrs. Rondle George and Mrs. June Kelley visited Mr. and Mrs. Thomas George the past Sunday.

Mrs. Rosemary Kinder and daughter, and Mrs. Shellia Kinder were in Maysville Saturday shopping.

Mrs. Brenda Graves of Lexington visited Mr. and Mrs. Milton Flora recently.

Mrs. Rosemary Kinder and daughter spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Raffitt and family recently.

Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Flora and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Allen L. Flora, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Flora and Marty Flora visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Flora the past Sunday for dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Allen Hogg and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hogg the past week.

Miranda Homemakers

The Miranda Homemakers Club met May 9 at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Everett Duncan.

A delicious potluck dinner was enjoyed. Mrs. Christine Stone served as co-hostess for this occasion. The devotional was given by Mrs. Linda Tedder.

The business was conducted by the president. Roll call and minutes of last meeting were given by Mrs. Charm Smoot, secretary. The lesson on "Exterior Beautification or Landscaping" was given by Mrs. James Lowe.

We have two new members in our club, Miss Nina Atkinson and Mrs. W.W. Claypool. Two visitors were present at this meeting, Mrs. Herbert Duncan and Mrs. Charles Hamilton.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Edgar Scott on June 13, at 7:30 p.m.

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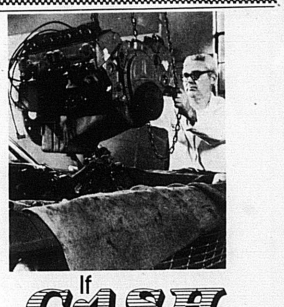

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