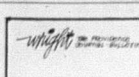


# Opinion



**Fixed income**

**Wages**

**Cost of living**

**Value**

Wages are rising, but the cost of living is rising faster. This is the sad state of affairs in most parts of the country. The value of money is falling. This is why people are looking for ways to protect their money. One way is to invest in real estate. Another way is to invest in stocks and bonds. But the most important thing is to invest in yourself. Get an education. Get a good job. That is the best way to protect your money and to make it grow.

## Marine radios use them wisely

A marine radiotelephone can save you a lot of money and trouble. Use it wisely. Make contact on VHF Channel 16. Then shift promptly to an appropriate working channel. Because most calls originate on 16, the Distress, Safety, and Calling frequency, unnecessary or long conversations there jeopardize the entire system. Select the proper channel, listen before you talk, keep your call brief, and be sure to identify your station at the beginning and end of each conversation. A Radiotelephone User's Handbook prepared by the Radio Technical Commission for Marine Services, an FCC advisory agency, gives complete and authoritative operating information on radiotelephones. It is available at \$2.50 from RTCM, c/o FCC, P.O. Box 1946, Washington, D.C. 20505.

Marine radiotelephones provide a lifeline to the Coast Guard and other vessels during emergencies. Listen before you use your radio to insure that the channel is not in use. Emergency messages have priority. These are identified by the prefixes Mayday, Pan, or Security. Should you hear one of these calls, listen. Do not transmit unless you are in the best situation to provide assistance or relay a distress message.

## Reflections...

We hear of the spontaneous massive looting triggered by the New York blackout, and more recently, the looting problem in Johnston, Pa., following the flooding. These incidents denote illustrate graphically how much obedience to the law depends upon one man's respect for another, rather than upon police protection. Even massive police action with modern techniques proved inadequate to stem such looting as it failed to halt the riots and burnings in Watts a few years ago.

Attempts have been made to attribute the breakdown of law to the requirements and needs of the poor. The fact does not necessarily confirm this, but it seems a more realistic approach. The contents of liquor stores traditionally are targets than are groceries.

Professor Edward Barfield wrote an essay on the Detroit riots of 1967, which began with a real-on-the-run after-hours joint. In his essay entitled, "Hoping Mainly for Pain and Profit," he reported that, at first, "Negroes and whites mingled in the streets and looted amicably side by side." Stores having things that could be conceived of as directly... were looted no matter who owned them... buildings symbolic of

## Five men to take physicals; Churches complete business

**Thursday, August 1, 1977**

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## Constitutional misconceptions

**by S.C. Van Curen**

**FRANKFORT—**A great many Kentuckians have a misconception of the Constitutional question they will be voting on in November.

A little explanation seems to be in order.

The question on the ballot is whether or not to call a Constitutional Convention for 1978. It is a majority of the voters agree, with a minimum of 20,770 approving, this means that the delegates will meet in November, 1978. The 100 delegates, one for each state representative district, who will convene in November, 1978, then will vote on whether to accept the proposal.

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## Teachers named for 1977-78 year

The teachers hired by the Nicholas County School Board to teach in the school system next year are:

**Elementary Teachers:** Jeanette Wallace, Remedial Math; Charlene Harris, Kindergarten; Margaret Colburn, Remedial Reading; Judith Harrison, Remedial Reading; Mary Ann Conner, First Grade.

**Nicholas County Elementary Teachers are Grade 1:** Viola Pumphrey, Louise O'Connell, Carol Lenz, Harry Spicker, Grade 2: Marguerite Ecton, Lois Haman, Betty Dudley, Grade 3: Kate Hunt, Dorothy Sunday, Sue Denton, Cheryl Herrin, Grade 4: Genevieve McClintock, Jeremy Clark, Jane Tackitt, Mabel Turner.

**Grade 5:** Judy Ritchie, Doris Tipton, Wanda Reid, Debbie Tackett, Grade 6: Marjorie Wilson, Charly Griffith, Harry Spicker, Linda Herrington, John Miller, Grade 7: Phyllis Haman, Basha Clay, Mike Kenney, James Harris, Grade 8: Kathy Martin, Julie Berryman, Delbert Newman, Laura Gray.

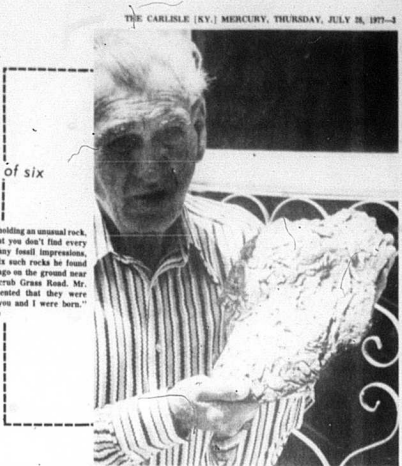
**Librarian:** Wilma Donahay; **Music:** Anabel Burdett; **Art:** Theresa Moss;

## Sensing the news

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lure, she got \$2,000. She took the dough and went to the Carlisle area and bought some land. The second time she got \$2,000 and went down there again. This went on and on.

Payments of this sort have created a vicious, unbridled proletariat with a stake in destruction. One can be sure that the looters who smashed store windows are regular recipients of relief checks. Those who were cut by the public help are regular recipients of relief checks. Those who were cut by the public help are regular recipients of relief checks.



One of six

## Goryland Quartet to sing at Mt. Zion

The Goryland Quartet will be singing at the Mt. Zion Christian Church Friday, July 29, starting at 4 p.m. The Singing in the Streets will sing on Saturday, July 30, at 8 p.m.

## Kentucky reaps profit on state parks system

**FRANKFORT—**Kentucky gets nearly three times as much money out of its state parks system as it puts in. Gov. Julian Carroll said last week.

A year-long study released July 20 by Gov. Carroll and Parks Commissioner Bruce Montgomery showed that Kentucky's state parks system is a money-maker.

The study under a contract to a Wisconsin research consultant, Melville H. Cohen, estimated that park visitors and the parks themselves. In fiscal year 1976-77, the amount of tax money going into the entire Parks Department was \$12.1 million.

Gov. Carroll said, "is that the many excellent services and facilities enjoyed by thousands of Kentuckians at the state parks are provided at no cost to our economy."

In addition to the direct spending by our parks and their visitors," he added, "the time and money devoted to developing and promoting our parks are major reasons why tourism this year has yielded the highest rank of all industries and agriculture as our third billion-dollar industry."

Kentucky collected \$18 million in taxes from the \$25 million spent in conjunction with the parks, the study said.

Two-thirds of that \$18 million total came from outside the Commonwealth, the study showed. It put

## SENSING THE NEWS

**A BRUTAL PROLETARIAT**  
by Anthony Hartigan

**NEW YORK, N.Y.—**The vulnerability of the nation's largest city was cruelly exposed earlier this month when the electric power failed. I was mid-town Manhattan when the lights went out, and had an opportunity to observe the reaction of New Yorkers to the crisis.

In the mid-town areas and the law-abiding boroughs such as Staten Island, the people took the crisis in their stride. Traffic moved normally, despite the absence of stop lights. Extra reserves of politeness and consideration were discovered.

In Harlem, the South Bronx and parts of Brooklyn, however, looters ran wild. Hundreds of small merchants were ruined as their shops were ransacked. The underground police, operating under the most adverse conditions, limited their action to chasing looters. No looters were shot.

The power failure unleashed savagery in the streets. The Governor of New York could have prevented much of the destruction if he had mobilized the National Guard as soon as the extent of the power failure was known. One wonders why he refused to take this action. Have looters more political clout than owners of small stores?

I sat working, the looting makes clear that authorities in New York City can't even protect private property. Looters brazenly appear in front of the television camera to argue that it's their right to take what they want. The fact is a new looting rage, red or case of vodka was a version of "distributive justice." Perhaps the looters learned that "it will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice, if the laws be as voluminous that they cannot be read, or so intricate that they cannot be understood... or undergo such incessant changes that no man, who knows what the law is today, can guess what it will be tomorrow."

Kentucky, with its challenging problems of personal service contracts, leasing standards, with the too frequent disregard of its electric regulatory laws may be typical of these complex times.

One wonders if we perhaps are to be overwhelmed by the letter of the law while the "proletarian" respect for his Law, a real protection, languishes—Kentucky because of their virtue."—Ken Booze, Elkton.

"The magazine quotes a fire marshal as saying, 'I had a woman who eight times torch-bombed her own apartment. And each time she got relocation money. The first time she got some recognition in

## Mercury vapors

by Warren R. Fisher

Setting as straight  
What's sauce for the goose won't be sauce for the gander, according to two men who were told Friday by two All-American teams.

The State will not be assessing or reassessing in the County next year, according to Rose Brady, local deputy administrator in charge. She will do the job!

Can't write about self  
A couple of weeks ago I asked Jimmy Smith to chronicle his work with the Mercury from the time he first joined up until his last full day of employment, July 20. Of course Jimmy lodged a little saying he couldn't write about himself, but he'd try. Anyway, the following is his own words on what happened. There are three kinds of people: those who know things happen; those who wish things happen; the majority who have no idea of what's happening.

Nicholas Murray Butler

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