

Opinion

Old-fashioned parental responsibilities needed

What ever happened to good old American ingenuity and responsibility? The recent cold weather and snows that kept our school children at home when their learning should be continuing. Because the school buses cannot run over our county roads — and other roads throughout the state — in complete safety for the children they haul, there is no school. The children stay home and school officials fret over how they will be able to make up the most days.

Schools will soon way make up the lost time, in order to receive their financing so they can pay their teachers and operate the schools. Perhaps, it will mean an extra hour a day, as was done last year, or going to school on Saturdays, or extra "caldmity days" allowed by the state to finish the school year in time.

Regardless of how the time is "made up," it is going to be the students who suffer. It is time in their learning process that can never be replaced, because the extra hour a day, teachers will tell you, does little or nothing for the student. The extra tires out both teachers and students, so the extra time contributes little except to fulfill a financial requirement for the schools.

Pardon us for having old-fashioned, realistic thought that the school

isn't and thinking nothing about it. But ask parents to bring their children to school — or even to get to a main road where buses could safely travel — and all you will get is a howl louder than the blizzard that hit Bath County.

"How dare you make such an audacious suggestion," they are going to say. The buses are supposed to pick up my children at my front door and they either do it or I pick my children at home!"

Parents are spoiled. Their children have been spoiled educationally with free books and free rides so long, they will not accept even a smaller temporary inconvenience, even at the expense of their children's education.

This is something that cannot be laid on the doorstep of the superintendent or school board. They are doing the best they can under the circumstances. They could do a lot better, perhaps, if parents took the responsibility of getting their children to school on moderately-bad days.

We believe it could be done. We are not naive enough to believe it will be done. Not until parents return to their basic responsibilities and stop letting county, state and federal government look after them, and their children's welfare. — The Bath County News- Outlook

Ballot box decides forthcoming governor's race, not legislature

by S. C. Van Curen

FRANKFORT — The tilt between Governor Julian Carroll and state auditor George Atkins seems to be at a Mexican standoff.

It seems the governor wants to put the auditor on his "merit" for performing his constitutional mandated duties, to earn his "operating money" for maintaining branches of government, instead of appropriating operating funds from the general budget as has been the practice since history began in Kentucky.

The governor put just a wee bit of money in the state auditor's budget, and said Mr. Atkins should charge branches of state and local governments for his audits. The governor went so far as to say that he would support a new law mandating that government agencies should pay the auditor's charges for his constitutional duties.

But Mr. Atkins has countered that he would have no way of collecting, for services of the auditor's office even with a special statute. Mr. Atkins is of the opinion that any branch of government could refuse to pay his charges when billed and force him, through the courts to collect his money to operate the office.

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SENATOR CHARLES SUBCOMMITTEE — Sen. Ed Ford, D-Cynthiana, (left) has been named to chair a subcommittee on dyslexia for the Senate Committee on Education. Senator Ford visits with another newscaster to the Kentucky State, Sen. John "Eck" Rose, D-Winchester.

Sen. Ed Ford chairs dyslexia subcommittee

Sen. Ed Ford, D-Cynthiana, has been named to chair a subcommittee on dyslexia during the 1973 General Assembly and through the 1973-79 term.

The subcommittee is part of the Senate Committee on Education. Senator Ford opened the subcommittee's review of dyslexia with a public hearing in Frankfort.

The new Senator from the 30th

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Lad concert rescheduled Wednesday

The Lad Family Singers, a part of Lad Furniture of Joplin, Mo., will appear in concert on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Carle Christian Church. The concert was rescheduled after weather conditions forced postponement on Jan. 30.

The group along with the Gospel Lads, an all male quartet, make up Lad's Singers. Both groups have worked with Revival Pines. The Lad Family Singers are currently making appearances throughout the United States, according to Rev. Eugene White, minister.

Galloway youth wins FFA award

An 18-year-old Galloway County youth is the 1973 winner of the Future Farmers of America contest sponsored by the Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times.

He is Kenneth Paschall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carves Paschall, of Route 2, Hazel. Kenneth will receive the Contest's top prize, a \$50 U. S. Savings Bond.

Kenneth Paschall and the ten regional winners were named top Future Farmers from over 3,000 entrants.

Deadline day is near for South Central Bell's phone book

As required by KRS 40.90, we recently released to the general assembly and the public our biennial report for the past two years. Enclosed is a copy of this "Report to the Taxpayers" for your information and files.

We feel this report shows significant strides have been made toward the professional and independent operation of the state auditor's office, but while progress has been made, there is still more to be done.

We urge you to peruse our record and our program for four years before accountability of government expenditures are always welcome.

Sincerely,
George H. Atkins
Auditor of Public Accounts
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Don't let President Carter skuttle House Resolution 7700

A bill encompassing the best available solution to improve the U. S. Postal Service was scheduled to come up for a vote before the full U. S. House of Representatives the first week in February. But, President Jimmy Carter personally intervened at the 11th



hour and ordered House Speaker Tip O'Neill to stop the vote.

In October, the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee gave its approval to H. R. 7700, a bill designed to bring long-overdue reforms to the Postal Service. Political observers agreed that

Mercury vapors Letters

by Warren R. Fisher

It pays to read an article twice

We would have missed the following if we hadn't given it a second going over, and it was signed and so anonymous as we thought at first glance. But we'll let the story teller talk over now.

Short-Short Story by N.N.
The month of January was very depressing for a certain older lady who lives on the Lower Jackston road about one-half mile off the road. She didn't know from day to day whether she and her husband would be from to death from running out of oil or food. She was really caught in a snow drift. She is unable to walk far, so is her trapped around the town waiting for her telephone.

Then something wonderful happened: a young man with a big heart thought of her in the best way with his heart. He came to see about us, to see what he might do to help.

He brought the mail, got our medicine, coats for mailing small packages and cleaned out our road the best he could. He also calls by telephone to see our relatives on the full or down all of what I gathered when my story told the full or down all of what David Tipton, and then there was another tale of Dr. McGinty who died on his last term.

What we all needed, since it seems necessary to be upon the icy streets, were ice creamers. I had one and she also likes a pair of chains on a motor vehicle, but I haven't seen a pair lately on county level. I care to remember. If this kind of weather keeps up, it would pay someone to find a supply, they'd go like hot cakes.

A wonderful thought Moorefield Road guy —MV—

Head up

Since taking a tumble Monday morning while on my appointed rounds (looking that advertising stuff) I've been giving you my big feet down my legs against hope that I won't get any more advertising.

Then Monday night amid all my aches and pains this thought occurred: Confusion may fit who slip on icy streets end up in jail first.

And so, there hangs the tale, and it's a sore one what with a fat goose egg above the right hip, not to mention a sprung wrist which I thought I had trapped around the town waiting for her telephone.

I know of two other persons who went down Monday and there were dozens of others who found themselves down. It seems when someone who stands in the snow plus gets to the ground it presents a most chilling sight. At least that's what I gathered when my story told the full or down all of what David Tipton, and then there was another tale of Dr. McGinty who died on his last term.

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Gathering free firewood in National forest can be wholesome experience

The warming glow from a woodburning fireplaces is a tantalizing sight, says as Jack Frost Jolla Kentucky with temperatures reminiscent of that terrible winter of '77.

Even during normal times, a hearth fire provides a delightful atmosphere of security and well-being in addition to raising the temperatures from the chilly to county level. Just as the enjoyment of a crackling fire at home can be a family experience, so can the chore of providing the wood that fuels the blaze.

Firewood is available on all seven ranger districts of the Daniel Boone National Forest completely free of charge to the public, representing a valuable return to the taxpayer. And there are no "hitches" involved but a few requirements are imposed. The

Robert Fryman, of the Saltwell section of the father of a baby son born last Wednesday night. Doubtless he can claim title to being the oldest father of a newborn baby in the state. Mr. Fryman is 82 years old.

John McKinley of the County purchased a car this week the record of Mrs. John Shannon on the Upper Jackston road at this time for a private price.

DIED — Parker Selby, 87, Sunday, W. W. Scott, 81, Monday, — John Parker Haman, 48, Sunday.

Spring-like weather visits area, but winter makes return visit

Thursday, February 23, 1958
Miss Jessie Beebe Eodcott, Harrison County is under treatment after being bitten by a rabid fox.

Members of the American Legion held their annual Blackberry Festival in

A spokesman for the Nicholas County Health Department stated Wednesday that the rabies epidemic seems to have drifted in Nicholas for the present. However, everyone should be most cautious.

Tenth month at the Carle's Christian Church will come to a close this Sunday, with Miss Doris Cloyd who will speak on "Praying" and Mr. Roger

Womack who will speak on the "Law Practice".

The bitter cold of the past weekend and Monday and Tuesday (a below zero) gave way Wednesday as the Mercury began a slow rise, but many Nicholas Countians continued to shiver as cool supplies dwindled. The 6 below figure Sunday night was the lowest here since February of 1951.

BOHN — To Mr. and Mrs. William Crump, a son, Michael Wayne, — To Mr. and Mrs. James Wade, a daughter on Feb. 15, Bobbie Lou.

MAURICE — Miss Betty Jo Parris to Irving L. Money, Saturday, — Miss Valia Norton Hames to James Herbert McCollum, Tuesday.

DIED — Ode Hildreth Gausse, 79, Sunday, — Phillip Franklin Milton, 65, Saturday, — Mrs. R. L. Faulkner on Monday, — Wilburn Clay Brown, 88, Friday, — Marion Coon, 108, — Peter Alexander, 80, Tuesday, — Charles W. Curran, 87, Tuesday, — Mrs. Fannie K. Rule, 86, Sunday.

Thursday, February 24, 1958
After enjoying spring-like weather for several days, Old Man Winter again paid a visit to this section last week.

The quarantine at the local CCC camp has been lifted by the Nicholas County Health Department. Only one case of the mumps was reported and the patient was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington.

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