

Opinion

Poor Johnny, he can't read

Poor Johnny, he can't read. Johnny takes his place along with many other Kentucky high school students who after finishing their education end up with a competency level and usage of English that is below the level of a fourth grade student. This decline in competency has become an increasing problem. As a result, the state has been forced to develop a solution which is a law to make all high school students pass a competency test in reading. This law is the cause of the current reading test which is being administered at an eighth grade level. This solution

seems hardly acceptable nor does it get to the root of the problem. If children are to read only at a fourth grade level, why then do we pay for sixth grade? This decline in competency after leaving school when the child is only expected to receive an eighth grade education is not the result of a competency level so difficult that it takes four extra years to perceive? In the past, the state has had a law that required the time to find out if a child can or cannot read. It would seem far too late to

Driver alertness urged

High spirits, freedom from school work and anticipation of summer fun makes youngsters especially vulnerable to accidents when schools close. Drivers should use extra caution as small pedestrians will now be taking to the streets for fun and games. Unfortunately, safety rules are often the farthest things from the minds of young children. Mishaps can occur in a split second as children scurry from behind parked cars, dart across streets in pursuit of adventure or take to playing games in or near the streets.

Busy interactions will be left unperformed for the summer. So, it's up to drivers to be alert for youngsters enjoying their warm weather. These areas include recreational areas such as pools, tennis courts and playgrounds, where residential areas where a lack of such facilities encourages children to play in streets and residential areas where curves and driveways can create blind spots for drivers. Drivers should be especially cautious from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., when children are entering and leaving play areas during lunch periods, and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., when dusk affects vision. Parents are also urged to instruct their children in pedestrian safety, emphasizing the importance of playing only in supervised areas. Children should be instructed to cross streets only at corners after looking carefully in both directions and to proceed across the street at a walk, not run.

With responsible action on the part of parents, drivers and youngsters, this can be a safe summer for the nation's youth.



Kentucky afield

By John Wilson
If you're a pretty good shot with a flintlock rifle and would like to shoot competitively you might want to try out for the official state muzzle loading rifle team this spring.

The team will be composed of the ten marksmen scoring the highest average in two separate tryouts, according to Bill Furnish, vice president of the Kentucky Corps of Longrifles, and the sponsoring organization, Army Flintlock Shooter in Kentucky is welcome to participate, Furnish says.

The first shoot will be May 13 and 14 at the Knox Creek Muzzleloading Range, located on KY 44 about 1 1/2 miles from the intersection of US 31W in Bullitt County. The second shoot, scheduled for June 10 and 11, will take place at the Tullahoma Range at Ft. Knox. Ask for directions to the range when you check into the Ft. Knox military post. Furnish emphasizes that shooters must participate in both the May and June shoots to make the team. However, it's only necessary to show up on one day of each shoot—either May 13 or May 14 and either June 10 or June 11. Those who make the team will participate in at least two shooting matches, one in October at the Daniel Boone Festival in Barboursville and one with the Tennessee team at a time and place to be set in the future.

Two targets at 50 yards and two at 25 yards, firing five shots at each target. All shooting will be done offhand. He is married to the former Priscilla Donaldson Edwards. They have four children: Browning and two other individuals will receive honorary doctoral degrees. Also honored are Dr. Orville W. Kinsaid of the Mayo Clinic, a 1943 alumnus of MSU, and a native of Owingville; and author James Bill of Henderson, a former writer-residence at MSU.

The University's "Distinguished Faculty Award" for 1977-78 will be presented during the ceremony. Music will be a reception for graduates and guests immediately after the ceremony. Browning was selected by the Kentucky Corps of Longrifles, an organization which grew out of a series of competitive shoots with Pennsylvania to settle a friendly dispute over whether the flintlock rifle should be called the "Kentucky" rifle or the "Pennsylvania" rifle. "The fact that nobody talks about a Pennsylvania rifle indicates what the outcome of this contest was," Furnish says. The Kentucky Corps of Longrifles is an official state organization and often represents Kentucky in parades and ceremonies. Each year, the governor, who is the colonel-in-chief of the longrifles, makes \$1,000 available from his contingency fund to help defray expenses for such appearances, according to Furnish.

Browning will speak Friday at Morehead University

MOREHEAD — Mayville Industrialist Robert E. Browning will be in Morehead State University's spring commencement.

Nearly 1,000 persons are candidates for degrees during the 2 p.m. ceremony at the University of Cincinnati. A graduate of Cornell and the University of Utah, Browning is president of the Browning Manufacturing Division of Emerson Electric Co. The group produces mechanical power transmission equipment at eight plants, including Mayville and Morehead, and has more than 1,800 employees. The Mayville native joined the Browning Manufacturing Co. in 1967 as a salesman. He advanced to manufacturing engineer and then to vice president for engineering before the firm was acquired by Emerson Electric in 1969. He was promoted to executive vice president in 1972 and to division president in 1975. Active in various civic and charitable organizations, Browning was selected

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Income from first three months of new district court system to pay costs, with some over

By S. C. Van Curen
FRANKFORT — The first three months of the new district court system in Kentucky have produced a surplus of income from criminal cases, traffic fines, etc. will pay for operating costs and have a little left over to return to counties and counties which derived revenue from the courts which they lost in the court reorganization that became effective January 1.

The salary of the 113 District Judges at \$27,000 per year totals \$3,021,000 a year, but there are other costs such as a share of the expense of the district clerk's office, rent, utilities, and trial commissioners.

The circuit court also serves circuit courts and additional help has to be hired, but figures furnished by the office of Policy and Management, Finance and Administration indicate that the total court system will be self-supporting, according to Gordon Duke, chief of court clerks.

What is worrying a lot of observers in that some policemen and some sheriffs in the smaller counties do not make their maximum salary under the present fee system will start an arrest charge so they can make more fees or police will be limited that they get their 10 per cent increase each month. State Police do not charge or receive an arresting officer fee under the new system, and Mrs. Richard Norton and Mrs. Edith Alexander, co-directors of the nursing service at the hospital.

Kentucky reflections...

By George Street Boone
For several years, a tax revolt has been brewing. In March, while the Kentucky legislature was calling for a national constitutional convention to consider adoption, Colorado became the 37th state to petition Congress to hold a national convention to draft an amendment to prohibit direct spending by the federal government. If 34 states approve similar measures, Congress would have to call the convention. The petition to limit the imposition of taxes is not limited to the federal level. Kentucky's constitution imposes limits on property taxes on many units of government. In 1960 when the Kentucky constitution was adopted, the property tax was the predominant source of government revenue. Had the state tax or income tax been levied by Kentucky's constitution writers, they would probably have imposed some 200 ceilings. A few years ago, Kentucky's highest court sought to enforce the state constitutional requirement that all property be taxed at 10% of value. The resulting public furor was so great that a special session of the legislature was called to freeze school taxes by a measure commonly called the "roll back" law.

By Warren R. Fisher
The Kentucky Press Association is an insurance trade association states a simple thought, "It pays to be a defensive driver. Crashes are costly." But in three or four pages they keep their reasons which summed up are contained in the following:
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"Now all of this reminds one to be more careful than ever." I have a bond title just abandoning the new wrecked truck and purchasing another new car. All of which points up the planned obsolescence this country is so noted for.
— MV —
Did I know? I didn't. I informed Taylor Mothers last Wednesday, that as of May 11, I would be earning money. I could pay my own. Seems a bulletin from one of the financial services was proclaiming that the first 131 days of the local year experienced a lull in buying season for 82774 Ky. Now program last Wednesday giving their views on property taxes — I wonder why our property taxes will be in Nicholas County — and I'm not by myself. — J. Mistry loves company anyone has said. And I have plenty of that.

House power council is formed; heavy frosts damage vegetation

Thursday, May 10, 1978
Richard Ledbetter, who has served as assistant Nicholas County agriculture agent since January, has received his call to report to military service. His call to report was announced as acting administrator of Nicholas County Hospital, and Mrs. Richard Norton and Mrs. Edith Alexander, co-directors of the nursing service at the hospital.

Thursday, May 10, 1978
Heavy frosts several nights past week damaged early gardens, flowers and other vegetation. Ice reported two mornings last week. Taking advantage of rains the past week, a number of farmers have set out tobacco. Most farmers report plants as large enough to transplant.

Thursday, May 10, 1978
A housepower council with G. E. Duncan, president, was formed Monday night. Raymond Coy was named vice president and Morris Whiteley, secretary. The council is a state organization designed to assist builders in achieving more adequate home wiring.

Thursday, May 10, 1978
Harvey C. Crouch, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Crouch of Carlisle, Ritz, was recently elected vice president of the Agricultural Club at Eastern State Teachers College, Richmond.

A PHILOSOPHICAL MONK IS A DEEP FRIAR

Thursday, May 10, 1978
Mrs. Elizabeth Graves Blankenship, 50, Lexington, Monday, — Mrs. Sallie Scruggs Dudley, 62, Flemingsburg, Thursday in Carlisle, — Rev. W. L. Hall, Friday night in Deland, Fla. — John Albert Willmuth, 60, Falmouth, Friday. — Glenn Swanson Stewart, 46, Friday at Milltown. — Roger D. Ratliff, 62, Thursday in Jeffersonville, Ind. — Mrs. Nettie Lambert Myers, 61, Lexington.

Mercury vapors

By Warren R. Fisher
324 Local is costly
In an article prepared by an insurance trade association states a simple thought, "It pays to be a defensive driver. Crashes are costly." But in three or four pages they keep their reasons which summed up are contained in the following:
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Millersburg Rotary auction success

The Millersburg Rotary Club held their White Elephant Auction on Saturday, May 6. Thanks to the organizations and merchants of Carlisle the auction was an overwhelming success with a total of \$1,300 taken in. The auction total was \$1,300 and the Bake Sale by the Rotary Area 1130.

Following is a list of projects which the Millersburg Rotary provided funds for last year:
Sent two students from Millersburg to the World Affairs Institute (Cincinnati); sent several children to Stetson College; financed costumes for the State Conservation camp; Millersburg Cub Scout Charter; Millersburg Boy Scout Charter and equipment; Millersburg Little League equipment; Millersburg Elementary School elementary school's fund; maintenance of trash receptacles in down town Millersburg; sent two students to SP-O-K-C conference in Lexington; Millersburg benefaction program.
Anyone having any items to donate are asked to call 484-3966 or 484-3996 for pick up.

North Middletown horse show May 13

The North Middletown Charity Horse Show will be held on Saturday, May 13, at the new show grounds about 1 mile south of North Middletown on Route 57. The show will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will feature classes for Saddlebreds, Walking and Pleasure horses. There will be over \$2,500 in premiums, medals and ribbons.
The show is sponsored each year by the North Middletown Community Club, and has grown to be one of the better shows in the state. There will be a well-lighted show ring, ample parking and a wide selection of home cooked foods. Plan now to attend.

WKU'S STUDENT NEWSPAPER RECEIVES TOP RATINGS
Bowling Green — Western Kentucky University's student newspaper, The College Herald, has received national and state first-place awards in two press associations. The Associated Collegiate Press presented the Herald its 12th straight All-American rating, the highest honor award. This rating by the national committee was given for the 1977 fall semester. Richard Hallicks, a senior journalism major from Paducah, was editor. The Herald is also given the top rating by the Kentucky Intercollegiate Press Association and staff members received 11 first-place awards in 22 categories. The Herald is published semi-weekly and distributed on the University campus.

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