

# Opinion Get involved

Everywhere on this page the reader will find a letter from a parent with children in the Nicholas County School system that has some pointed things to say about the schools, especially the elementary school. Although the Mercury does not agree with every point of view, this difference in the way individuals see things is what we think is so valuable.

## Agree or not

# Will Labor Department accept Kentucky's strip mine rules?

By S. C. Van Curen

**FRANKFORT** — All forces in Kentucky related to the coal industry seem to want the state to have primary regulation of the surface mining industry. The big question now is whether the U. S. Department of Labor, Office of Surface Mining, will accept Kentucky's broad 1978 law and to-be-developed regulations to regulate the industry instead of federal regulation. This was the subject attacked by James "Jitter" Allen, chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Mining, at its last hearing in Frankfort Oct. 16.

There are some areas where improvements could be made but that is true of any business, institution or person. A county's schools may be the most important asset that county has. They certainly account for the largest public budget in many Kentucky counties, including our own, and usually attract much interest. This interest is vital if the administrators and board of education are to continually improve our schools. Ask any newspaperman what the

After more than six hours of public hearing, Allen said his understanding was that the legislative intent of the draft law broad enough to "allow regulations to be written to conform with the federal government's state control regulation of the industry. The federal government, Office of Surface Mining, will accept Kentucky's broad 1978 law and to-be-developed regulations to regulate the industry instead of federal regulation. This was the subject attacked by James "Jitter" Allen, chairman of the Subcommittee on Surface Mining, at its last hearing in Frankfort Oct. 16.

largest problem in local government is and the majority will answer "citizens participation." When the citizens and taxpayers don't care what happens to their governing bodies everyone suffers. It is the interest of the public and local state governments in one of the most important things a citizen can do. And voicing their opinions on matters they feel strongly about helps get the differences in the open where they can be worked out instead of keeping them under cover where they can only grow greater.

First is a letter from Max C. Whitaker to the Board of Education. Mr. Whitaker is searching for Ray

# Memory Lane Local draft board calls 1; Rankin's turkeys win prizes

Thursday, November 8, 1968  
The Farm Bureau Flyers, winners of the Little League, were presented with a trophy Monday night at a dinner given in their honor. Members of the team are: Rickie Waggoner, William Mitchell, Eddie Day, Roger Sorrell, Tom Adams, Collins Smith, Jimmie Nick, Jimmy Doolittle, Larry Allison, Jerry Loville, and Eddie Price. Howard Allison Jr. and Raymond

House are managers of the team. Marion Sims is president of the Little League for a resident of Company No. 14. Nicholas County Jr.-4-H Champion will be competing for district honors this Saturday. Our champions who will be competing are: Judy Giffin, Jimmie Simon, Judy Hopkins, Jimmie Letcher, Glenn Ritchey Jr., Axel Elwood Whitaker, and Martha Ray Tischer. A bright red Holyday is blooming for Mrs. Bruce Steese, and a beautiful

Lenora Lily is in bloom to Mrs. R. T. Brayfield's garden. Proof of lovely fall

## Comment

# Remember the vet

With Veterans' Day approaching (how rapidly depends whether you celebrate with the vets or with Congress) the Mercury has been receiving some mail relating to veterans, their whereabouts and so forth.

Consider the havoc they caused when they got together in WWI that might be a wise time stamp. I fought in five major campaigns in Europe in the Third Army under (who else?) Gen. George C. Patton. They were the first tanks over the Rhine back in the days when it was Hitler's like the

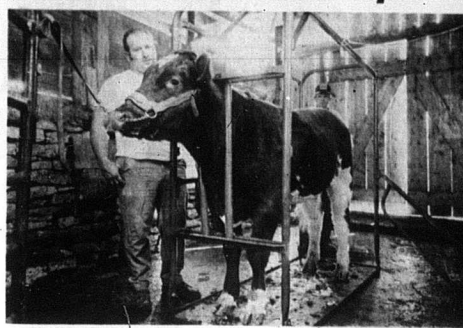
Ohio is Kentucky's. That honor was supposed to belong to Kentucky. The Kentucky was the "Old Man" and Whitaker calls "would not tolerate a second so he ordered us to cross in the night on U. S. Army property that night. Patton called General Eisenhower after the crossing was completed and told him U. S. tanks were across the Rhine. As Whitaker puts it, "That was news!"

# North American International Livestock show opens

The North American International Livestock Exposition, which opens this week runs at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center Nov. 11 to 13. In five years the Exposition has grown from a one-week beef cattle show to one of the world's largest livestock shows. Quarter Horses, including over 12,000 entries this year. Thousands of people from 48 states and three foreign countries are expected to visit the show, and an estimated \$10 million in revenue is forecasted for the Kentucky area economy.

This year's \$25,000 in premium money has broken all previous records, making Louisville's North American a focal point in the livestock industry today. The giant show will run through Nov. 17 and has been expanded to include many first-time activities for visitors.

The North American will host major events in the livestock industry — four of 18 national beef competitions, three of five national dairy competitions, and three of the foremost breeding sheep shows in the country. Popular youth activities like the National 4-H and Collegiate Livestock Contests will return again this year. A new feature will be the first annual Louisville Barbecue and Banquet of the Saddle and Sifts Club where Dr. Hilton Briggs, President of the South Atlantic Veterinary University, will be honored as this year's outstanding livestockman.



Classy clipping  
Jerry Earlywine is learning the art of preparing show cattle for display by watching and practice, surveys a clipped Maine-Anjou heifer in the Heaven II Farm's barn at the Carpenters Road. Farm manager A. B. Whaley

# Farm tax institute scheduled for Mason

A schedule of 13 Farm Tax Institutes has been announced by the University of Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. The annual two-day sessions are jointly sponsored by the University of Kentucky, the Internal Revenue Service and the Kentucky Department of Revenue.

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## Letters

To the Carlsle Mercury: Please find enclosed my check for one-year subscription to the Carlsle Mercury, which will be due in November 1978.

Dear Editor: Each day the children go to school in Nicholas County they become nothing. Nicholas County School System used to have good comments given to them about how good their school was. But now no different.

My father taught me to work, he did not teach me to love it.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Laugh out

the kids watch TV, most of time, carpet on floor and open classrooms. I thoroughly enjoy and open classrooms are open and they can see what's going on in other classes and kids can't keep their mind on their work.

Shield laws proving to offer only "holey" protection to press

The Carlsle Mercury

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Col. Roy Lee Shuman of Lexington sent a copy of this picture that appeared in the Oct. 19 MERCURY and identified each World War I draftee as they were pictured sitting on the court steps, July 14, 1918. The men are, from front left, Bella Walton, Emerson Woodall, Ruffel Seper, Willie Ellington,

## Kentucky Reflections

Some judges apparently attribute equal value to the press shield laws which many states have adopted in recent years. Kentucky's press shield law a few years ago afforded little protection for investigative reporters. The Courier-Journal culminated in a Supreme Court decision that he could be required to disclose his sources of information on demand of the prosecutor. Current law of the New Jersey shield law has, so far, seemed equally inadequate to protect New York Times reporter, M. A. Farmer. He was refusing to jail this month for the third time for refusing to surrender his notes which had been subpoenaed by the defense in a murder case.

According to columnist Jane Bryant King, Golden's Law of Contracts is: A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it's written on.

Deliver your opinions correctly

Richard Hopkins, Early Flora, Otto Ganner, Sherman Earlywine, Second row, Lester Shannon, Thomas McGilley, John Deatley, Henry Stanfield, Stanley W. Kerns, George Bell, Ray Dabell, Keene Gannoe, Third row, Earnest Harmon, Sidney McVain, Perry Noble Jones (see above), William Letcher, James Letcher, Doc Bridges, William Frederick, Haiman Lynam, Top row, Russell Dittus, Meredith Laville, Eugene Wallace, James Ball, Charles Wargule, William Vice, Tommie Vice, Claude Wise.

the order staying Farmer's return to jail Arnold asked "Who is this Stewart Potter?"

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