

Va seeking funds owed

The Veterans Administration has sent letters to the heads of 50 federal agencies requesting their help in collecting almost \$7 million from more than 80,000 of their employees who owe that amount to the VA. The agencies,

ranging from the largest to some of the smallest in the federal government, were asked to "appoint a senior agency official to coordinate the collection activity" with VA. The names of the debtors and the amounts they owe the Veterans Administration will be furnished each agency in the near future.

The agencies include their employees' labor unions to VA include the General Accounting Office, the Department of Education, the Civil Rights Commission, Federal Election, Federal Home Loan Bank Board, the National Science Foundation and the Office of Personnel Management.

They range in size from the Defense Department to the Railroad Retirement Board and include the Postal Service, and the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Energy, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation and Treasury.

VA began collecting the list of government employed debtors early this year by matching its computer records with those maintained by the Office of Personnel Management.

THE CARING CORNER

Exodus 20:14 "Thou shalt not bear false witness."

There is an old game in town but some players are getting less and fewer of it is the game entitled Lie Until You Get Caught. People from all walks of life are participating. It is a dangerous game. It affects one's trust system. And once it starts, it continues and there is no end.

Once the lie starts we can never truly trust one another again. Never. Because we never know when it will be true or if it is a lie. And it is so embarrassing to be caught in a lie that one would rather lie to cover up the lie than to admit it. Lying, we can never rest. We are always having to remember, to look back, to look forward, to be truthful. Are you playing the game? Testing, testing and seeing?

Join us this Sunday as we find out how not to play the game.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Christian Education 9:45 Nursery provided Worship 10:45



The Hillsdale High School Choir, Hillsdale, Michigan, directed by H.J. Rizer, will give a concert Saturday, April 4, 7:30 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Locust Street. — Photo submitted.

Consumer Alert advises public to shop employment agencies

Job hunting? Attorney General Steve Beshear is concerned since Kentuckians may be utilizing an employment agency without understanding their rights or the rights and responsibilities of the agency.

"We have many fine employment agencies across Kentucky which offer a valuable service to our citizens," Beshear said. "Most problems are the result of misunderstandings which occur. People should shop for an agency which meets their needs just as they shop for a car or home."

Employment agencies are there to provide certain services and are paid when those services are completed, just as you would pay a painter or electrician. Must agencies interview applicants to determine the types of jobs for which the applicant qualifies. They determine if there are specific strengths or weaknesses the applicant may have and how those correspond to the job listings. They usually offer free job or career counseling and will help the applicant overcome any weaknesses which may restrict their employment.

Employment agencies keep updated files which are usually cross-referenced with job openings on a continuous basis. The agency can then provide applicants with details on the job available or can furnish an employer with information about the client. If the employer's client seems interested, the agency will set up an interview for them and may also send a copy of the applicant's resume for review. The agency may advertise a job that the employer cannot fill and attract qualified applicants in this way.

All of this is free, however, the agency may be paid in any of the following ways:

- (1) The applicant, if hired, may pay the fee bill for the agency's services.
- (2) The employer may pay all the fees if an applicant is hired.
- (3) The employer may assume part of the fee, usually as part of an agreement between the two parties prior to the job being accepted.
- (4) In some cases the employer agrees to pay the fee after the employee has been on the job for a certain amount of time, such as a year. The applicant would then be responsible for paying the fee at first and then the reimbursement for them at the designated time has passed.
- (5) The employer may want to reimburse the applicant only part of the fee and, again, only after a certain amount of time has transpired.
- (6) The employer may pay the fee initially but agree to take the whole amount out of the applicant's pay over a period of time. The applicant would still pay the whole amount.

"These fees and the arrangement for payment can be negotiated, not with the agency, but between the employer and the applicant. Such negotiations should be conducted before a job is accepted to reduce the possibility of misunderstandings," said Beshear.

Since the fees for such services can be high if many benefits are offered, shop for the best bargain. The applicant is liable for payment of fees only if the applicant accepts a position in a firm that was recommended to him or her by the agency. In some cases if the applicant is laid off or fired for reasons beyond his or her control within 90 days, only a percentage of the fee will be due. The gross fee charged to such employees shall not exceed 20 percent of the gross earnings of the employee for the period he or she was employed. If the applicant quits or is fired, the applicant may have to pay the whole amount. Before resigning it is a good idea to check with the agency to see what the policy is concerning fees in this case.

Every employment agency must be licensed and bonded, and they must post their fees in a conspicuous place in the reception area. If you have questions concerning an agency you should contact the Department for Human Resources, Bureau of Administration and Oper-

First Baptist Church to host Michigan choir

The Hillsdale High School Chamber Choir, Hillsdale, Mich., presently on an annual spring tour through Michigan, Kentucky and Alabama, will present a concert at the First Baptist Church, Saturday, April 4, at 7:30 p.m.

The 23 voice choir consisting of junior and senior high school students, under the direction of H.J. Rizer, has a reputation of performing fine choral literature in concert and has received a first division rating in choral festivals for 7 years.

The choir has toured for seven years in churches, schools and colleges in Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New York, Tennessee and North Carolina.

Martha and Daley Kennedy were Wednesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Lexington.

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Saltwell news

Mrs. Hilda Poyner, Lexington, spent the weekend with Mrs. Trilla Schaefer and Charles Mercer, Carlisle. Bob Kenney and son Greg and Jason, Covington, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Gladys Kenney. Strander Hill and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hiller were also afternoon visitors. Chris Hiller spent Friday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Galbrath and Fred Anders in Carlisle.

Mrs. Callie Thacker, Ravenna, spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thacker and family.

Mrs. Andrew Gray, Carlisle, spent Wednesday with Mrs. Pearl Miller and Thurman Snapp, Martineville.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Feaback, Carlisle, visited Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hiller Monday.

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Our community extends sympathy and deep regrets to the family of Mrs. Annabelle Gannon, who passed away on Wednesday at her home in Mt. Dora, Fla. Mrs. Gannon and her family had spent most of their lives in this community but moved to Florida several years ago. Funeral was conducted on Saturday afternoon at Matthews General Funeral Chapel by Rev. J.B. Ritchie and Rev. C. Hunt, with burial in the Carlisle Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham and daughter spent Saturday with his grandmother, Mrs. Annabelle Neal, Lexington, honoring her 72nd birthday. Mrs. Ramona Wilson and Layne Hiller were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Jeff Kerr visited Mrs. Gladys

By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Wilson on Carlisle on Sunday night. Mrs. Albert Ritchie, Mrs. Naomi Gannon, Mrs. Trilla Schaefer, Mrs. Hilda Poyner, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gannon, Lexington, enjoyed a family birthday shower on Friday night honoring Miss Paulette Hill, Cynthia, bride-elect of Ralph Gantt. Celebrations were served and Miss Hill received many lovely gifts. A very large crowd attended the sale of the late Mrs. Lizzie Brunker of the Hardy Road conducted by Earl Hamm on Saturday.

Mrs. Dorothy Hays and Jesse spent one day the past week with Mrs. Gladys Kenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs and Mrs. Phyllis Brider attended the singing at Sunnyside Church on Sunday night featuring the "Singing Instrumental" and Martha Puller.

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Data User conference

A Data User Conference, sponsored by the Kentucky State Data Center of the University of Louisville in conjunction with the Census Bureau and the Bluegrass Area Development District, will be April 4 at the Bluegrass Area Development District (AD) office in Lexington. The Bluegrass AD office is located in South Park Shopping Center, 320 Nicholasville Road.

The conference will be divided into three sessions. The 9 a.m. to noon session will be for librarians, the 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. session for planners and government workers and the 7 to 10 p.m. session for business executives. Each session will be limited to 40 participants.

The data needs of each group and the application of census data will be emphasized. The groups will also discuss Kentucky demographic trends and the products and services of the Bureau of Census and the Kentucky State Data Center.

The conference is free. Preregistration is required. Call Karen Jennings at the Bluegrass AD office before April 4 at 606-272-6666.

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