Letters from our readers

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Jones out there between Paris and Cynthiana and another was an old black mare they called Uncle Lige. He was near 90 years old and had been a slave on that same farm where he was young. Uncle Lige was too weak to do more than drive a team of mules, but I'd harness and hitch them to a sled, load my shocks of fodder, and then I'd thaw off the fodder one or two stalks at a time with a hickory nut while Uncle Lige drove to and fro over the pastures and talked incessantly, telling me stories of his youth, of a time when he was away from home to find the Union Army but didn't know which way to go and soon gave up and went back home; of a house he and a friend built on the public right-of-way and where they hid the money they were saving to open a store — and all their money was lost when the house burned while they were at work; and of many other things that he had experienced in his long life.

It's hard to get around down there now, because all the old shed roads and short-cut paths to here and there have disappeared and the woods and briars have grown up on hillsides where we used to grow tobacco and corn and wheat and hay. Most of the old houses are gone, replaced by modern ranch-style houses or by mobile homes. The roads have all been paved — so people can drive fast, although they can't see 50 yards ahead and have not eaten so gass another one. It's hard to find a decent-looking barrel of tobacco, and they don't bother making stems or cutting plugs in the stripping room like they used to. I guess they don't even pull suckers anymore; nor burn tobacco beds, nor kill bugs with the first big freeze, nor dig a hole and let it fill with water when they want a drink. It hasn't been long since I saw skippers — in the branch that undoubtedly were descendents of those we knew 50 years ago and more; and I suppose there are still crawdads under the flat rocks in the creeks, rabbits in the briar patches, blackwalnuts in the old cellars and wells, and chipmunks in the rock piles. Are there still young people who wash two or three miles to Sunday school or church out at Mt. Zion or down on Cassidy or up to Moorefield? I suppose they all go by car now. The old Jordan schoolhouse, long vanished, was the scene of Sunday school activities and box suppers and ice cream suppers, as was Maple Grove, and I remember big stone jars of lemonade and baskets of fried chicken in the shade of big trees at Mt. Zion.

I read recently of the death of Mr. Eli Crosliatt, who was my Granddad Kerns' best friend and fashioning buddy when I was a kid. Many times I've heard the sound of Mr. Eli's foohorn up on the ridge just as Granddad was starting to eat his supper. He'd say, "Well, there's Eli. I'll have to hurry." He'd butter two biscuits, hastily pile them down with some blackberry preserves and a glass of milk, and then he'd be slinging his own hors, grabbing his lantern and his sheepskin coat, and calling his hounds. Sometimes they'd be ranging the hills till four in the morning, listening to the dogs run.

Mr. Eli's son, Holmon — a distant relative of mine on the Vest side — was the best rifle shot in the neighborhood. He always carried a .22 and fired at just about everything that challenged his skill. He could literally drive nails with a .22 single-shot pistol he had. I traded him out of it — my first gun — but I never could compete with his shooting.

I see Glen Handley's name, and I remember riding Old Topsy over to Mr. Bob Handley's place, carrying a sack of shelled corn to trade to Mr. Bob for the meal he ground. And when Mr. Bob showed off the big black stomacher he'd had ever since she could remember, his daughter Geneva, then about 10, cried. I see the story regarding the sale of Kentucky donkeys to South Americans and it reminds me of one of the great dreads of the ladies in our family who used to go by buggy from our home in the Maple Grove-Jordan area to Carlisle. From Moorefield to Carlisle was the "dirt" road, the only paved road I ever saw until I went to Ohio when I was six. There was always fear of the buggy mare slipping on the pavement, falling, breaking harness, maybe a shaft. Such things often happened on the railroad overpass just out of town, especially when a train happened along to scare the horsey and make them cut up. But far more fearsome was the old jack that was in a pasture beside the road on what we called the Lizville hill. As the girls were gingerly coaxing the nervous buggy mare down the hill, with a steel-shod hoof occasionally sliding out a foot or so just to make sure they didn't relax, along that fence would come Mr. Lizville's old jack, bawling that horrible sound such as only a jack can make. It would be hard to say who was more shaken up — the mare, the girls, or the little boy sitting between them on the seat. And if the mare didn't slip and fall then, it would be considered that a miracle had occurred. Back home late that evening, my Granddad would put the buggy away and carry the harness in his little shop off the back porch to be repaired while he muttered, "Ripply-tom! Ripply-tom! That's the way they go!"

I read of the tragic death by fire in 1922 of Mildred, the little daughter of our neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. John Bromagen, and I remember the horror I used to feel when people talked about how it happened when she stood on a chair to wind the mantle clock and the fire caught her long nightgown.

I'm proud of the younger generations of my own family and of families I used to know when I read about them in the paper. It's good to know that Nicholas County people are doing so well at home and elsewhere. We used to be considered "backward," you know. But the greatest thing for me are the columns that tell of the old people and old times when I was still there. I never made much of a mark on Nicholas County. I'm afraid, but it surely left its mark on me.

Sincerely,
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Ron Geary

Effective today, Thursday, July 1, the Revenue Department will become the Revenue Cabinet, according to Gov. John Y. Brown Jr.

Cabinet status will properly recognize the critical importance of revenue collections to state government, Brown said. The department now collects more than $2 billion annually from the state's 43 taxes.

That's where it should be, Brown said, because of the importance of maintaining close supervision over fluctuations in revenue collections.

The governor also said that he wanted to recognize the superb job done by Ron Geary since his appointment as Revenue Commissioner last November.

Brown said that Geary, a 34-year-old attorney and Certified Public Accountant, will be named Revenue Secretary when the reorganization occurs. Currently, Geary serves as a member of the Governor's Cabinet.

Geary said that the Department of Property Taxation will assume the duties of supervising the administration of state and local property tax administration, including intangibles taxation, from the former Property Valuation Division.

The new Department of Processing and Enforcement will provide data services, conduct field audits, collect delinquent taxes and provide taxpayer assistance.

The Department of Professional and Support Services will provide legal services, audit review and protest resolution, tax policy advice, fiscal and personnel administration, word processing services and management analysis.

Also created was an Office of Revenue Estimating and Economic Analysis which will be headed by an Executive Director, Geary said.

FmHA helps farm families to stay on the farm

State Director Kendell L. Seaton says, "Farmers Home Administration in Kentucky is trying to help farm families stay on the farm. This is in keeping with the intent of the Farmers Home Administration to assure that the owner-operators or tenant-operators of farms in the family-size category have access to agricultural credit they need to earn an adequate living from their efforts."

FmHA will continue on a year-to-year basis with those delinquent borrowers who meet all the following conditions:

— Acted in good faith in trying to meet agreements with FmHA.

— Made an honest effort to pay but cannot due to natural disasters.

— Applied recommended and recognized successful production and financial management practices.

— Has reasonable chance to accomplish the loan objective.

— Maintained and accounted for security property.

Mr. Seaton indicated that FmHA personnel are utilizing the various authorities which have been authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture to ease the financial burden of existing FmHA borrowers who are suffering from today's economic pressures. Thus far, we have been able to provide 118 deferments of principal and interest, 107 subordinations of FmHA's lien position to other creditors and 163 reschedules of reamortizations of accounts to help farmers stay in business. He also said that over $75 million has been loaned to Kentucky farmers since the beginning of this fiscal year (Oct. 1, 1981). Subsequent loans to existing farm borrowers total more than 50 percent of the total amount loaned this year.

"All of these actions have been taken to strengthen the current farm credit situation in Kentucky and enable farm families to stay on the farm," Seaton said. Unfortunately, it is not always possible to continue with a borrower. Due to various factors, it was necessary for FmHA in Kentucky to initiate foreclosure action against 39 of its farm borrowers. This was done only as a last resort measure when there were no alternatives or loan authorities available. Twenty foreclosures represent only one-tenth of one percent of the state's 14,567 farm borrowers.

Overall, Kentucky's Farmer Program is one of the strongest in the country. Kentucky's delinquency rate is 17 percent, the third lowest among states with a large farmer program volume. This delinquency rate compares with a national average of 29 percent.

"The FmHA offices in Kentucky will continue to do all that can be done to strengthen the farm credit situation," Seaton said, "and based on the record all offices are attempting to help farm families."

Gasoline in Kentucky up

The average price for gasoline in Kentucky increased 10 cents per gallon since last month, according to the Blue Grass Automobile Club's June Fuel Gauge Report. This is the largest single monthly increase recorded by the AAA Club and places the cost for gasoline at the level it was last summer.

AAA's June Fuel Gauge Report shows the average price for full-service stations is now $1.37 for regular; $1.39 for no-lead and $1.45 for premium no-lead. The average price for diesel is $1.33 per gallon. Self-service prices are now $1.25 for regular, $1.32 for no-lead and $1.40 for premium no-lead.

Motorists planning trips during the coming July 4th holiday will find most stations open. Of the stations surveyed by AAA, 86 percent will be open past 6 p.m. on Saturday and all day Sunday, and almost 80 percent will be open on July 4th.

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By Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mrs. Chester Mattox and Ragena Mattox were in Shakertown Park and Museum Thursday and dined at a restaurant there, honoring Mrs. Mattox's birthday.

Mrs. Gary Gaunce and son Todd and Chris Hollar spent Thursday night and Friday night with Miss Eva Gray and parents at Cowan. They all went with a group to Kings Island on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Myers, near Covington, visited Mr. and Mrs. Streeter Hollar, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Mrs. Gladys Kenney on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and family attended the lovely wedding of Miss Lisa Doyle to Jeff Southerland at the First Baptist Church in Somerset on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Layne Hollar visited Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Hollar on Saturday night.

Miss Tracy Ritchie spent several days the past week with Miss Connie Cannon near Leesburg.

Mrs. Hazel Snapp spent several days the past week with Mr. and Mrs. Keith McCord and sons of Chatham.

Mrs. Vickie Mitchell, Millersburg, entertained with a bridal shower on Thursday night for Miss Debbie Knippenberg, Mrs. H.A. Gaunce and Norma and Mrs. Donald Riggs attended from here.

Mrs. Sterling Hollar left on Monday for several days visit with Mrs. Lillie Patterson and other relatives in Clarksville, Tenn. Jesse Davis, son of Mrs. Chuck Tanner, also accompanied her to visit his grandmother in Clarksville.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fryman and others attended the "Maybrier" reunion in Blue Licks recently, instead of the "Fryman" reunion which was stated earlier.

Several from here attended the Family Lay Retreat at Ruggles Camp on Saturday.

The Vacation Bible School for Rose Hill and Saltwell Churches closed out on Friday night with good attendance and the program on Sunday night.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney, Miss Edna Huddleson and Miss Robbie Harney were Friday dinner guests of Mrs. A.R. Fisher, Carlisle. They all motored to Aberdeen, Ohio in the afternoon.

Mrs. Obie Chasteen, Franklin, Ohio and Mrs. Lyla Gabbard, Hamilton, Ohio spent from Monday until Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Martin Feeback, Carlisle.

Mrs. Bobby Brady visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stone and Rev. Tommy Fryman, Cynthiana, on Sunday afternoon. Rev. Fryman returned home from Central Baptist Hospital on Sunday after a week's treatment there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Mrs. Gladys Kenney spent Sunday with Mrs. Hazel Snapp.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Doyle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doyle and family and Mrs. Doris Doyle and others spent the weekend camping at Burnside State Park. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady and others joined them on Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stone and Denise returned home on Friday night after a three-week visit with Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith and Shellie and Tracy in Houston, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill George visited Mr.

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