

**Opinion**

**We teachers is wanting a raise from you'uns**

The Kentucky Education Association has sent out copies of "How Kentucky Ranks" which show a comparison between our state and seven nearby states on teacher salaries, per-pupil spending, what percentages of revenues are put into the school systems by the federal, state and local governments, etc.

It is quick to point out that Kentucky is now \$700 per year below the average of nearby states in teacher salaries, and is ranked 43rd in the nation in estimated current expenditures for elementary and secondary school.

It does not list Kentucky's ranking in teachers' contracts or the ESEA's ranking, the basic tool of their profession. The KEA news release contains at least two glaring grammatical errors which we assume were written by someone with a teacher's certificate.

Kentucky does rank fifth in the nation in percent of revenue its public schools receive from the state level. At least that shows the state is pretty generous in its financial support of education.

We have no quarrel with teachers hoping to get paid more money. We all could use some extra cash.

But in business, we either have to improve our act or bring in more revenue — and subsequently more profit — before we can expect a raise. Admittedly, teachers have only minimal control over the business of education. They can, however, improve their own knowledge and skills and become more valuable to their schools and more deserving of a raise.

It just so happens that as our nation's best teacher education program, the Kentucky Education Association ought to learn the difference between "further" and "farther" and "in" and "in" before something like "We teachers is wanting a raise and furthermore..." is forthcoming.

—Bath County News Outlook, Owingsville

**The Jackets are winners!**

It's tough to find the season on a losing note. It's far more fun to be an underdog.

But the Bluejackets of Coach Ben Pumpreys have nothing to be ashamed of.

In fact, they brought much glory to Nicholas County High School and the entire community by posting a fine 83-win record during the 11-week season before falling to Boebuchwood in playoff action last Friday night.

Entering most every game they played, the Bluejackets were outnumbered in depth, but

**Here Abouts.....with Emily A. Wolf**

**The one that got away**

When Trapper Sheldahl and Earl Lee Plank hit the road on their way to the Mercury office this Thursday morning, they were on the way to the back of the truck to get another dog to be photographed for the "Who's Who" page.

When word had been sent to the Mercury office, it was a coyote which brought his tail up to the mercury level, but this Thursday, it was a black and white dog named "Who's Who" who was the star of the show.

A second coyote, and this one was named "Who's Who" who was the star of the show.

Our thanks to Rose Scott, county clerk, for really pointing out the substitutions on the recognition sheet which were quickly able to shoot (re)proofed in a way-off-the-deadline situation.

How super proud we are of the NCEIS academic team which showed up at the High in a "tag" in "The Room" program last Saturday at Central High in praising the Nicholas County team, Principal David Mitchell noted that "Soot" County is a far academic team.

The win somewhat offsets a Crisis in Classroom article in the Nov. 6 Courier-Journal which showed our team's standing on a 141 test score ranking statewide on the HCAT test.

One reward — Would someone send us an extra dog in a please bring here.

**Letters**

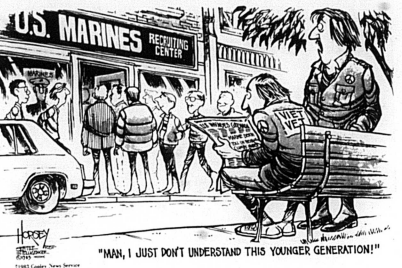
**To The Carlisle Mercury:**

Thinking of one of those special times of the year when we stop and think about things that are really important to us. Family and home are the two things that are really important to us. Family and home are the two things that are really important to us.

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**Agree or not**

**'Beware of your friends, Martha'**

The people of Kentucky have spoken emphatically in support of the proposition that the qualifications for governor be raised for the next four years.

The question now facing Gov.-elect Marvin L. Rayburn and the people of Kentucky is cooperation in producing an effective and efficient government operation.

This means having an operation on the philosophy that we have only one governor at a time until he is elected.

This is some advice that Mrs. Collins should drop into the ears of those who are members of the state government.

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**Down Memory Lane**

**Farmers Bank of Carlisle liquidated**

Thursday, Nov. 17, 1983

Mrs. J. L. Mitchell, daughter of Harold Mitchell, Nicholas County High School teacher, was awarded the top speaker trophy for first place in the Lexington Catholic debate tournament Saturday in Lexington.

Mrs. Mitchell was one of the winners in the tournament was the Nicholas County High debate team composed of J.K. Curry, James Boyd, John Shury and Fred Mitchell.

At least two newspaper publishers who were in town for the 83rd Annual News-Outlook, was awarded covered interest winners which took place at the Carlisle Airport, Dennis Allison, John Shury and Fred Mitchell.

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**Op-Ed page**

**How do Tom and Jane spell relief? ... the old-fashioned way: M-O-N-E-Y**

I couldn't believe it. The Associated Press Managing Editors Association looking June Fonda for a job as a columnist.

Obviously, these old newsbuds had scooped one too many adjectives and needed help. But June Fonda was the one to give us the answer. She had been a columnist for five years and she had been a columnist for five years.

What Jane does not understand," Hayden said, "is that Jane is not supposed to be healthy. They're hardworking people who can function with two hours' sleep, solving any problem over a few beers and beat the competition to the hottest stories every day."

He should have also told them that newspaper people don't have stress. Maybe the twitches, the migraines, a sick pallor, dandruff and bad breath, but never internal stress. They simply do not tolerate it.

Anyone who cannot handle those minor nuisances in stride is urged to become an actor, run for state office or join an activist group, where his weaknesses will be overlooked.

I work a lot cheaper than Jane Fonda and have some sound advice for A.P. writers, should they want a second opinion on internal stress.

"Don't drink with your buddies after a hard day at the office, because they will stick you with the tab and that is the worst kind of stress."

"If the boss says to you 'Sudbury, your work lately is the pits,' give him a mournful look and tell him you have three paychecks begging you to take a couple of hours off to stand for your workmate's compensation. The sniveling boss won't bother you again."

Tell your wife she doesn't need a new dress. That will create a new kind of stress that beatshe office no to thunder.

Buy a hoodie of plaid fabric and wear it to work. It will keep you warm all day and say 'Sudbury, your work lately is the pits,' give him a mournful look and tell him you have three paychecks begging you to take a couple of hours off to stand for your workmate's compensation. The sniveling boss won't bother you again."

Take a vacation and go to Hawaii. If you're a man, you might meet a rich movie star who will take you away from all that worry.

Get a new typewriter that won't shur your words and spike the office water cooler.

Stick to the news critics department where you'll get to watch dirty movies all day.

Buy yourself a weekly newspaper and retire. Then you'll be to the ground.

to be careful how much you drink, smoke and hunch-bow with Jane Fonda because everybody in town will know about it.

James Dent passes along the story about a bartender, who was at his workbench one day when a man came in. Both the man's arms were in shoulder-to-fingerpits casts. The man asked for a drink. The bartender put the glass in front of him.

"As you can see," the customer said, "I have a bit of a problem. I wonder if you'd be so kind as to lift the glass to my mouth so I can take a drink?"

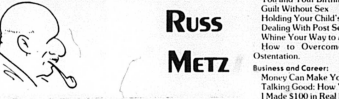
"Why certainly," the bartender said and he did. "Thanks," said the man. "Now, would you reach into my pocket and get my handkerchief and wipe the foam off my mouth?"

"Of course," said the bartender and he did. "Now," said the man, "if you'll reach in my other pocket, you'll find the money for the beer."

The bartender got it. "You've been very kind," said the man. "Just one more thing, where's the man's restroom?"

"Oh the door," said the bartender, "two blocks down, in a filling station on the corner."

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**Russ Metz**

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**He travels fastest who travels alone**

You might think it's certain, but it's not a fact. — But at the annual Bell Hill high school reunion, the fact was proven. It was all under control of Captain Wilcox and that was my story was announced back along the ragged, straggling line. In the lead was one Captain Spaulding and flying right behind him was your friend, the author of this column, who had just stepped up to the choppers at Bell Hill that day to ferry the boys to the reunion. That day, a big Army field exercise was already in progress. That day, all except my helicopter, which had been ordered to land at the "Hill" area (Frank Emery's hillside) of the Columbia Basin. It was just behind the hillside, and it was just behind the hillside, and it was just behind the hillside.

Captain Wilcox was a really good, reasonably sensible fellow, but with him in the lead, we were in a real jam. We were in a real jam. We were in a real jam.

passed over Oregon City and up the beautiful Columbia Gorge, and Spaulding continued alone toward Yachats as I dropped out and in Carlisle, I was home.

He travels fastest who travels alone, I've always heard, and I believe it. That's how you spell the break. If you look for trouble you'll find it, and it'll soon be gone. That's how you spell the break. If you look for trouble you'll find it, and it'll soon be gone.

There's no one to say that wasn't done to me. There's no one to say that wasn't done to me. There's no one to say that wasn't done to me.

**Attention Farmers**

**Humphrey Dog Food opening Nov. 7. Removal of dead or down farm animals suitable for dog food. Seven days a week service. Call 289-5415, Carlisle, Ky.**

**Pre-Christmas Sale**

- Sport Coats All Wood Tweed Was \$135.00 Sale! 99.95
  - Corduroy Suits Was \$105.00 Sale! 89.95
  - Corduroy Sport Coats Was \$85.00 Sale! 69.95
  - Sport Coats Camel Hair Was \$225.00 Sale! 179.95
  - Cashmere Topcoats Was \$250.00 Sale! 199.95
  - Sweaters Crownneck (for Men & Women) Was \$ 40.00 Sale! 29.95
  - V-Neck Sweaters Lambs Wool Was \$ 30.00 Sale! 25.00
  - Winter Jackets Was \$165.00 Sale! 119.95
  - Leather Jackets Was \$165.00 Sale! 119.95
- For Men**
- For Ladies**
- Suits & Blazers 20% Off
  - Dresses 25% Off
  - Young Men's & Ladies Shirts 12.95
  - Billed Wool Jackets 20% Off
  - Ultra Suede Suits 1450
- Lay-a-way Now for Christmas!
- Curter's**
- Carlisle, Ky.