

GENERAL NEWS

**Kentucky Clippings**

From The Associated Press

**Jones says specific plan needed**  
OWENSBORO (AP) - If Governor Wallace Wilkinson calls a special session of the General Assembly to enact education reforms, the legislators will do what they just did and "throw it back in his face," Lt. Gov. Brereton Jones predicts. Jones suggested it would make more sense to appoint a task force to draft a long-range education plan for the state. "We've never had a long-term plan for education," he said at a meeting of the Owensboro Lions and Kiwanis clubs. "We keep doing piecemeal educational reform. But we've got to have a long-range plan for education."

Jones said the governor, lieutenant governor and superintendent of public instruction should get together with all groups and individuals interested in education, have public hearings and come up with a plan for improving Kentucky schools.

Then, he said, "we've got to determine the price tag. And then we've got to find where we can get the money."

**Doing a good job, pays off**  
LOUISVILLE (AP) - Stone Container Corp. had a good year last year.

Good enough to give television sets to its 21,000-plus employees at 150 plants in the country.

The workers, including 223 at the Louisville plant, heard the good news Monday from Chairman Robert Stone, via videotape sent from the company's Chicago headquarters.

A corporate committee came up with the idea of

**Food takes price hike**

By Gary Huddleston  
Retail food prices in Kentucky posted a 1.2 percent increase in March, reversing a February decline and returning to their January level of \$62.27 average cost, according to Kentucky Farm Bureau's market basket survey.

The price of pork cuts surged upward 5 per cent, dominating the survey results in a month when other food categories showed little change.

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expressing appreciation by buying a 19-inch Zenith color TV set with remote control for every full-time or permanent part-time employee who worked for the company last year.

The company would not say how much it paid for the sets, but Vice President Bill Klaisle said the sets are worth \$8 million to \$10 million.

"It was the biggest order Zenith ever got," he said.

**Auction is scheduled, May 2**

FRANKFORT (AP) - The annual auction by the Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources of surplus and confiscated items will be held on May 2.

Among the items to be sold are 29 vehicles, 50 boats, outboard motors, guns, tractors, saws and fertilizer spreaders.

Surplus items can be sold to anyone, but items confiscated by court order can be sold only to Kentucky residents.

All bidders must register before the sale and only cash or certified checks will be accepted. Registration begins one hour before the 9:30 a.m. EDT auction. All sales are final and no merchandise is guaranteed.

The auction will be held at the department's game farm on U.S. 60 three miles west of Frankfort.

**Forest fires damage 6,661 acres**

FRANKFORT, (AP) - Weekend forest fires, April 16-17, burned across 6,661 acres of the state's woodlands, which now are more prone to serious fire damage than perhaps any other time of the year, according to a state forestry official.

Rain that fell across Kentucky on the following Monday was expected to reduce the danger of fires for about four days, Bergmann said. Within another two weeks, foliage should help retain more moisture in forests across the state and keep fire danger to a minimum, he said.

**Medical problems not explained**

FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) - Many employees of the Kentucky Retirement Systems are still plagued with unexplained medical problems, despite a move two months ago to a new building that was supposed to end the afflictions.

"We can't find a source, and we can't find a treatment," said Louisville attorney Wes Shanks, who is hired to represent 21 of the workers. "The employees are discouraged. No one can tell them what to do."

Environmental consultants hired to investigate the problems at the old offices blamed them on "tight-building syndrome" - a generic term for a multitude of problems that occur in new buildings that are well-insulated, tightly closed and insufficiently ventilated.

The office's general manager, Bobby McKee, said

he thinks employees are still feeling the effects of the tight-building syndrome. Consultants who studied the building last fall predicted that it might take six months for the problems to disappear.

But Shanks said his clients are reporting more serious ailments, including infections of the urinary tract, kidneys and bladder.

Shanks said he'll keep searching for solutions.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

France residence from Civil War era

By Heather Mathes  
The Dublin Memory that May feel their home is also their castle, but one couple in Nicholas County took steps to insure the security and pride in their home as well founded.

Ike and Debbie France's home was estimated to have been built just before the Reconstruction period as the houses architectecture seems to be a mixture of many styles.

It has also been estimated Dorsey Brothers and Fitcher, a lumber and contracting business based in Carlisle, added several features during a complete remodeling in the 1920's.

"The structure is entirely double brick with not wood present with the exception of woodwork on the inside and out.

The wood on the inside is mahogany that was shipped from overseas.

"When I was reding most of the woodwork it bled and mahogany is the only wood that does bleed the more it is worked with," Mrs. France said.

Also, in the 1920s was a near disastrous fire which took the upstairs in a web of flames.

"Before we papered the the bathroom, we found a place where steps were and burnt edges at the top of the ceiling," said Debbie France.

Her husband added, "In the attic space left over are places in the woodwork that have obviously been spliced with new wood and have burnt edges where the splicing was thin."

According to Bill a "Carpenter, a past neighbor of the pringed house, said the first work he can remember is hiring to and Laura Bramlett.

"He said the house was sold to Ado Knox in the 1920's, when he left for war," the France said.

The house then changed

hands to Jake and Edna Raylwin who in turn sold it in the 1940's to the Clark's.

After some time, Christine Laiton Clark sold the structure to Adie Dodge.

The Frances then bought the structure in the fall of 1983 and moved on Memorial Day.

What are some of the many remodeling and refurbishing work the Frances "tamped into with both feet?"

"Although the five chimneys were sealed off and the front halls near ceiling to the floor mirror was already beveled in, there were many things that needed more than a whole lot of work.

"For example, there was no kitchen floor, the ceilings were dropped with nothing in between, there was 11 sheets of wallpaper on the walls, one bathroom in bad shape, only one closet, antique fixtures had been ripped out of the wall, carpet had been ripped off of hard done wood floors, someone had blasted a whole in the brick upstairs and the living room and dining room.

"These it really just a start of what all we did, but the hardest job of all was remodelling the whole outside," Mr. France said.

Mrs. France added, "Since the brick had been painted, we would have had to sandblast it off and that would have destroyed the all ready fragile brick."

Now the biggest jobs are finished, Mr. and Mrs. France have a separate dining and living room, redone

cabinets, a sun room, pantry, ceilings at the original 12 foot, a new bathroom and walk in closets built with what actual closets made under a ceiling floor above system.

The future may hold red carpeting an upstairs and more remodeling.



Ike and Debbie France's residence estimated to have been built during the Reconstruction period following the Civil War. After suffering much damage, the house has been almost completely restored, and reconstructed by the present owners. - Heather Mathes Photo

Mercury Memories

Compiled by Ann Shearer

**5 Years Ago**  
Thursday, May 5, 1983

Keith Lyons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lyons of Sharpsburg, has been selected as a student in the Governor's Scholars Program to be held at Centre College in Danville from July 3 through August 5, 1983.

Despite high winds that blew down the tent under which the First National Bank Farmers Appreciation Day was to have been held Saturday, the event drew nearly 600 farmers from Nicholas, Fleming, and Bath

counties to the back-up location at the Carlisle Armory.

Melissa Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mitchell, is employed by the City of Carlisle as part of the work-study unit to her office practice class at the Nicholas County High School.

These youngsters recently counted in the Bluegrass Area Special Olympics held in Bourbon County: Vicki Ross, Robbie Glass, Melissa Helton, Victor Watkins, Darrin Morris, Scott Zornes, Beverly Gammage, George Watkins, Harvey Jolly, James Sapp, Cecil White, Eddie Reed, Harold Stille, Micky Stone, Melissa Daley,

Linia Preston, and Linda George. BORN: William Alexander Wilson, May 1, 1983. MARRIED: Sheryl Kim Bailey and Clifford Wayne Shumate, Jr., April 23, 1983. DIED: Mrs. Ruth Buchanan, Wrensch, May 3, 1983; Andrew Holland, 86, May 2, 1983; Mrs. Florine McCall Peratt, 80, April 30, 1983.

**10 Years Ago**  
Thursday, May 4, 1978

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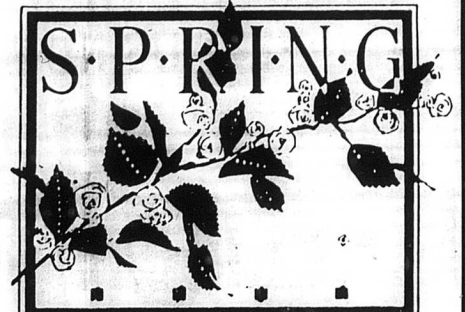
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