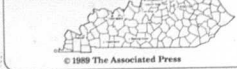


GENERAL NEWS

Is it the railroad commissioner approach?

KENTUCKY ANALYSIS



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Analysis
 FRANKFORT, Ky. (AP) — The railroad commissioner's "mission" approach to education is a variation of the railroad commissioner's approach to education. It is a variation of the railroad commissioner's approach to education. It is a variation of the railroad commissioner's approach to education.

Happenings

The Diabetes Support Group scheduled for August 24, has been cancelled. The meeting will resume in September at the usual date.
 The Stottaires from the Scott United Methodist Church in Mayville, an all black church, will be singing in concert at the Morefield United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, August 27, at 7 p.m. The congregation of the church invites everyone to come and hear this gospel group.

Nicholas School Menus

'Nicholas County Elementary School Menus
 Menu August 28-September 1
Monday, August 28 - Juice, oatmeal, popart, milk
Tuesday, August 29 - Juice, cheese toast, milk
Wednesday, August 30 - Juice, Mini-honeytun, milk
Thursday, August 31 - Appleauce, sausage & bread, milk
Friday, September 1 - 1/2 banana, cereal, toast, milk
Lunch
Monday, August 28 - Toasted cheese sandwich, buttered peas, appleauce, cookie
Tuesday, August 29 - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, potato chips, 1/2 banana
Wednesday, August 30 - Spaghetti, green beans, pineapple slice, peanut butter & crackers
Thursday, August 31 - Pizza, buttered spinach, corn, peagh leaf
Friday, September 1 - Fish on bun, pinto beans, cole slaw, peasauce, ice cream
Nicholas County High School Menus August 28 - September 1
Monday, August 28 - Pimento cheese sandwich, buttered

OBITUARY

Knights
 Isabelle Knight, 86, of 103 E. Mulberry St., Carlisle, died Sunday, August 20, 1989, at the Nicholas County Hospital.
 She was a member of Carlisle Baptist Church, and a former Nicholas County High School Teacher.
 She was born in Bath County to the late Rufus and Mary Ora Craft Knight.
 Her survivors include: Another, Woodson Knight, Louisville, and two nephews.
 Services will be held Wednesday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. at the Grave in the Carlisle Cemetery by Rev. Kevin Thomas.

Memorials

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probably appointed by the state school board and secured with a long term contract. Kentucky, meanwhile, would get to keep electing a full slate of those constitutional offices they just cannot seem to live without.
 And the superintendent they elected would be well paid - John Brock's salary is \$50,263 this year - for doing nothing in particular.
 Is this a great job, or what? If it sounds far-fetched, consider this: The Kentucky Constitution demands nothing of a state superintendent except legal age and residence. All the other duties are set by the General Assembly. And that brings us back to the Railroad Commission, an anachronism of the 98-year-old constitution.
 The three-person commission still exists, though for no good reason. The legislature transferred all meaningful railroad responsibility to the Transportation Cabinet ages ago, but taxpayers still cheerfully foot the bill for commissioners to each draw a constitutional salary of \$3,000 a year.
 It may not be much, but it beats working, so there were 15 candidates - 14 Democrats when the three seats were up for election two years ago.
 Can you imagine the number of candidates for a \$600,000 post with no duties? The candidate list for the Democratic primary alone would run several pages. It might even rival the list for lieutenant governor.
 There is serious sentiment among some members of the Task Force on Education Reform, the group appointed to reshape the public school system, to use the legislature's control of the superintendent's duties to give them to someone else elected. The someone else would be, perhaps, the state education commissioner. The elected superintendent, it was suggested, might become an ambassador - a minister without portfolio, as it were. How about official greater at the Department of Education? The odds against such an effort seem long.
 State Rep. Louis Mack, a member of the House Education Committee, said the trial balloon being floated last week was an attempt to make an end run around the constitution.
 It would no doubt be perceived that way. The legislators, after all, what voters refused to give in 1986.
 On the ballot that year was a constitutional amendment to convert the superintendent from an officeholder elected statewide, to an appointee of the 13-member state board, which in turn would continue to be appointed by the governor.
 The amendment was defeated overwhelmingly, as four others had been earlier in years.
 The main argument by proponents of an appointed superintendent is that he or she would be non-political, not having to worry about finding another job in four years. For most past superintendents, that has meant running for a different office.
 Opponents of the 1986 amendment said having an appointed superintendent plus a gubernatorially appointed board would put too much power in the governor's hands. It would render education administration unaccountable to the public, they said.
 They also scoffed at the no-

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