











# The \$64 Questions . . . . In The School Race

## Come Out, Mr. Wicker, Come Out!!

My sincere and humble apologies go to Joe Taylor Hyden for the remark that I sought no officer's commission, etc., where it might be construed as a "crack" at him. I have always thought of you as just one of us boys. Joe Taylor, and am glad to give you credit for going up through the ranks as you did. It is not to my credit that I did not try for a commission. I just happened to feel that way about it.

Again you are right. Veterans (and the parents of veterans) are interested in the school board race, and they should be. The office of the Superintendent of Schools is an important one for the veteran. It is there he goes for help on the G.I. Bill of Rights' educational and on-the-job training programs and many other things. The man who knows the problems and the feelings of the ex-G.I. can serve him best.

For this reason the Veteran and the public are entitled to know the truth.

1) Are you for Veterans' preference? Yes or no. Let's be done with quibbling, hinting and evading!

2) Are you the man who would be the superintendent if Burchett and May could have their way? Yes or no.

or

3) Are you not backing Monroe Wicker, a non-veteran and a native of Knott county for the superintendent-tendency? Yes or no.

If the consensus of opinion is right your answer to No. 3 is yes. Then your answer to No. 2 will have to be no. And since you have not presented a valid case against my administration nor offered a better one for your colleagues there is only one answer for No. 1.

4) Explain to the people how you could continue nine months of school for all Floyd county children.

5) Explain to the people how you could continue to operate a good school bus program.

6) Explain to the people how you could build all the buildings now needed in our school system when materials are available.

7) Try to convince the people that you are thinking of economy and efficiency and not just trying to "talk yourself into a job."

I especially invite you to answer these questions and make your case clear to the public at a public meeting and speaking at the courthouse in Prestonsburg, Saturday, Oct. 26, 7:30 p.m.

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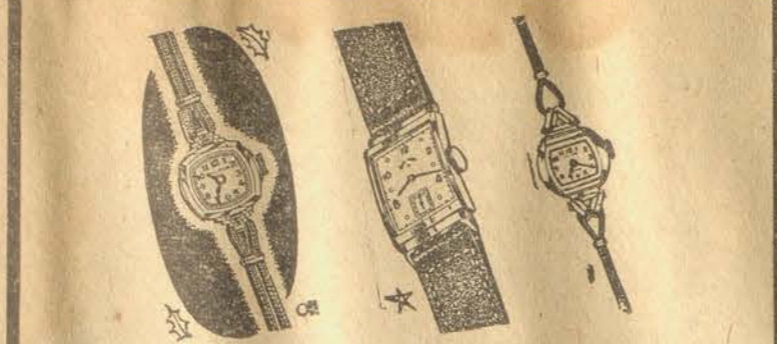
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### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh.

#### Want a Vacation from Marriage?

Alvin Blake went south on his vacation, for some fishing, and left his Missus to enjoy a vacation from the corn-cob pipe, clothes in a heap, and solos on the harmonica.

First few days, Martha enjoyed it—house neat and quiet, top back on the toothpaste, no morning mess from Alvin's midnight snacks (Al's partial to a bit of cheese and beer at bedtime).

Come the end of the week, she began to fidget; couldn't even read the *Clarion*, it looked so unmussed; didn't have any appetite with no-

body to cook for. She was about to wire Al, when he barges home a week ahead of time, and she almost cries for gratitude. ("Felt the same way myself," says Al.)

From where I sit, those differences of habit and opinion—whether they have to do with corn-cob pipes, a glass of beer, or playing the harmonica, seem mighty trivial when you're separated. And they are, too!

Joe Marsh

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## Solid John's Comments

Dear Mr. Eddittur,

This "Bored of Eddication" movement is gittin' me intrested. Hit looks mor and mor certin thet thet "On the March" stuff would be goin' backerds shore.

I wuz a talkin' to Wib Wobble tuther day jist attar he'd cum back from Prestonsburg. "John," sed Wib, "hit seems thet tha's a heep uv peepil kickin about the school tax this year." And I sez, "Wib, who's a been a talkin to you about hit?" And Wib he sed hit wuz 2 er 3 fellers in Prestonsburg. And whin I sed to Wib thet I culdn't sea why ennybody in Prestonsburg would be entersted sence tha didn't paye no countie school tax nohow. Wib he sed hit seemed like tha wuz kickin' mor'n ennybody else. Whin I finally got hit out uv Wib hit wuz the hi sheriffe who wuz a collectin' the taxes and another wun uv the countie offishuls who is a spesful fren uv the sheriffe.

Thet, Mr. Eddittur, wuz whin my blud begin to bile. I'd heerd sumthin about all thim speels tha'd been puttin up to the peepil whin tha'd paye ther taxes. I sed, "Wib, what'n tamashun do thim fellers think we ar? Tha must thank we ar plum iggorant and 'thout a lick uv sence. We no the taxes ain't a hurtin thim and we no thet tha aint sudenly got to worrin about how much taxes we all ar a payin'." And further mor I sed to Wib thet we nowed thet hit warn't jist the school taxes thet wuz up even effen the sheriffe didn't telle hit thet waye. We nowed thet ar school tax wuz razed up level with the consolidatid deestricks and I thot we wuz jist as goode as tha wuz and willin tu paye fer hit to.

Wib, he sed thar must be a ketch to hit sumwhere. And I sez to Wib thet ifn he wuzen't blind az a bat he culd sea the ketch ezy enuf. Thim I sed, "Wib, du yu no wher ar hi sheriffe cum from?" "Shore," sed Wib, "he cum from Knotte countie." And I sed, "Do you no wher thim man who's a tryin to bee supertendent uv schools cum from, Wib?" And Wib he thinks a minit and he sez he beleaves thet he cum from Knotte countie to. "Rite," I sez to Wib, "an not onley thet but tha's brother-en-laws." "Thin hit's no wonder tha wuz a tryin to pizen my mind about thim school taxes," sez Wib. "Wib," I sez, "hit's jist like I sed to my nabor Sam tuther day. Effen I can't paye 4 dollers extry fer 2 hole muntus uv schoolen fer my grandyungings I ain't mutch uv a citisun. I'd shore ruther paye hit fer schoolen than paye hit out in fines and corte costs wun uv thes days." And like Sam and mee Wib 'lowed as how a feller'd better playe hit safe and march along with Dr. J. H. Allen and James (Jimmy) Greene to the frontards.

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