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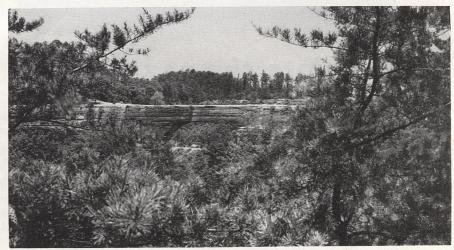
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Legal Publications Are Basic To Peoples' Right To Know

The Kentucky Press Association believes that, in general, every political subdivision which has the right to levy taxes has the corresponding duty to account to the taxpayers for those taxes; that the best form of such accounting is a Legal Publication detailing how much went to whom for what; and the that a complete financial statement for each such tax-levying body should be published periodically.

Why? What are the considerations for, and against?

Everyone agrees that "the public has a ight to know" how its agents conducts its usiness. It is an historic right, considered cornerstone of the United States Constituion written into the First Amendment in he form of "freedom of the press." The lanjuage of the Amendment confers no special rivilege on the press. Rather, the founding athers spelled out in a concise phrase the lasic principle of the people's right to know. Iven in that early day of high illiteracy, the minted word, in general and unrestricted inculation, was recognized as the means of making any information public information. The right of the citizen to be kept inormed found ready concurrence in the openng paragraph of a report of the Legislative Council to the 41st Colorado General Asembly. This Council (our prototype in Kenucky is our Legislative Research Commision) is a continuing research agency charged with the study of broad problems proposed y legislators. This paragraph reads:

"It is the underlying concept of democratic government that the citizen has the right be informed on the operations of the urious governmental units which serve him do to which he pays taxes. Such knowledge basic to informed participation in governmental affairs and such informed participation is vital to the democratic system."

In projecting this principle to the logical equirements that local tax-supported sublivisions should make public accounting of heir finances, the press of our state has enuntered some misunderstanding, some pinions that honestly differ. The question saked, "Certainly the people have the right how, but why in paid public notices?" he answer is basic: Because paid public totice in legal newspapers will be read by early all the interested citizens and it is he best and cheapest method.

Throughout the nation, the readership of Newspapers, the largest city newspaper and

the smallest community weekly, is an unvarying habit. Readership studies indicate that the average adult spends one and one-half hours each day in newspaper reading. Home-town papers, daily and weekly, in Kentucky, as elsewhere in the nation, on the average go into more than 90 per cent of the homes of the communities that they serve. Other readership studies show that more than 80 per cent of the adults in each family carefully read each issue, and of these, over two-thirds give their interested attention to the legal publications therein.

This, in comparison with the small number of people who go to the courthouse, the city hall, or the school office and ask to "look at the books", should prove that the fact that the books are open does not begin to satisfy the people's interest in their governmental affairs and how their money is spent, or the privilege and obligation of the public official to report to his stockholders.

Of course, certain legal publications, receive less attention than others, dependent on the basic public interest. Even so, in law and experience, such readership constitutes effective public notice, and the fact remains, nothing can be hidden in the newspapers.

Every man, woman, and child in the U.S.A. was born with the right to know what our public officials are doing with the responsibility entrusted to them. Election to public office is both an honor and a trial. It is the honor manifested by the faith that voters have shown in the successful candidate. But it is a trial of that candidate's inherent integrity, ability, and willingness to serve his constituency. Accounting for his stewardship directly to the men and women who elected him is as much an essential part of the American system of government as the exercise of the franchise itself.

Custom from Colonial days has now established the point that every person who receives or expends public moneys should give an accounting of the funds that he handles

(Editor's Note: Any publisher is entitled to use all, or any, of this article in his columns, news-wise or editorial-wise. In refutation of the Kentucky Municipal League's absurd contentions (outlined in our last issue), one inherent right of our readers stands out—their right to know what their elected officials are doing with the taxpayer's money; this we should stress, time and again, in our columns.)

by a published statement at periodical intervals. The American Press can never compromist with this RIGHT . . . as vital as any of the freedoms we hold as a self-governing society. From it there can be no exception, no release. The Taxpayer is entitled to know HOW his money was spent, WHO got it, for WHAT.

Public notice does not—and is not intended to—replace the need for periodic audits of public accounts. As a trained professional, devoting his full and continuing attention to the job of examining thoroughly the public body's accounting, the auditor can establish facts and make proofs that never could be expected from the average citizen, no matter how thorough the published report. The auditor can prove how a dollar was spent. He may have no opinion on the wisdom of the spending.

But on the other hand, the public notice, and its readers, effect checks and safeguards that never would occur to the auditor, or result from his report. For example, in the payment of any warrant to any person, there is always at least one person—no auditor he—who knows if the sum reported as paid is correct: the person who received the money.

The requirement of a published report is no more an implication of suspicion or distrust of public officials than is a requirement that books be kept, and that they be audited. The public's interest and concern in any report may be as varied, for as many different reasons, as the number of persons who read it. We have no more right to question the Citizen's motive in reading a financial report than we have to question his motives in voting as he does. But all interest in public affairs, all reasons for demanding and reading (not invariably, but at will) such reports, occupy the common ground of the public's right to know.

The need for a complete copy of the report of public officials is not to be underestimated. Most taxpayers are neither accountants nor politicians; they do not readily understand all of the items in a report and must examine it at their leisure and with repeated attention to the less understood items. Often they must take the report to some friend who has a greater knowledge of accounting and of the procedure in public office in order to get a thorough knowledge of how the public money was handled. The very least to which a man or woman whose money goes to support government is entitled, is a simple, complete, clear statement of what has been done with it.

Any method, therefore, which does not make it easy and convenient for each tax-payer to have a copy of every report of a public official is inadequate in a democratic system of government. There are five im-

Plan To Observe National Newspaper Week, Oct. 1-8 Kee

The theme for the 1958 National Newspaper Week, to be observed by Kentucky newspapers October 1-8, will be "Your Newspaper-Guards Your Freedom.'

Announcement of the theme and slogan for the 19th annual observance was made by Arthur Strang, chairman of the National Newspaper Week committee. Strang is secretary-manager of the Illinois Press Associa-

This special week, established in 1940, is sponsored annually by Newspaper Association Managers, Inc., a nationwide organization of state, regional and national press association managers.

"In this era of peril and uncertainty the role of American newspapers in guarding our freedoms of speech, worship, assembly, economic enterprise, and self-government has become increasingly important," Strang stated.

"Your newspaper speaks the truth when others are silent, it exposes injustice, it labors for the public welfare, and it can and does resist the growing encroachment of government and vested interests upon individual rights." He added, "Your newspaper also wages a constant war on ignorance, indifference, and complacency, which are the most



dangerous 'weapons' potential aggressors pos-

Strang reminded that National Newspaper Week gives the nation's press an opportunity to make a concerted effort to impress indelibly upon readers that they should not take their newspapers for granted or consider them merely as a business enterprise. Every reader should be made to realize that American newspapers, independent and uncensored, are the greatest single bulwark we have to protect against those, from within and without, who would destroy the precious rights of every American citizen.

In the past, many Kentucky newspapers have not participated in this special promotion as much as papers from other states None of the prizes offered each year have been won by a member of the KPA.

By the time you receive your Press, a promotion packet, prepared by the Newspaper Association Managers, Inc., should have reached your office. Much helpful material is included in the packet which will both help you with NNW promotion and save you time in preparing the releases.

Material included in the folder is a 4-page folder of promotion ideas; a clip sheet; the text of speeches by Theodore Peterson, University of Illinois; and Ira W. Cole, Northwestern University; a special editorial by Dr. Nyaradi of Bradley University; a 4-page folder of advertising suggestions; mats of Newspaper Week emblem in three sizes: two editorial cartoons, and two copies of the journalists' creed-one in color for framing for your office wall, and a black and white copy to be used editorially.

Two very valid suggestions are made in hat reimb the instructions with this folder. The first is to localize the material as much as possible, and the second is to keep tearsheets of your printed material so it can be entered in the 1958 National Newspaper Week Promotion Contest.

portant phases of legal publications:

1. Report To Management-Financial reporting has come to mean more than just a means of checking on the honesty of public officials. It is recognized as an integral part of the whole management process. Reports to management, the legislative body, and the people are all recognized as necessary to effi-

2. Public Relations-Public relations have been accepted by officials as a vital aspect of successful administration. Many officials are using all available informational devices to inform their citizens of what they are doing.

3. Officials demanded it, then as now-It may be well to reiterate the fact that public notice in newspapers was born because public officials demanded it; and it became accepted as a part of the American system of government long before newspapers were out of the feeble, struggling age of "oneman shops." In a democracy such as ours, the very existence of government by the people and for the people is predicated on the assumption that every voter can be kept informed of the government's activities. Without such widespread information there can be no democracy; lack of knowledge among the people is the sword by which every autocracy and dictatorship has enslaved its

citizens. Muzzling the press is demagoguery's first step in destroying individual liberty, and preventing the people from knowing the true state of affairs in the commonwealth is its method for keeping them subjected.

4. Honesty, Efficiency, Good Government-Honest officials gladly seize the opportunity to render a public statement of their acts to show the efficiency, honesty, and good government that they have exercised.

5. Protection for Officials-Taxpayers frequently place the blame for increased rates on public officials when the real reason for higher taxes is to be found in improvements and additional expenditures ordered and authorized by the voters themselves. In such cases the best proof public officials can use to demonstrate their own integrity and to place the blame for increased expenditures where they belong is an itemized notice published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Based on the inherent right of the public, this then is the newspaper's fight of, for, and by the public; it is the duty that has been placed on the newspaper since the start of American Nationality-and may we ever continue that fight.

Quitting advertising to save money is like stopping the clock to save time.

Gallop Poll Confirmed

Preliminary findings by Dr. Gallup's Public Opinion Poll reported last July have just been confirmed. Here is a run-down on some things worth thinking about: (1) News must be made more pleasant and easier to read; (2) The present way of presenting news is too formal and too stuffy; (3) Newspapers need to be edited with a little more sense of humor than is now apparent; (4) A majority of newspaper readers questions (10,000) think there is better writing in the news magazines than in the newspapers; (5) There is a widespread objection to the continuation breaks in news stories carrying readers from page to page; (6) There is a heavy demand for health news that is not being filled; (7) The public thinks newspapers are entitled to an increase in subscription rates; (8) The survey demon- with an exstrates that newspapers are "very weak in promotion"; and (9) The public, particularly ort either women, consider newspaper advertising as he expense

Until after 1810 expensive newsprint and limited mechanical facilities held daily newspaper circulation to 900 issues or less. The average circulation per edition remained close to 550 issues.

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The storm which raged over the reporting of employees' traveling and other business expenses has now been reduced to a tempestin-a-teapot by the Internal Revenue Service's isuance of proposed regulations (Sec. 19.1-1 ful material brough 19.1-5) covering both reporting and h will both record keeping of those expenses.

Late in 1957, IRS created a furor when and save you the 1957 individual income tax returns r is a 4-page form 1040) included, for the first time, p sheet; the Line 6(a)." The effect of this new line was eterson, Uni o require that employees include in gross Cole, North income all advances for, and reimbursements torial by Dr. of, expenses incurred for their employers, 4-page fold and that they then specifically detail those ats of News expenses to deduct them on their tax returns. Although, technically, IRE regulations had zes; two ediof the jour or many years required this type of reportframing for ing, no serious attempt to enforce this rule I white copy over has been made. In fact, it was the gen-rally accepted (and probably correct) view re made in hat reimbursement of expenses was merely The first is the employer's repayment of a loan which as possible, he employee initially made when he paid he expenses on the employer's behalf; such eets of your tered in the timbursement was therefore not income.

Besides that, most individual taxpayers had Promotion not bothered to maintain detailed records of eimbursed expenses. A clamor of protests ulminated in testimony before the House Ways and Means Committee, and IRS finally mnounced that "Line 6(a)" could be igily have just

nored on the 1957 return.

Now IRS has proposed regulations which, finalized, will be applicable to all tax years eginning January 1, 1958 and thereafter. They cover not only the proposed reporting requirements but also indicate what types of ecords will be acceptable to IRS as proof hat employees' expenses were actually in-

Reporting

The proposed regulations set up three ation breaks ategories for reporting purposes:

1. Incidental expenses:

The regulations do not apply to expenses neurred for incidentals, such as office supan increase lies or local transportation in connection rvey demon- vith an errand. Regardless of the manner f reimbursement, employees need not reparticularly ort either the reimbursements received or vertising as he expenses incurred. Nor will they be reuired to substantiate, with detailed records, he fact that they incurred such expenses.

Although not specifically stated in the egulations, however, it is clear that if the eimbursements received by the employee or such expenditures exceed the amounts actually spent, he must report the excess gross income. Conversely, if his local transportation expenses exceed the reimbursements he received he can deduct the excess from his gross income in arriving at adjusted gross income (Sec. 62(2) (C), 1954 I.R.C.).

2. Expenses for which the employee accounts to his employer:

An employee need not report expenses if these meet all of the following three tests: (a) they are incurred by him solely for his employer's benefit, (8) he accounts to his employer for them, and (c) they are either (i) charged to his employer, or (ii) the employer pays the employee for them by reimbursement, advances, or in any other similar manner. In such a case teh employee need only state on his return that the amounts charged to, or received from, his employer did not exceed the business expenses he actually incurred. If they did exceed the actual expenses, he must include the excess in income, simly stating on his return that such excess has been included.

How must an employee "account to the employer" for expenses in order to fall within the above rule? A written statement must be made to the employer showing the business nature and the amount of the employee's expenses broken down into broad categories, such as (a) transportation, (b) meals and lodging, (c) entertainment expenses and (d) other business expenses.

However, the Commissioner may dispense with such specific accounting where bona fide, fixed-scale, allowances are made for mileage, daily subsistence, and other similar business expenses. It is anticipated that IRS will soon issue a general ruling covering these situations. Until such time, however, it is advisable that employees who receive such allowances submit written accountings of their expenses (in the form set forth in the preceding paragraph).

There are certain things about which you should be cautioned because many loose statements have been made covering this subject. One concerns the use of credit cards. You cannot circumvent the specific requirements by merely charging expenses directly to the employer on credit cards. The "accounting" made to the employer must include the business nature, amount and category of the expense. If the bill received by the employer does not contain this information, it is not an "accounting." The employee should, therefore, submit a written statement containing the information, or indicate it on the bill itself (e.g., the persons entertained, the purpose of his trip, and, if not otherwise clear from the bill, the broad category of the expenses charged).

Any personal expenses which the employee charges on his credit card, and for which he does not reimburse his employer, is income to the employee and must be reported.

Finally, it should be kept in mind by all the employees that to the extent they do not account to their employers for sums received to defray expenses, the employer will generally be required to report such sums to the government either on the employee's W-2 form or on a Form 1099 information return filed for the employee. These amounts must be included by the employee on his tax return as gross income (as set forth below).

3. Expenses for which the employee does not have to account to his employer:

This is the final category dealt with in the regulations. To the extent that an employee does not account to his employer for business expenses (whether they be charged directly or indirectly to the employer, reimbursed by the employer in the form of an allowance, or incurred by the employee without recoupment), the employee must submit with his tax return (a) The total received from the employer consisting not only of sums received from the employer for expenses but also any charges paid to others by the employer, and (b) A statement showing (i) the nature of his occupation, (ii) the number of days away from home on business, and (iii) the amount of his ordinary and necessary business expenses (including those charged directly or indirectly to the employer) broken down into broad categories such as transportation, meals and lodging while away from home overnight, entertainment expenses, and other business expenses.

This rule covers not only expenses which are deductible on page 1 of Form 1040 in arriving at adjusted gross income (such as reimbursed expenses, unreimbursed travel and local transportation expenses, and expenses of an "outside salesman"), but also covers those business expenses which can be deducted only if they are itemized on page 2 of the return in place of taking the standard deduction (such as unreimbursed entertainment expenses of an "inside sales-

man").

Record Keeping

The proposed regulations state that the Commissioner "may require any taxpayer" to substantiate expense account information, but "ordinarily" will require substantiation only from employees who do not account to their employers. Thus, he evidently takes the position that he can require any employee to provide substantiation, even those who account to their employers and who are not required to report the amounts as income. This is open to considerable dispute

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Indiana Survey Covers Out-Of-Territory Advertising

Because of the several somewhat surprising facts developed by the HSPA survey on the policy of Indiana newspapers in accepting or rejecting retail advertising from outside the normal retail trading area served by the newspaper, we consider it proper to summarize the results of the survey and the salient reasons given for the policies being followed, states the Indiana Bulletin.

Fifty-one publishers participated in the survey. That is not too good a showing but it is sufficient to provide a fair cross-section report. Of the 51 reporting, 29 were dailies and 22 were weeklies. Further, 21 of the participants do not accept advertising from outside their retail trading area but 30 of them do. In the daily field, 16 papers do not accept but 13 will accept advertising from any locality although 9 of these do not actively solicit outside accounts. A surprising result of the survey was that of the 22 weeklies participating, only 5 refuse outside advertising while 17 accept it and several actively solicit business from adjoining counties.

The chief reason given by both the 16 dailies and 5 weeklies for turning down retail advertising from outside their retail trade area was to protect local merchants and the community by furtherance of the trade at home philosophy. One daily publisher was vehement however in stating that local retailers are the worst offenders of the code by permitting their wives to buy in a city some 50 miles distant.

Outstanding reason given by the 30 papers that accept outside advertising was that the public is being exposed to retail advertising through direct mail, radio and television from outside their normal retail trading area which, plus today's rapid transportation facilities, makes provincial advertising policies by newspapers obsolete. The leading answer by publishers in this group to protests by local retailers to their policies was that the protesting retailers serve customers from any locality, therefore the newspaper is entitled to do likewise. It was also the opinion of several publishers that their acceptance of outside advertising has caused local merchants to be more on their toes in increasing advertising space and in providing better merchandising service to the local commu-

The fact that more papers in the survey accept outside retail advertising is not proof that the situation is statewide. But it does indicate a surprising trend that may be considered by publishers in reappraising their policies for the future.

Minimum Copy PO Rates Apply To In-County Mail

Increases in minimum per copy charges as part of new second class rate structure apply to within-county mailings except free incounty matter in spite of statement to the contrary in Conference Report on postal rate increase Bill H.R. 5836.

Post Office Department has stated that a new law gives it right to apply minimum per copy increases to within-county mailings other than free-in-county matter, and this will become part of second class postal rate structure effective Jan. 1, 1959. Minimum per copy rate increases from present ½ cent to ¼ cent Jan. 1, 1959; to ¾ cent Jan. 1, 1960 and to ½ cent Jan. 1, 1961.

Where a statute is specific, statute governs irrespective of comment in Congressional Reports. It is only where a statute is ambiguous that debates and reports may be referred to in new postal rate act as one that shall be continued is act providing for free-in-county.

Legal Advertising Banned In Maryland Throw-Aways

Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland has issued temporary injunction to prohibit county commissioners placing legal notice advertising in free distribution publications. Bill of complaint was filed by property owner and taxpayer after County entered into contract with two weekly free distribution publications, rejecting bids of daily and weekly newspapers with paid circulation. Maryland law requires, among other things, that a newspaper have second-class mail permit or be eligible for one to carry legal notice advertising.

Florida Group To Ban Large Display Advertising

It is stated that a bill will probably be introduced in 1959 Florida Legislature which would allow the Florida State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers to suspend or revoke license of any funeral director or mortician who uses advertising exceeding three newspaper column-inches.

Bill would strengthen Rules and Regulations of State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers of Florida, which already prohibit all advertising except three-columninch ads "in the local newspaper." Rules were reaffirmed by State Board March 11, 1957, but reports indicate no action has been taken against funeral directors who continue to advertise despite the prohibition. Next regular session of Florida Legislature begins April 7, 1959.

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Sales Talk Ammo

Here's a good sales argument to use on your local merchant who does little or no advertising, or for use as a house ad:

How long did it take you to court your wife? Did you just happen to see her, walk up to her, ask her to marry you, call in the minister—right on the spot?

Perhaps not—it probably took a lot of calls, and trips, movies, flowers, candies, and a lot of putting-your-best-foot-forward. You had to sell yourself. She had to know all about you.

It's the same with advertising . . . you can't "Woo" customers with one ad . . . you've got to "Call On Them" over a period of time . . . you've got to win their confidence and be convincing.

Consistent advertising wins the customers if it's truthful, if it gives helpful information, if it saves shopping steps, if it is backed up with intelligent, courteous service and honest values.—Illinois Press

The first newspaper to appear in Michigan was in 1809, in French and English.

Prior to World War I, foreign newspapers, newspaper groups, and newsgathering agencies had assigned only 25 resident correspondents for United States coverage.

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but it may be advisable for all to attempt compliance until this point is settled.

The primary method which the regulations recognize for substantiating expenses is the keeping of a daily record (in which the amount and nature of the expenses are recorded), plus retention of supporting documents unless these are given to the employer. Detailed records of small expenditures, such as tips, will not be required. If an employer requires an employee to submit the original bills and other documents with his expense accounting, retention of copies of the expense report only will probably suffice.

Where records are incomplete or documentary proof is unavailable, IRS may accept reasonable approximations of expenditures based upon reliable sources of information. This is sanctioned by many Court decisions stemming from the original "Cohan" rule (George M. Cohan, 1930, C.A. 2, 39 F(2d) 549). For example, if an employee can prove that he actually took a business trip, where he went, and how long he was there, the rail, plane or automobile expenses incurred can usually be easily established or approximated, and his expenses for meals and lodging can be based upon average hotel and food rates in the community. Small expenditures (tips, etc.) can also be approximated.

New Food Ad Service

Stamps-Conhaim-Whitehead have just announced they are bringing out a new Food Advertising Service for Super Markets and Food Stores.

This new service, published on a quarterly basis covering three months advertising, will contain 13 full page layouts, all of which can be adapted for 4 or 5 column ads. Each ad contains an important merchandising theme, attractively illustrated with a smart selling heading, augmented by a large illustration of the featured meat or food product.

In addition, the service contains many distinctively illustrated headings, attention compelling mortises, departmental headings, photographs and wash drawings of the popular cuts of meats and other food products.

All illustrations, in mat forms, are supplied in two sizes to meet the exacting needs of both large and small newspaper advertisers.

Slogan: A number of Tennessee newspapers are regularly using the slogan, "What the People Don't Know Will Hurt Them." The use of the slogan is being encouraged by the Tennessee Press Association as part of a "people's right to know" campaign.

-0-Newspapers, as well as all others, will welcome the recently announced change in the Internal Revenue Bureau relative to the individual's reporting and itemization of money received as reimbursement for expenses. Complete itemization with receipts would have been practically impossible. For a true report under the old plan an employee would need almost to require duplicate receipts for anything from tips on up, one for the employer and one for IRS. Under the new plan the employe reports the expenses to the employer, with supporting evidence and certifies to IRS that he has not been reimbursed for more than actual money spent on expenses.

Scrap Book: At Durham, Ontario, the publisher of the Chronicle realized he was wasting a lot of time looking up previous ads for advertisers. He bought some large scrap books at 25c each and marked one for each advertiser. Each week the ads are clipped out of the paper and pasted in the respective scrap book with the date marked. On the regular Friday calls the scrap books are carried. Quite often, when an advertiser doesn't have an ideas for next week's ad he'll get an idea from his scrap book or say, "Use that one the same as last year." It requires only about 10 minutes to clip and paste up the ads each week and this saves hours of call backs and hunting through the files.

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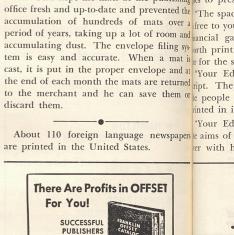
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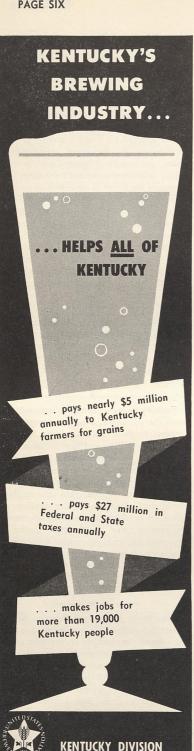
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Krehbiel Explains Cause For Shrinking Profits

Marion R. Krehbiel of the Bailey-Krehbiel Newspaper Service, a veteran newspaper appraiser and broker, has a pointed answer to the problem of shrinking newspaper profits. He sums it up in the failure of newspapers to keep their rates abreast of rising costs. He states that surveys he has run show that costs are now a little more than 275 per cent of what they were prior to World War II.

"Your help is now costing you more than 300 per cent of pre-war, and that represents about 50 per cent of your total costs. Another 15 per cent of your total costs, paper stock, is now also about 300 per cent of prewar. So there's 65 per cent of your costs that are now 300 per cent of pre-war. The other 35 per cent of your costs are now about 230 per cent of pre-war. . . . That figures out that your costs are 276.5 per cent of prewar.'

A \$1.50 subscription charge in pre-war days should now be \$4.12, or a \$2 pre-war rate should now be \$5.50, he said. If the local ad rate then was 25 cents ("and many of them were") it should now be 79 cents, or if it was 50 cents it should now be \$1.38.

"Are you getting this?" he asked. "No! As nearly as I can find out the national average of local ad rates is now less than 200 per cent of pre-war. It should be 275 per cent to keep you abreast of rising costs. You're one-third short. And what would one-third added to your ad and sub revenue do for you in net profit?"

In the past year, he said, costs have risen about 6 per cent—"did you raise rates 6 per cent in that time? If you had a 50 cents rate a year ago is it 53 cents now? Probably not. Local rates should be raised every year as your costs go up."

Krehbiel said that in his years of looking over balance sheets and P & L statements of a lot of newspapers, both sick and well, he has come to the inescapable conclusion that the sick ones are "invariably low-rate," while the well ones are charging somewhere near what they should to cover ever-rising costs.

Time Clocks for Electric Pots-Time clocks are in common use today in plants with electric metal pots. By using these clocks, the machines are available for instant operation when the operators report for work.

Machinist-If there are enough machines in your plant, a full-time machinist should be employed. In smaller plants without a machinist or machinist-operator, an outside machinist should be called at regular intervals to service and repair the machines.

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"Be as consistently regular as possible with your news release. Your Editor can then expect them and leave space for them.

"Do have your Club news published. If the world knows of your Club activity, your Federation will continue to grow. It does pay to advertise. Learn the few rules of newswriting and you will reap satisfaction in knowing that you are doing an important job well."

The Technical Tax Revision Act of 1958 has been approved by Congress and sent to the White House. This bill includes a provision permitting all newspapers and magazines to spread prepaid subscription income over the period for which it is actually earned.

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This is a new and valuable book, especially to small weeklies. Your central office received a few days ago a copy of the book with the title above, for review in our magazine. We regret to state that because of the small amount of advertising scheduled for August and September we have been forced to hold off until October. For that reason it seemed unwise to withhold comment on this 264 page book.

This book is important to anyone who wishes to know a lot of things about the linotype machine which are not to be found in the usual manuals. The authors are Edwin B. Hardin, professor emeritus of journalism and printing, South Dakota State College, and Noel M. Loomis, linecasting machinist of Minneapolis, Minn. They have both been making notes about their experiences with the machines all their business lives and have now put them down in book form. The information provides the answers to questions ranging from the smallest to the most difficult problems of the keyboard. The authors have wide reputation in the linecasting field and feel it will be very important to all small weeklies to keep from costly repairs and prevent serious breakdowns on publication days.

The book is published by the Stockton Book Publishers, 72 First Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., and the cost per copy is \$5.95.

Freedom Of Information Law Signed By Eisenhower

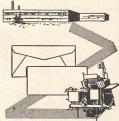
President Eisenhower has signed into law the Moss-Hennings "Freedom of Information" bill. The one-sentence measure states that a 1789 statute which authorizes department heads to regulate the keeping of their records does not include authorization to withhold information from the public or Congress. Department heads relied heavily on this old "housekeeping" statute to keep information secret.

The bill was written by a special House Subcommittee on Government Information under the chairmanship of Rep. Moss (D., Calif.). The committee held exhaustive hearings during which the members dug into the history of the old law and also quizzed department heads.

What practical effects the bill will have remain to be seen. In signing the bill, the President issued the following statement: "It is clear from the legislative history of the bill that it was not intended to, and indeed could not, alter the existing power of the head of an executive department to keep appropriate information or papers confidential in the public interest. This power is inherent under the Constitution."

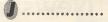






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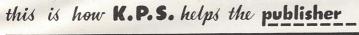
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"Even our scrap costs more than our power"

Ben M. Stanley, Chief Engineer, Kawneer Company, Appliance Products Division, Cynthiana

Folks who think electricity makes for high manufacturing costs just haven't talked to men who know production. At the Kawneer Company, fabricators of light metal parts, they break costs down to show that KU power costs represent only 9/10ths of 1% of their sales volume—about half the cost of the scrap.°

Sounds pretty insignificant. And it is—in practically every field of manufacturing today. Across the whole industrial board (by count of the Census of Manufacturers) electricity averages only about 1 cent out of every dollar of manufacturing cost. Industries can't afford to be wrong.

Industries can't afford to be wrong

There's a lot at stake when an industry moves into a new area. That's why the KU-service-area industrial development team (KU, community committees, the State Chamber of Commerce, the Department of Economic Development) has been bombarded by questions from hundreds of industrial prospects—but the electric power rate was never a prime consideration.

Kawneer cites these reasons for locating 3 plants in Kentucky:

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- 3. Interest of the community in having us
- 4. Strong Chamber of Commerce
- 5. Shipping facilities and transportation
- 6. Tax conditions

"On power, our biggest question was availability in quantities necessary to our operations. Power played a very small part in the cost of products produced and was, therefore, a small factor in determining location.

Power supply and dependability are important—but never the cost. So say they all.

* Copy of the letter from which this information is taken is on file at Kentucky Utilities Company

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