Poet's Corner

And We're Snowbound
By William Jerry Ayers

The snow is almost up to our door;
They say we'll get another foot or more.
Snow is falling steadily to the ground;
That cold white stuff everywhere can be found,
And we're snowbound.
The roads are too bad to travel; school is out.
The kids are all over the house running about.
Food is about gone, and we can't get to town,
Because that darn snow keeps on coming down.
And we're snowbound.
The CD player is on the blink and won't work.
The electric coffeepot doesn't want to perk.
The kids are screaming to go out and play.
The TV says we will get more snow today.
And we're snowbound.
Now it looks like we are going to run out of firewood,
And didn't buy as much bread and milk as we thought we should.
That four-wheel drive truck—well, it just won't start.
Those kids sound as if they are tearing the house apart.
And we're snowbound.
Cabin fever is about to drive you, me and everyone mad.
If only that snow would stop falling, we would be glad.
It seems like weeks and weeks have slowly gone by
Since we have seen a nice clear blue sky.
And we're snowbound.
Say there, wait a minute, Isn't that the sun?
Yes, the snow has stopped. It's over and done.
Well, we guess it wasn't really that bad after all.
We think that now, but just wait until the next snowfall,
And we're snowbound.
(Look for this and other poems by William Jerry Ayers on Internet Website www.poetry.com)

Beatitudes for Friends of the Aged

Blessed are they who understand
my faltering step and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know that
my ears today must strain to catch the
things they say.
Blessed are they who looked away
when coffee spilled at the table today.
Blessed are they with a cheery
smile who stop to chat for a little
while.
Blessed are they who never say,
"You've told that story twice today."
Blessed are they who know the
ways to bring back memories of
yesterday.
Blessed are they who make it
known that I'm loved, respected and
not alone.
Blessed are they who know I'm at
a loss to find the strength to carry a
cross.
Blessed are those who ease the
days on my journey Home in loving
ways.

A Young Girl's Prayer
By William Jerry Ayers

Heavenly father up above,
Please protect the boy I love.
Bless his hair that never curves
Keep him safe from all other girls.
Bless his eyes that shine like stars,
Make him love me more than cars.
Bless his arms and keep them strong
But keep his hands where they belong.
Bless him Lord with your consent
The boy that you sent.

Roses
By Mike Combs

A dozen black roses
Delivered upon death
Chosen by her mother
This child is Beth.

It began with a yellow rose
Their friendship was the best
A simple dance one Friday night
Their hearts began the test.

Next the rose was white
Her innocence had been lost
Never thinking of the fine
Soon she saw the cost.

Then the rose was pink
For a baby had been born
The future, their lives, their plans
The contract had been torn.

Soon the rose turned blue
For sorrow he had caused
Drugs and drinking, fear and blood
On every swing time would pause.

Next, the rose, a simple green
Another love he sore she sought
Bloody and broken, a doctor she had seen
An adulteress she had never been.

The final rose, an angry red
In his hand there shone a knife
He cut her face, he pierced her heart
With morbid rage he took her life.

A dozen black roses
Received upon death
Chosen by her mother
This child was Beth.

Together You and I Will Share
By William Jerry Ayers

Together you and I will share,
The beauty of a clear blue summer sky,
As we watch snow white clouds drift by.
Together we will feel the sunshine warm and bright,
And watch the dark of night slowly turn to light.

Together you and I will share,
The sound of robins as they gayly sing,
And notice winter as it turns into Spring.
We will think of our past once in a while,
It will make us sad, sometimes make us smile.

Together you and I will share,
The beauty of twinkling stars that shine each night,
The lovely sight of winged things as they take flight.
The joy of forever sharing each other life,
Of just being your husband and his wife.

If we love each other completely and always show we care,
All of lifes treasures together we will share.

Snow of 2000
By William Jerry Ayers

The big snow of 2000,
I don't recall the very day it all began,
But often wondered when it would end.
The snow of 2000,
It was about the worst we had seen,
seemed to linger day after day
It got so cold even children couldn't go out and play.
The cold weather, the bitter winds and falling snow,
Days when we had to stay in and couldn't get out and go.
For snow seemed to fall on every city throughout our great land.
Just to have had a warm day then would have been so very grand.

I remember the snow of 2000.

When lakes froze over and airplanes could no longer go
A time when heating fuels for some were getting mightily low.
Saddest fact of all was that many people died from the cold.
In years to come stories of 2000's winter hardships will be told.
Yes I remember that snow of 2000.
And like you was glad to have it over, done and gone.
Still in the yeas ahead its cold memory will linger on,
Yes in 2000 when snow covered trees, roads and land.
Will long be remembered by every child, woman and man.

Good Gas Guzzler Gags
By William Jerry Ayers

Bumper Sticker…My car self-destructs upon completion of 36th payment.

Car Salesman…Here's a good used car that was only driven by a little old school teacher.

Randy…Well then she must have drove it right into a wall.

Sign Outside of Church…This service station open every Sunday.

Cab Driver…What do you mean my meters to fast, it only says $2.75.

Craig…I know, but I'm not even in the cab yet.

She told her husband she wanted to see the world,so he gave her a MAP.

Phil…I want my money back I bought this tire here last week and already I've had a blow out.

Tire Salesman…Now, now things like that happen, we run over nails or tacks and bang a blow out.

Phil…I still want my money back, I had the blow out in my TRUNK.

Bumper Sticker…Save energy, fire computers and hire people.

Man (drunk battered and bruised, walked into a police station) I've been attacked by a big dog on the highway.

Policeman…Was it a great dane or a German Shepherd?

Man…I, I dunno, it was on the side of a bus.

Remember…There is little traffic congestion on the straight and narrow road.

My Grandma's Bible
By William Jerry Ayers

Though the cover on Grandma's Bible is worn,
And a few of its pages are torn,
And though places bear traces of tears,
Her old Bible is more precious then gold
One that will be in our household and never be sold
This little old book that can shatter and scatter my fears.

When I prayerfully look in that precious old Bible,
Many pleasure and treasures I always see
Many tokens of love from our Father up above,
And Grandma, who was nearest and dearest to me.

Grandma's Bible will be my families life time guide,
Like a very old and dear friend it will be by our side,
It will lighten and brighten each and every day,
As we all read it and heed it along the way.

So to Grandma's Bible we will cling,
And of its worth we will gladly sing.
This old Book will go to our grandchildren someday,
So that they may also read it and pray.

Millennium Merriment
By William Jerry Ayers

Most smiles started with another smile.

Some people wouldn't be so dog tired at night if they didn't growl so much during the day.

My friends just quit his job as a food tester, not enough time off for lunch.

A first grade teacher is a woman who knows how to make little things count.

Keep your words to your wife "soft and sweet" because you may have to eat them later.

A human mind is like an umbrella, more useful when it's open.

In olden days a naughty child was straightened out by being bent over.

One thing a reward is never offered for is a lost temper.

Smiles Are Always In Style
By William Jerry Ayers

A smile is a curved line that sets many things straight.

A hug a day keeps loneliness away.

In olden days a naughty child was straightened out be being bent over.

Time isn't your enemy, unless you try to kill it.

Save Energy—Fire computers and hire people.

Arika says that most smiles are started with another smile.

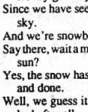
In the good old days women used to darn their husband socks, now a days they sock their darn husbands.

A friend is someone who's still around when the money is all gone.

Get high on life, NOT drugs.

Men keep your words to your wives soft and sweet, for you may have to eat them later.

Smile at someone today and who knows they may give it back.



Two Roses Beauty Salon

McKenzie Court, Cabins 1 & 2
35 Lovell Lane ▪ Mt. Vernon
606-256-1445 1-877-443-7140 (out of town)

Two of Lexington's TOP stylists are now in Mt. Vernon -- Christina Rose Perry and Janet Rose House)!!

We attend all workshops nd hair shows to keep up-to-date on all the laest styles, cuts and techniques to keep your chemical services looking great!

We work with your natural beauty to help create a look that will compliment you.

If you received a bad cut or perm or color, WE CAN FIX IT....

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Parent Forum for Parents of High and Middle School Students

Come to find out about new high school graduation requirements!

Parents of High School and Middle School Students in Rockcastle County are invited to a Parent's Forum.

March 27, 2000
5:00 p.m.
High School Auditorium

The Forum will feature:

- Resources from the Kentucky Dept. of Ed.
- Kentucky's Individual Graduation Plan
- Life beyond college requirements
- Financial aid opportunities
- Kentucky Career Major Certificates
- Related local school activities and programs...

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Summary of Ordinance No. 1-2000

An Ordinance Relating to the imposition and payment of Occupatioinal and Net Profits on Individuals, business, occupations and professions within the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky for the health, education, safety, welfare and convenience of the inhabitants of the City of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, pursuant to KRS 68.197.

Summary and Required Test

Section 1.01 contains definitions for certain words and phrases used in the text of the Ordinance.

Section 1.02 Occupational License Fee Generally

(A) Every person or business engaged in any trade, occupation, or profession, or other activity or anyone required to file a return under this ordinance in City of Mt. vernon shall be required to complete a separate questionnaire for each separate business before the commencement of business or in the even tof a status change, other than change of address. Businesses are required to notify the Occupational Tax office of changes of address, or the cessation of business activity, and of other changes which render inaccurate the information supplied in the completed questionnaire.

(B) Every natural person and every entity defined in Section 1.01 (2) and/or 1.01 (24), engaged in any activity for profit, of filing Kentucky Income Tax forms 740, 741, 765, 720, 720S, shall be required to file and pay to the Occupational Tax administrator an annual Ocupational Tax resulting from engaging in said activities. Said occupational Tax resulting from engaging in said activities. Said occupational tax shall be measured by one-half percent (1/2%) of compensation defined in Section 1.01 (13) for each separate business or entity, except those exempted under KRS 68.197

Section 1.02 a) requires the filing of a return by any person or business engaged in a trade, occupation, or profession with the City of Mt. vernon; b) requires employers to collect and pay quarterly all occupational taxes due for employees earning wages or commissions within the City of Mt. Vernon; c) provide for a method of recovering any overpayment of the occupational tax.

Section 1.04 provides methods to obtain extensions for filing returns and provides for the collection of intererest at the rate of eight (8%) per annum for delinquent taxes.

Section 1.05 Penalties-Interest

(A) Any person who fails to file the annual Occupational/Net Profits Tax Return on or before the due date shall be deemed delinquent and shall have added thereto a penalty of ten percent, and shall thereafter bear interest at the rate of eight percent per annum on the amount of the unpaid Occupational/Net Profit Tax which the return, if properly completed and filed, would have shown to be due. However, the penalty provisions of Section 1.04 shall govern businesses who have received an extension of time for filing pursuant to Section 1.04.

(B) Any person who fails to pay on or before the date due (including any extension under Section 1.04 hereof) the amount of the Occupational Net Profit Tax as shown on the prescribed return shall be assessed a penalty of ten (10%) of the unpaid amount of the Occupational/Net Profit Tax whether or not the return has been timely filed. Any person who pays the full amount shown on the return but who fails to pay the amount of any additional Occupational/Net Profit Tax due as finally assessed by the Occupational Tax Administrator within fifteen (15) days after the assessment becomes final shall be assessed a penalty of ten (10%) percent of the unpaid amount of the Occupational/Net Profit Tax. However, the aforesaid ten (10%) percent penalty on the amount due may be assessed without notice of final assessment of additional Occupational/Net Profit Tax due if the amount shown on the return is based on fraud or gross negligence. In all events the unpaid amounts of any Occupational /Net Profit Tax shall bear interest at the rate of eight (8%) percent per annum from the date originally due until paid in full.

(C) Any employer who fails or refuses to withhold monthly the Occupational Tax measured by a percent of salaries, wages, etc., or who fails to pay said money. after withholding the same, to the Occupational Tax Administrator at the time it is due as provided under the terms of Section 1.03 (B) shall become liable for the amount due and the same shall have added thereto a penalty of ten (10%) percent and shall have added thereafter bear interest at the rate of eight (8%) percent per annum until paid.

(D) For the preceding clauses (A), (B) AND (C), the interest and penalty provisions shall be applied cumulatively and the imposition of these interest and administrative penalty provisions shall not prevent the ssessment of any additional penalties under Section 1.13.

Section 1.06 provides for certain exemptions from the imposition and payment of the occupational tax and net profits tax. This section specifically exempts the wages of persons 65 years of age or older; domestic services nd ublic companies.

Section 1.07 through Section 1.09 contain administrative provisins related to fractional parts f a dollar; automatic extensions if due date falls on a weekend; deadline for requesting funds; collected tax receipts are deposited in the General Fund of the City of Mt. Veernon nd the Occupational Tax Administrator is charged with enforcing the Ordinance.

Section 1.10 the Occupational Tax Administrator is authorized to examine the financial books of an employer, self-employed person or a business to verify the accuracy of any return.

Section 1.11 and 1.12 provide that all information received by the City of Mt. Vernon related to the collection of the occupational tax and net profit tax shall be confidential and imposes fines and penalties for disclosing confidential information as follows:

(A) All information obtained by the Occupational Tax Administrator or any of he/her agents or employees, or any other officials or employees of the City of Mt. Vernon, from any reports, examination or audit books, records, accounts, income tax returns, or any other source, in the administration of this Ordinance, shall be treated and considered as confidential and privileged except for official purposes, unless otherwise treated by judicial degree of specific provisions of law, and shall not be open to inspection by the public. Further, any official, agent or employee of the City of Mt. Vernon who divulges any information obtained under the provision of this ordinance, except for the purposes of misdemeanor and upon conviction, shall be fined not less than fifty dollars ($50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500.00) or imprisonment for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months, or both.

Section 1.13 Criminal Penalties

It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in any business, trade, occupation or profession within the City of Mt. Vernon without withholding, reporting and paying the Occupational/Net Profit Tax herein provided and required. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance, by failing to pay any Occupational/Net Profit Tax when due, or failing to withhold and pay any Occupational/Net Profit Tax when due, or failing to file any report or submit to any examination required by the Ordinance, or in any other manner fails or refuses to comply with any of the terms or provisions of this Ordinance, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than fifty dollars ($50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars ($500), or imprisonment for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months, or both. Such penalties shall be in addition to other penalties imposed by the Ordinance. Each failure or refusal to comply with any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense, and each day that such failure or refusal continues without copliance shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 1.14 provides the Odinance shall not be invalid because one of its sections may be determined to be unconstitutional or unenforceable.

Reading Dates:
1st - 2/7/2000
2nd - 2/21/2000

Mayor Karen King

The undersigned certifies he prepared the above summary and it meets the requirement sof KRS 83A.060 (9).

Honorable John E. Clontz