

LETTER FROM MRS. ARCHER

(Undated)

Dear Parent:

A committee from the P.T.A. complained to the county P.T.A. that parents were complaining about my selling milk at 5¢. I pay 4¢ and I must have a fund on hand to take care of losses etc. Already 5 bottles of milk have been misplaced and I had to pay for it. It is true that some<sup>think</sup> (their) P.T.A. had provided a fund for the principal to use. No organization has given me any fund for anything this year. You parents have been fine in sending donations for everything. I've asked for and I used the money for that special thing. You can come to the school and prove it for yourself. Now if you are dissatisfied with my plan let me know and suggest something better. Do this now so we can stop the argument. When things upset schools, teachers do not do their best teaching and children do not do their best work. Teachers get their same pay but children lose by not passing or if they pass unprepared to pass they fail in the next class or in high schools. Failure in school often discourages children so much that they fail in their life work. Then it is too late to do anything except be sorry. And we have a long, long time to be sorry. I am always sorry too when our children fail but I would rather help them make good before it gets too late.

I taught school 5 years in N.C., 27 years in Va., some summers and part times in other places including D.C. I spend much of my time between in college studying and should know what I am talking about.

For the sake of the children let's make up our minds and stop the argument.

Yours Truly,  
L. R. Archer, Principal