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FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Second hand cars—2 Dodge touring cars, 1 Ford coupe 1 Ford roadster, 1 International truck, in good condition with extra good tires. Harpers Garage.

FOR SALE—Poland China sow, weighing 300 to 350 lbs. with 8 well marked pigs, two weeks old. See R. L. Clinkenbeard, near East Union. 1t

FOR SALE—A three year old saddle horse, natural bred, rides and drives. John Cronan, Carlisle, route 1. 3-17 2t*

FOR SALE—A 3-tube radio set, second hand, but as good as new. A bargain. Apply to Howard Veach. 3-17 t

FOR SALE—Pure bred Barred Rock eggs for hatching. Mrs. H. Clay Heilman, Carlisle, route 2, phone 26-3 Moorefield exchange. 1t*

FOR SALE—Kentucky Experiment Station Root Rot Resistant Tobacco Seed, $1.25 per ounce. 5 ounces, $5.00. R. L. Norton, Carlisle, Ky. 2-3 tf

FOR SALE—Two thoroughbred Poland China boars, ready for service. Apply to J. H. Collins, Carlisle, route 4, Pleasant Springs pike. 3-10 2t*

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FOR SALE—Dwelling house on College Hill. One of the most desirable in town. Bob Harper. 11-4 tf

FOR SALE—Two turkey gobblers, Bronze, nice ones. Apply to J. L. Hall, Carlisle route 5. 3-10 2t*

FOR SALE—Kitchen range. Apply to Dr. G. T. Cowan. 1t

FOR SALE— Silver Wyandotte eggs for hatching, 75c per setting. Phone 27 Moorefield exchange. Mrs. Homer Blount. 3-10 2

Armour' Plant Bed Special, prepared especially for tobacco beds, will make early, healthy plants. For sale by Carlisle Coal and Feed Co.

SEEDS—Get seed in bulk and save half. Lettuce, beets, parsnips, radishes, sweet peas, nasturtium, etc. Find them at J. A. Power's, East Main street. 3-17 2t

FISH—Fresh fish, served at restaurant or for sale. Cleaned and ready to cook. Norton & Donnell, phone 162.

Field and garden seeds, garden and field fence, gates, fertilizer, canvas ,etc. S. T. Barlow.

SEXTON'S SPECIALS
For Saturday Only

2 lbs Maxwell House Coffee....89c
2 lbs Arbuckle's Breakfast......79c
2 lbs A. & H. Soda..................15c
2 pkgs Angelus Marshmallows..15c
2 lbs 50-60 California Prunes...21c
The store that is always busy.
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We guarantee every sack of White Rose and Seal of Kentucky flour. E. F. Wilson & Son. 3-10 tf

McCormick-Deering line, harrows, culitvators, mowing machines, hay rakes, cream separators, priced right, delivered, set up. S. T. Barlow.

White Rose and Seal of Kentucky the best grades of flour made by Carlisle Mill, for sale by E. F. Wilson & Son. 3-10 tf

White sewing machines, furniture, stoves, floor coverings, in rugs, also yard goods, both two and three yards wide. S. T. Barlow.

SAVE ON SOAP

With each purchase of 10 cents or more in our Variety Department, you can buy 3 cakes of P. & G. Soap for 10 cents. With each 25 cents purchase, you can buy 1 cake Palm Olive Soap for 5 cents. These prices in Variety Department only. Sexton's Cash Store. 1t

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The C. C. Cole Company. 2-10 tf

FOR SALE PRIVATELY

Have for sale a stack of oats, containing 1½ to 2 tons, on the farm of the late Mrs. Ann Wasson, in Nicholas county, Ky., for sale privately.
See J. Bascom Banta on the farm, or the undersigned, at once.
B. F. Reynolds,
Admr. Mrs. Ann Wasson.

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—House on College Hill. Five rooms and bath, garden. Apply to Henry Bramblett. 1t*

FOR RENT—Cottage on West Main street. Apply to C. U. Bramblett. 3-10 tf

White Rose flour, Kentucky corn meal, Graham flour, hominy, all home products. For sale by Sexton's Cash Store. tf

FOR RENT—Corn and oats land for rent. Apply to Mrs. Mollie Buntin. 1t*

WANTED

WANTED — Any information about Solomon Guy Ward or his son, Rev. James Harrison Ward, who lived at or near Carlisle, Ky., about 1824 to 1864, or any of their descendants or relatives. Address John C. Wait, Attorney, 233 Broadway, New York City. 3-3 4t*

WANTED—To do plain sewing. Mrs. W. G. Cowan, Locust street. 2-24 tf

WANTED—Good White Oak Ash and Black Walnut Logs. We pay cash for same and take up at loading point, or will buy in the tree. Leland G. Banning, Frankfort, Ky. 2-3 10t

WANTED—Woman to do general housework, either to make her home or on good salary. Call phone 21 or 128. 3-10 tf

MISCELLANEOUS

MEN— Kirschbaum suits for spring are arriving daily. They have style and are splendidly tailored, an excellent value at the moderate price asked for them. These suits will appeal to young men who like a snappy pattern. Just what you want for Easter. Come see them anyhow. The C. C. Cole Company. 3-17 tf

Our yard is now stocked with the best coals and if you are running low we can give you immediate delivery service. Carlisle Coal and Feed Co. tf

MILLINERY

Santee & White have just returned with a large stock of spring and summer hats for ladies and children. All the late styles now open for inspection. 1t*

Just received our first car of Armour's Plant Bed Special. It will make quick growth, strong, healthy plants. Carlisle Coal and Feed Co.

We handle all the products of the Carlisle Mill, White Rose flour, Kentucky corn meal, whole wheat flour, hominy. Metcalfe's Grocery. tf

Radio Owners—Call or send your name and address to Harpers Garage and receive free of charge the most complete radio directory and log book to be found. This is worth having. 11-4 tf

LONG FARM LOANS—5 per cent on good land.
SEE C. U. Bramblett.

SAY BOY!—Our Freeman oxfords, in blonde, tan and black are just about the classiest footwear you ever saw for the money. And can you believe it? The price is only $5.00. Let us show you. The C. C. Cole Company. 3-17 tf

LOST

STOLEN— On last Saturday night, March 12, some one entered Mrs. William Shields garage and took from off the machine a balloon Pathfinder tire, tube and rim. Mrs. Shields offers $25 reward for information leading to the arrest of the person or persons who entered the garage and took these parts. 1t*

NOTICES

Free crank case service at Harpers Garage. 11-4 tf

There will be a miscellaneous box supper, candy sale, etc., at Myers school Saturday night, March 19, for the benefit of the school. Young people are cordially invited. 1t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of the late Solomon Green are requested to file same with the undersigned administrator, all persons owing the estate will please call and settle with the undersigned at once.
J. T. Earlywine, Administrator.
3-17 2t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of the late James Dale, are requested to file same with the undersigned administrator, all persons owing the estate will please call and settle with the undersigned at once.
Albert Dale, Administrator.
3-17 3t*

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of the late Emmanuel Mattox are requested to file same with the undersigned administrator, all persons owing the estate will please call and settle with the undersigned at once.
W. B. Mattox, Administrator.
3-17 3t*

NOTICE—Beginning March 1st, 1927, my charge for service of bull will be $1.50, and for male hog 75c, due when stock is turned in. S. T. Barlow. 3-3 3t

AS GOOD AS THE DAY YOU BOUGHT IT

Our shoe repairing is not merely "cobbling" which in the old days consisted of glueing and nailing on soles and heels and letting it go at that. Our work is carefully stitched, and if the uppers are still good you will have virtually a new pair when we finish them.

Alois Peters

YOUR PAY STOPS

When you are sick or hurt unless you receive one of our

Emergency Pay Checks

Our Income Protection Contract will pay you, subject to it's provisions, a regular income while you are sick or hurt

$25 to $200 per month
$100 to $5000 death benefits
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Your Pay Never Stops

Let us tell you about it.

See Marion C. Blair, Agent
Opposite Carlisle Drug Company

DIVIDEND NOTICE

A Dividend of One and Three-Quarters percent (1¾%) on the par value of each share of the Preferred Stock of this Company for the quarter ending February 28, 1827, has been declared payable on March 21, 1927 to Preferred Stockholders of record at the close of business February 28, 1927.
Kentucky Hydro Electric Company, Inc., A. A. Tuttle, Secretary.

NOTICE—I will be responsible for no debts contracted in my name by any person except myself. Jesse H. Ritchie. 3-17 3t*

CARD OF THANKS—We take this method of thanking our many friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during the illness and upon the occasion of the death of our beloved mother and grandmother, Mrs. Mary Booth. Especially do we thank Bro. Schwan for his comforting words, Mr. Ewing and the singers for their beautiful songs. The Family. 1t*

CITY PROPERTY FOR SALE

Two (2) first-class pieces of improved city property, located on Main Street and Walnut Street, of Carlisle, owned by the late M. J. Archdeacon; also a vacant lot with foundation ready for building.

These properties will make a good investment for someone.

For further particulars, call upon the undersigned.

L. A. Martin,
Admr. with the Will Annexed of M. J. Archdeacon.
3-10 3t

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of the late Wm. A. McClure and also the estate of the late Mrs. Emily McClure will present them to me or my attorney, William Conley, properly proven as required by law. All those owing either estate are hereby notified to settle same with me. F. B. Henry, administrator. 3-10 3t

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MERRIE CHICK HATCHERY, 112 W. WASHINGTON ST. "Merrie Chicks are Hearty Chicks" GLASGOW, KY.

PUBLIC SALE

As administrator of the estate of the late Emmanuel Mattox, I will offer for sale on the premises, on the Saltwell and Barterville pike about half mile from Barterville, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

at 10 o'clock the following described property:

Farm of 30 acres, more or less. Contains good dwelling house, barn and other outbuildings. Right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

1 aged mare, good worker
1 5 year old cow
1 Jersey bull, coming 2 years old
Some corn Some alfalfa
1 good cook range, new
1 new sled; 1 buggy; 1 set harness
3 saws; 40 or 50 hens; some meat
1 can of lard
Lot of household and kitchen furniture
Other articles too numerous to mention
2 pair work gears, double trees, single trees, grindstone
1 Vulcan hillside plow
1 1 horse cutter plow
1 ice cream freezer
W. B. MATTOX, Admr.
3-17 2t*

MISNOMER

"The man who named me a cowcatcher made a bull," reflected that part of the locomotive, just after having tossed aside the eighth flivver of the day. "He should have called me a can-opener."

NORTON'S BURLEY TOBACCO SEEDS

Norton's Kentucky Experiment Station ROOT ROT RESISTANT Tobacco Seed. $1.25 per ounce. 5 ounces, $5.00.

Norton's Improved Kelley Type Tobacco Seed. Plenty of weight and color. $1.00 per ounce.

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Norton's White Burley Tobacco Seed. Heavy Type. $1.00 per ounce.

This is high grade seed. You can buy no better at any price.

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Box 164 Carlisle, Ky.

C. M. T. C. CHAIRMAN

C. B. Cassidy, Moorefield, Appointed Nicholas Chairman

C. B. Cassidy, of Moorefield, has been appointed by Col. Frank D. Rash, civilian aide to the Secretary of War for Kentucky, as chairman of Nicholas county for the Citizen's Military Training Camp. Mr. Cassiday will appoint a group of local chairmen to assist him in the enrollment of young men between 17 and 24 years for the annual month's course of training at Camp Knox this summer.

Nicholas county's quota is 12. Young men interested should fill out application blanks now. In addition to Mr. Cassiday, the following reserve officers of the county will furnish application blanks: Everett J. Beers, Grimes Caywood, D. B. Barnett, L. W. Clark, S. A. Dorsey, Fisher Henry, Frank Henry, R. L. Norton, W. C. Talbert, Dr. J. C. Martin and J. W. Rogers.

TREES, COOLIDGE PLAN

President Suggests Converting Poor Land Into Forests

A suggestion that the agricultural problem might be solved to some extent if poor farm lands were converted into forests was made by President Coolidge in proclaiming April 24 to 30 "American Forest Week" and recommending its observance to the governors of the states.

"One fourth of our soil," the President said, "is better suited to timber growing than anything else. I cannot escape the conviction our industrial and agricultural stability will be strengthened by bringing into full productive use this great empire of land.

"Although much progress has been made in public forestry and hopeful beginnings in private industry, we still have a vast aggregate of idle or semi-idle forest land, and another large aggregate of poor farm land that might more profitably grow timber instead of adding to the problem of agricultural over production."

100,000 ACRES ALFALFA

Kentucky farmers will sow more than 100,000 acres of alfalfa this spring, Ralph Kenney, crop supervisor at the College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky, predicts today.

"Sentiment in nearly every county in the state points to a healthy interest in alfalfa,' ' Kenney said. "Since Kentucky farmers have learned that alfalfa grows well on poor soil and that spring sowing is the cheap and easy way to get a stand, they are preparing to sow about twice the acreage they sowed last year. Cheap seed is a big factor also, as well as the reliability of alfalfa in making a stand on limed land, as compared with clovers, with the exception of lespedeza."

HEAD OF LARGE FAMILY

(From Salyersville Independent)

Recently we have read much of the man who was the father of twenty seven children, and who gained much publicity because of this fact so today we desire to present to you what we believe to be the champion grandfather. Mr. Isaac Risner, who lives on Puncheon Creek, and who is a member of the Magoffin County Board of Supervisors is the father of fourteen children, of whom thirteen are living. He has 105 grandchildren living, from ten of his children, and 54 great-grandchildren. Mr. Risner's wife died a year ago. She was about seventy-five years of age. Before her marriage to Mr. Risner she was Miss Elizabeth Fletcher. They had been married fifty-eight years at the time of her death. Mr. Risner is seventy-five years of age.

Beginning March 22 and ending April 15, the 2,800 Kentucky alumni of the Uversity of Louisville will carry on a state-wide alumni campaign in behalf of the University's $2,000,000 endowment fund. Opening dinners will be held in alumni centers throughout the state as well as the rest of the country. Representatives of the University are to be present at these various dinners to explain the need of the University.

MAPLE GROVE HONOR ROLL

Mirst Grade— Special honor, James Allen Flora, Alma Clay, Lyle Ring; honor, Owens Lyons.

Second Grade— Special honor, Minerva Shrout, Virgie Clay, Holmes Crockett; honor, Frank Vice.

Third Grade— Special honor, June Sivis.

Fourth Grade— Special honor, John Tom Ring, Priscilla Clay; honor, Paul Ellington.

Fifth Grade— Honor, Glenn Hardin.

Sixth Grade— Special honor, Elgin Ring, Elgin Johnson, Gano Shrout.

Seventh Grade— Special honor, Mildred Vice; honor, Sethie Lyons, Christine Clay, Robt. Hardin.

Eighth Grade— Special honor, Eula Vice, Pauline Clay, Nannie Kenney, Mattie Clay.

Mrs. J. H. Bromagen, teacher.

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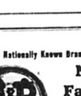

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Searchlight Matches 3 Large Boxes **10c**

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Tomatoes 2 Largest Cans **25c**

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MILDRED VICE IS COUNTY CHAMPION

11-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Vice Wins In Spelling Bee

MAPLE GROVE STUDENT

Before a crowd of five hundred or more which filled the circuit court room and balcony, Miss Mildred Vice, 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Vice, was proclaimed the champion speller of Nicholas county in the county spelling bee held Saturday afternoon. Miss Vice, who is a student of the seventh grade of the Maple Grove school, defeated representatives of twenty-six other schools. Miss Katherine Berry, last year's winner, was the last speller to be retired, missing the word "impostor," leaving the Maple Grove student the winner.

Miss Vice was selected to represent her school in finals held last week. Mrs. J. H. Bromagen is teacher of the school. The county champion, with all expenses paid, will represent Nicholas at the State Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Louisville Times and Courier-Journal, to be held at Louisville in April.

The contest Saturday was by far the most successful ever held here, both in the number of students entered and the attendance. The words were pronounced from the spelling book used in the school until it had been exhausted, after which a more difficult speller was used. The representatives of the various schools were:

Bald Hill, Leslie McVey; Barterville, Anna Laura Dotson; Ishmael, Earl Bowen; Myers, Dorothy Mae Cameron; Saltwell, Leila Mattox; Cassiday, Conway Tedder; Mt. Vernon, Imogene McClain; Crayton, Stella Fryman; East Union, Oma Willoughby; Miranda, Helen Smoot; Maple Grove, Mildred Vice; Taylor's Creek, Clarine Cleaver; Pleasant Valley, Permelia Throckmorton; Blue Licks, Georgia B. Campbell; Rose Hill, Luther Hollar; Hildreth, Mildred Linville; Goose Creek, Margery Ishmael; Stony Creek, Katherine Berry; Parks, Frances Waugh; Moorefield, Beatrice Vice; Headquarters, Ernestine Eads; Wright, Marguerite Bromagen; Upper Licks, Leona Burke; Ellisville, Maggie Lee Prather; Walnut Grove, Flossie Mattox; Henry, Ethel Sosby; Locust Grove, Thelma McClary.

Forgers Wanted On Many Charges

Mitchell and Crawford, In Jail Here, Charged With Having Given Number Worthless Checks

Arthur Crawford and John Mitchell, lodged in jail here last week on charges of giving a forged check to Jones & Day, merchants at Ellisville, apparently are getting deeper into trouble every day. It is said they forged at least a half dozen checks on James H. Martin, prominent Nicholas county farmer, the checks all being given to merchants in payment for goods, the balance being received by them in cash.

Last Friday a representative of the T. H. and H. B. Dudley store at Flemingsburg was in Carlisle and identified Mitchell as a man who several days before his arrest here gave a check to the Flemingsburg store with the name of J. H. Martin signed. A pair of shoes alleged to have been purchased at the time were worn by Mitchell.

Saturday morning the proprietor of a store at Licking came to Carlisle and had a warrant issued for the arrest of Mitchell on a charge of giving him a forged check. It is said other merchants in this section were given fradulent checks.

Both men are wanted in other counties, Mitchell having escaped from a road gang in Bourbon, where he was working out a sentence, and Crawford is said to have escaped from the jail at Mt. Olivet, where he was awaiting trial on a liquor charge.

Mitchell & Crawford were held under $1,500 bond each by Judge Darnall and will probably remain in jail until the May term of circuit court.

MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR DIES

Governor Henry L. Whitfield, of Mississippi, died at his home at Jackson, Miss., last Thursday following an illness of four months with cancer of the bone. His left leg was amputated last November and he had recently resumed his duties.

SHORT LEAF ACREAGE

Indicated In Nicholas County By Tobacco Cotton Sales

A greatly reduced acreage of tobacco in Nicholas county this year is indicated in the sales of tobacco cotton by Carlisle merchants. Dealers here say that not more than fifty per cent of the usual amount of tobacco cotton has been sold this spring. While the cotton is not yet needed, farmers usually buy it by this time of year and have it ready.

A large number of landlords have declared their intention of either reducing their acreage this year or cutting it out entirely. Low prices received for the crop the past season and the uncertainty of the fate of the pool have caused many tenants to turn to other pursuits.

GIRL BELIEVED TO BE DEAD RETURNS

Man Serving Life Term For Her "Murder" Pardoned By Governor Fields

HAD SERVED 18 MONTHS

Mary Vickery, 16 years old, whose body was thought to have been found in an abandoned mine shaft in Harlan county about 18 months ago, and for whose murder Condy Dabney, 33, was convicted of murder and sentenced to life imprisonment, appeared at Whitesburg last week and related the story which will give the man his freedom.

The girl said she left home because she was not happy. She had Dabney, a taximan, drive her to the railroad station, where she boarded a train for Cincinnati. She said she heard of the arrest and conviction of Dabney but kept quiet as she did not wish to return home. Finally, she said, her conscience compelled her to return.

Dabney has been in the penitentiary for more than a year. Mary Vickery and Marie Jackson, chief prosecution witness, who testified she saw Dabney kill the Vickery girl and put her body in the mine shaft, are being held.

Governor William J. Fields Tuesday issued a pardon for Condy Dabney, of Harlan, who was serving a life sentence in the Frankfort penitentiary for the murder of Mary Vickery.

With his face wreathed in smiles Dabney caught the train for Harlan to join his wife and two daughters, 12 and 9 years old.

"I was an innocent man and felt that I would get out of jail somehow," he said. "Many nights I called upon the Lord to help me, and when I received word Saturday night that Mary Vickery had appeared I gave thanks to God. I am going to Coal City and will go back to digging coal," he said.

Kentucky Farm Land Declines

Department Of Agriculture Report Places Average Value Of Land At $55 Per Acre

Prices of Kentucky farm lands, as reported to the U. S. Department of Agriculture by the farmers of this state, have continued to fall, and on March 1, 1927, they were reported by the farmers to be approximately 35 percent below the high point reached in the spring of 1920. Prices of farm lands in Kentucky steadied a little in 1925 and the early part of 1926, but by March 1, 1927, Kentucky farmers reported that prices of land had again declined. The average price of improved farms in Kentucky was reported by farmers March 1, 1927, to be approximately $55 per acre, compared to $56 a year earlier and $85 March 1, 1920; while unimproved farm land was reported at about $40 an acre this spring, compared to $41 a year earlier, and $62 March 1, 1920.

On March 1, 1927, Kentucky farmers had on hand approximately 52,664,000 bushels of corn, compared to 39,386,000 bushels March 1, 1926; 668,000 bushels of wheat compared to 354,000 last spring; and 1,904,000 bushels of oats compared to 1,297,000 bushels March 1, 1926.

PROF. PFANSTIEL TO HEAD SCHOOLS

Popular Superintendent Is Re-elected For 1927-28 Term By Board

WILL SELECT FACULTY

The Carlisle city school board has re-elected Prof. E. E. Pfanstiel as superintendent of the Carlisle city schools for the 1927-28 term, it was announced last week. The board, with Prof. Pfanstiel, will meet later to select the members of the high and grade school faculties.

The election of Prof Pfanstiel was unanimous, and will meet with the heart approval of the student body and patrons of the Carlisle city schools. Taking charge of the school last fall, Mr. Pfanstiel, in the few months he has been here has done much for the betterment of the school and perfect harmony has existed between the superintendent and members of the faculty, so far as we have learned.

He has taken an active interest in the civic affairs of Carlisle since he has been here, and The Mercury congratulates the school board upon securing the servives of this capable young man who is a native of our neighboring county of Bracken.

Road Machinery Is Shipped Here

Contractors Preparing To Start Work On Reconstruction Of Moorefield Road In Few Days

The Jessamine Construction Company, which was awarded the contract for the reconstruction of the Moorefield road from the intersection of the Cane Run road to Moorefield, has shipped road machinery to Carlisle and will begin work on the contract within a few days, according to an official of the company who is in Carlisle preparing for the beginning of the work.

The road will be completed this summer. Work will be done under the supervision of the State Highway Department, and when completed the road will be turned over to the state for maintenance.

Contract for the reconstruction of the road was let at the February meeting of the Highway Commission. Nicholas county has already paid to the state its half of the cost of construction.

Neighbor Held As Slayer Of Scearce

W. W. Smith, 24, Charged With Murder Of Aged Oldham County Farmer In January

W. W. Smith, 24 years old, of LaGrange, was arrested Monday afternoon at the home of his brother-in-law near Louisville on a warrant charging him with the murder of George S. Scearce, 81 year old Oldham county farmer, who was found murdered on his farm five miles from LaGrange on January 13.

The warrant for Smith's arrest was signed by three sons of Scearce. "I'm ready to go," was the only statement made by Smith. Officers declared they had been searching for Smith for several weeks and that he had been hiding at the home of relatives.

Scearce, wealthy and cultured, lived alone on his farm. He is not known to have had any enemies, and authorities were unable to find any clews leading to the identity of the murderer when the body was discovered. The aged man is believed to have been dead at least five days before his body was found.

FOUR YOUTHS SENTENCED

Four young white boys giving the names of Ben Feeback, James Feeback, Hargis Wagoner and Roy Claypool, all charged with turkey stealing, pleaded guilty to the charge in the Bourbon Circuit Court and were sent to the penitentiary for terms of one year. They were taken to Frankfort by Deputy Sheriff.

In Dallas, Tex., a colored Baptist preacher and one of his deacons engaged in controversy with the congregation. So the preacher took hammer and axe and tore down the church, while the deacon stood off the members with a gun. Now the two are charged with theft of the church, its value quoted at $45.

Five Sheep, 20 Chickens Stolen

When Thieves Pry Open Door Of Barn On Farm Of T. D. Campbell Wednesday Night

An unknown thief or thieves entered a barn on the farm of T. D. Campbell in the Taylor's Creek section, about three miles from Carlisle, last Wednesday night and took two valuable ewes, three lambs and about twenty pure bred Buff Rock hens The thieves made their escape and no trace has been found of them.

About ten ewes were in the barn at the time, all with young lambs. Mr. Campbell had three doors on the barn locked, and entrance was made by prying open a window on the barn. The window had been nailed up for several years. It is believed the loot was hauled away in an automobile.

Mr. Campbell has offered a reward of $25 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty person or persons. The sheep and chickens stolen were valued at $50 by Mr. Campbell.

"The Climax" Here Tuesday

Thrilling Three Act Comedy-Drama To Be Given At City Hall By Professional Cast

What promises to be the most enjoyable and popular number of the lyceum course given here this winter will be presented at the city hall next Tuesday night when "The Climax," a three-act comedy drama will be given under the auspices of the Woman's Club and Chamber of Commerce.

Guy Bates Post, noted actor, starred in this play, which has been well received from coast to coast. It will be presented here with a first-class professional cast with the original music.

Fortunate holders of season tickets will, of course, be admitted on presentation of the tickets. Admission tickets for the performance may be purchased at the city hall the night of the play.

"The Climax" is one of the most thrilling and tuneful plays ever presented on the American stage and Carlisle is indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to see it.

56 Mexican Quail Liberated Here

58 Birds Scattered Over Various Sections Of County

Seventy-two head of Mexican quail, furnished by the Kentucky Fish and Game Commission, were received here last Friday morning by Warren Fisher, president of the Izaak Walton League. The quail had been shipped here direct from the farm of Snake King, at Snakeville, Texas.

Fourteen of the quail were dead when received here, while the others were very lively. A telephone call to Frankfort revealed the fact that a great number of the birds had died in transit from Texas.

The birds, in lots of six, were distributed in various sections of the county. The Mexican quail are similar to the native "Bob White" and live in much the same way.

Annual Federal Inspection Held

Army Officer Conducts Annual Test Of Local Organization

Captain Hallowell, of the United States Army, conducted the annual federal inspection of Howitzer Company, 149th Infantry, here last Friday night. About forty members of the organization were present for the inspection, which continued for several hours. Captain Hallowell complimented the company upon the splendid appearance of the personnel, and upon its knowledge of the arms with which it is equipped. This was the twelfth organization in Kentucky inspected by the officer, he said, and was one of the best he had seen.

Before the inspection the members of the organization enjoyed a banquet served by the Parent-Teacher Association of the city school in the penny lunch room. Captain Hallowell and county and city officials were guests of the company at the banquet.

CONTRACTS FOR 111 ACRES SIGNED

Forty-one Farmers Agree To Raise Tomatoes For Plant Here This Summer

SEED IS NOW READY

One hundred and eleven acres of tomatoes have been pledged for the Carlisle tomato canning plant this summer, according to announcement made Monday by C. M. Lambert, resident manager of the Kentucky Canning Company plant. Forty-one Nicholas county farmers have signed contracts to grow tomatoes this year, Mr. Lambert said.

The capacity of the local plant is one hundred acres in a normal season. It is not known whether the Kentucky Canning Company will accept contracts of farmers after the hundred acres was signed.

Little difficulty was experienced in obtaining contracts this year, practically all of them having been signed voluntarily. The announcement that the plant will be operated this summer will be received with much satisfaction, as it affords employment to about 75 men and women for about ten weeks.

The seed for the tomatoes has been received and may be secured by persons who have signed contracts by calling at the office of the Kentucky Canning Company.

Loses Finger In Accident

Mrs. Elva Small Painfully Injured When Shotgun Accidentally Discharges At Home

Mrs. Elva Small, of the Needmore section, suffered the loss of the third finger on her right hand when a shotgun accidentally discharged last Thursday afternoon , mangling the finger so badly that amputation was necessary.

Mr. Small had been shooting crows on the farm and returned and left the gun in a room. Evidently the shotgun was left cocked. Mrs. Small was putting the weapon under a bed out of the way when it accidentally discharged, the charge striking her finger, almost tearing it loose from the hand. Her hand was badly powder burned, but the other fingers were not injured by the shot.

Dr. B. F. Reynolds was summoned and with the assistance of Dr. C. W. Kash amputated the finger.

Agents Take Big Still At Olympia

Five Hundred Gallon Still, 5,000 Gallons Mash, 51 Gallons Liquor And Three Men Taken

Prohibition Director B. F. Unthank and Agents George Griffin, W. O. Manning, Alfred Moore and W. C. White made a raid in the Olympia section of Bath county Sunday afternoon when they captured what is said to be the largest distilling outfit ever found in Kentucky.

The still was of copper construction and of 500 gallon capacity. 5,000 gallons of mash and 51 gallons of moonshine whisky were siezed and destroyed and the equipment was taken by truck to Owingsville, where it was destroyed after it had been photographed. The equipment was located in a large barn and was in full operation when the raid was made. Living quarters, including beds, cooking apparatus, etc., had been fitted up in the barn, and this was all confiscated.

Three men, giving the names of Donald Stanley, Ollie Schulz and Lindsay Conley were taken in the raid.

DEMOCRATS MEET FRIDAY

Meeting To Be Held In Louisville To Decide Nomination Method

Judge Charles O. Hardin, of Harrodsburg, chairman of the committee, last week called the Democratic State Executive Committee to meet in Louisville Friday, March 25, to determine the manner in which the party shall choose its nominees for governor and other state offices.

In his call, Judge Hardin said "This is to be the most important meeting this committee has ever held."

POSITION IN CHINA

Former Citizen To Be Secretary To Consul In China

Friends here will be interested in the announcement of the appointment of Miss Lucille Wilson, formerly of Carlisle, to the position of secretary to the United States Consul at Tien-Tsin, China. Miss Wilson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wilson, former residents of Carlisle, and moved with her parents to Versailles several years ago. She was a student in the Carlisle high school and for the past four years has held a responsible position with the Burley Tobacco Association.

Miss Wilson's brother, Holman Wilson, has been in China for the past two years, holding a responsible position with the International Bankers Association.

POOL WILL CLOSE BOOKS ON APRIL 1

No Transfers Can Be Made After That Date Secretary Announces

SALES END SATURDAY

Books of the Burley Tobacco Growers Co-operative Association will close on the 1926 crop on April 1, according to a statement made Monday by Secretary and Treasurer Belton P. Anderson, and no assignment on 1926 participation certificates can be accepted after that date.

Probably 95 per cent of the 1926 crop has been delivered in the opinion of warehousemen. Closing of the pool books is made necessary by the fact that it is the wish of the association to get full payment for the 1926 crop to the growers as soon after the close of the selling season as possible. The selling season will end Saturday. Practically all of the pool and independent markets of the state have already closed.

Estimates of the burley crop for 1926 run around 270,000,000 pounds, including all of the burley producing territory of Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Missouri, Virginia and North Carolina.

MILLERSBURG PEOPLE HURT

Crowded off the road by a speeding automobile whose driver is unknown, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Best and Miss Pattie Hunter, of Millersburg, escaped with minor injuries in an accident on the Maysville and Lexington pike eight miles from Lexington last Friday night. The three were enroute to Lexington to attend the state basket ball tournament, Mr. Best driving, when their car was crowded from the road and hit a telephone pole.

Pensioners Must Wait For Checks

13,000 In Kentucky Hit By Failure Of Congress To Provide Funds

Around 13,000 Federal pensioners in Kentucky will be compelled to wait until July for their checks from the Government for the months of May and June, according to the Pension Bureau.

The Government will be unable to make the payments for those two months, it was stated today. On April 4 disbursements will be made for the last time until the appropriations for the new fiscal year beginning July 1 are made available.

Pension Bureau officials admitted today that the failure of the urgency deficiency bills at the closing session of the Sixty-ninth Congress precluded the possibility of meeting requirements after April 4.

The Pension Bureau, it was said, dug into its regular funds in order to meet increases voted during the session in anticipation of the approval of appropriation bills supporting the authorizations voted earlier in the session. When the deficiency bill, carrying the appropriations, was lost in the filibuster the bureau found itself facing a problem.

Payments made in Kentucky for the fiscal year ended last July amounted to $5,578,000.

FORMER CARLISLE WOMAN SUCCUMBS

Mrs. Bettie Talbot Howell, 71, Dies Unexpectedly In Huntington, W. Va.

FUNERAL HELD HERE

Mrs. Bettie Talbot Howell, 71 years old, for many years a resident of Carlisle, died suddenly last Thursday morning at her home in Huntington, W. Va. Mrs Howell had been in good health and a few days before her death attended the funeral and burial of a relative at Sharpsburg.

The body was brought to the home of her daughter, Mrs Robert Parker, in Carlisle Friday night and funeral services, conducted by Rev. William J. Gammon, pastor of the Presbyterian church, were held at the Parker home Saturday afternoon. Burial took place in the family lot in the Carlisle cemetery.

Mrs. Howell was the widow of John D. Howell, for many years a Carlisle pharmacist, but for the past fifteen years had resided in Huntington. She was born in Danville, Ky, July 18, 1856, the daughter of Fannie Barbee and Presley Mason Talbot, an old and distinguished Kentucky family.

Mrs. Howell is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Harry Yancey, of Mayslick; Mrs. Robert Parker, Carlisle; Mrs Luther A. Dillon, Cincinnati, and Mrs. Arthur G. Powell, Clarksville, Va.; two sons, J. Hadden Howell, Huntington, W. Va, and Speed Howell, Ashland; one brother, Thomas B. Talbot, Lexington; and two sisters, Mrs. Nannie Johnson Louisville, and Mrs. S. F. Allen, Sharpsburg.

In an account of Mrs. Howell's death, the Huntington Advertiser says: "Since coming to Huntington she has made a wide circle of friends in church and society circles because of her charming personality and lovable traits of character. She was a devout Christian and took an active interest in the work of the church and the various charities of the city, always responding when her assistance was needed. Mrs. Howell was a brilliant and talented woman and her entire life was devoted to making other people happy. One of her principal characteristics was her unselfishness and she was admired by people in all walks of life because of her kindliness. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church and an honorary member of the Altrusa Club, one of Huntington's most prominent women's clubs."

M. M. I. Netmen State Champions

Cadets, Winners Of Class B Meet, Defeat London High. Louisville Girls Winners

Two of the biggest upsets in basketball history in Kentucky occurred at Lexington Saturday night when the Millersburg Military Institute cadets defeated London high school by a score of 34 to 25 the high school championship of Kentucky, and the West Louisville high school girls defeated the strong Georgetown high girls by a score of 19 to 18.

M. M. I. won the class B championship by defeating the Minerva high school and London won the class A championship by defeating Covington high, which had been picked as state champions.

Kertis, brilliant running guard of M. M. I., probably deserves most credit for landing the coveted honor for his team, although the other four members played a star game. Taylor Snelling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tolliver Snelling, of near Carlisle, is a member of the state champion boys team.

KILLED IN BLAST

Milford Saunders, 25 years old, of near Plummers Landing, Fleming county, was blown a distance of fifty feet, his skull crushed, and his body mangled, killing him instantly, when a boiler of a grist mill exploded Friday afternoon on the farm of James Humphries between Plummers Landing and Muses Mill.

The seven year old son of James Humphries was slightly injured, but James Humphries, who was running the mill, escaped without injury. Elsie Hinton was dipping meal from a box into a sack and the sack was thrown a distance of 40 feet. He was unhurt. Saunders leaves a wife and two children.