Shadows of the City

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Through Doctor Darand's Amazement Came the Soft Whisper of Kitty Hewitt's Words. "I'm Ethel Wing. Do You Hear, Ethel Wing?"

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...haps it was merely that age caused his hand to fumble. Yet, a sudden glimpse of the obscured eyes beneath that hat brim gave the doctor rather a start. It seemed to him, oddly enough, that he had seen those eyes before and in no such figure as this. The curious thought was interrupted by the opening of the door. A young negro, in the white coat of a houseman, stood there.

"I am Doctor Darand."

"Yes, sir. Mr. Colton's expectin' you."

Inside the spacious, walnut-paneled hallway the negro took Bertram's hat and ulster. Some one upstairs was whistling "Barney Google." Then a ... Bertram explained. "We must take him to a hospital as soon as possible."

Colton seemed to arouse at the word. "Hospital?" he repeated hoarsely. "I guess not. Hospital's a place where people die. I want that boy to get well. He stays here, doctor!"

"His only chance," said Bertram, "is a hospital and the best brain man—I mean a surgeon who specializes on the brain—we can get."

"You mean, you don't dare do it here, doctor?" Colton challenged.

Something rang false in this; what it was Bertram did not know. "Certainly not here, Mr. Colton," he answered. "Nor at a hospital, if I could ...

... legs. With an oath the man sprawled; but was up in a second. Bertram wrenched the door open and blundered out upon a cold porch to be confronted by the old man with the broom.

"Where you going?" the old man demanded.

"Let me by!"

"Oh, no!" The old man wasted no words, but raised his broom and with amazing vigor thrust him backward. Now from the rear the negro seized Bertram's shoulders and flung him roughly into the kitchen. The old man stamped into the house, slammed the door shut, and bolted it.

He pulled off his battered hat and with a jerk unwound the muffler ...

... been shot; she it was who, by mistake, had summoned Bertram Darand, meaning to call a doctor already on Grame's "staff," and thus Kitty Hewitt started the chain of events which had led to Doctor Darand's presence in this house, though all the links of the chain were not yet forged.

Plainly she suspected his presence, and as plainly recognized his danger.

Harper Colton approached Grame and plucked at his sleeve. "That was her again?"

"Well, what if it was?"

Colton begged: "Now what's she doing?"

But Grame only muttered an oath.

"She said something to you," Col-...

... tain, rushing across to the couch.

"This boy," interrupted Bertram, "will die unless he gets attention soon. We must take him at once to a hospital. Everything else can wait. There is still a chance for his life."

Two hours later Bertram Darand, having assisted a specialist in the operation upon James MacLaren, stripped off his white surgeon's garments and went down to the hospital waiting room to find that Ethel Wing, teacher of mah-jongg to fashionable Chicago families, alias Kitty Hewitt, was awaiting him. As he entered, a well-dressed, gray-haired lady came toward him, and James MacLaren's mother, who already had received as-... a perfectly safe and proper service for Billy Severson, with the coffin closed, and get him safe below ground.

"Severson was ready to go through with his part—to give up a suit of clothes and disappear. Well, you know the rest."

She said: "I got the tip this morning that Grame sent for you to come to Colton's.

"You took a big risk for me!" exclaimed Bertram and seized her hand; ...

JUST IN LOVE

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Traveling Coat

The traveler prefers topcoats this season. The one in the picture is a beige velveteen traveling coat, trimmed with collar and cuffs of natural lynx. The color scheme is deftly carried out in deep brown tones, frock, shoes and hat being selected in this color.

HINTS TO FARMERS

If your sheep, calves, or pigs have a husky cough at this time of year, look out for lung-worms. Isolate infested animals and give them special care and feed. Put the animals on high, dry pasture, or put them up and feed dry feed. Give plenty of pure water and provide them with some kind of shade.

Sowing winter wheat on the latest safe date in the fall helps to prevent ...

... injury from the scab disease, which reduces the yields and lowers the quality of much wheat in the Central States and eastward. The seed should be thoroughly clean, graded, and treated. The scab fungus also attacks corn, and in regions where scab flourishes wheat should not be sown after corn unless the stalks are removed and the stubble plowed completely under.

In the summer, high-producing dairy cows need grain to supplement the pasture. Cows giving more than 20 pounds of milk a day should have, in addition to good pasture, 1 pound of grain to each 4 to 6 pounds of milk produced. The grain mixture, which may be corn, oats, wheat bran, or barley, should be ground. For cows producing more than 35 pounds of milk, there should be at least one high-protein concentrate, linseed-oil meal or cottonseed meal, in the grain ration.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture several years ago experimented with commercial fertilizers to discover a substance that will kill fly larvae in manure an dalso increase its fertilizing value. One-half pound each of calcium cyanamid and acid phosphate added to each bushel of manure gave a 98 per cent kil lof the larvae. The mixture, in powder form, is scattered evenly over the surface and then wet down with water. This mixture adds to the manure two important elements nitrogen and phosphorus.

TOOT! TOOT!

Irate Pedestrian: "Hey, why don't you blow your horn?"

Pat Motorist: "Who do you think I am—Little Boy Blue?"

SURPRISE

The young man said he knew his girl could keep a secret, because they had been engaged for weeks before even he knew anything about it.

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TO HONOR HEROIC DEAD AT BLUE LICKS

148th Anniversary Of Battle Will Be Celebrated On Next Tuesday, August 19

PLAN BRIEF CEREMONY

The One Hundred and Forty-Eighth Anniversary of the Battle of the Blue Licks will occur on Tuesday, August 19. For several years past this anniversary has been commemorated by large gatherings at the battlefield and the carrying out of programs more or less elaborate appropriate to the occasion. The beautiful monument erected by the Commonwealth on the battlefield park was unveiled and dedicated in 1928, at which time a crowd, estimated at some ten to fifteen thousand people, was present. Last year a similar celebration was held with great success. On account of the very severe drouth which has prevailed generally throughout Central Kentucky, and in the immediate vicinity of the Blue Licks Park and on account of the consequent difficulty in providing drinking water for any large number of people that might gather there this year, it has been thought impracticable to plan or carry out a formal program on the 19th. However, it is announced by Mrs James Darnell, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky State Park Commission, that the anniversary will be recognized and commemorated even if only a small number of people find it possible to attend. Accordingly, it is now planned to have a few friends of the project, together with some of the citizens living in the neighborhood, to gather around the monument erected in the park on next Tuesday, the 19th inst., for the purpose of paying respect to the event commemorated by the monument and to the honored dead who are buried nearby. Nevertheless, the general public are most cordially invited to be present, but all persons planning to attend from a distance and who may bring their basket lunches with them are requested also to bring their own drinking water in suitable containers. It is probable that the ceremonies will be limited to placing flowers on the base of the monument and to the delivery of impromptu remarks by some of those who may attend.

The last Legislature generously provided a total appropriation of $20,000.00 for the improvement and development of the Blue Licks Park. Preparations are already in progress for using a part of this appropriation for the landscaping of the park by competent experts employed for the purpose. A member of the noted firm of Olmsted Brothers, of Brookline, Mass., has already visited the site of the monument and park and is now designing plans for the lay-out of the grounds. Work under his direction and that of the State Park Commission will in all probability be begun in the fall of this year. At the meeting on the 19th a brief statement of the plans in contemplation may be made by someone representing the State Park Commission, either Governor Sampson himself or some other official designated and authorized to speak on behalf of the State Park Commission.

As everybody knows, the Blue Licks is one of the most historic spots in Kentucky and the park established there, when fully developed, promises to be one of the most attractive State Parks in Kentucky.

"PLANT, IT MAY RAIN"

Says County Agent. Might Get Much Garden Truck Yet

It would be worth the while, thinks County Agricultural Agent, C. B. Elston, for gardeners and farmers, in case a rain should come, to plant many vegetables. It is quite probable that we shall have a late fall, and much garden truck would mature from August planting. Farmers would also benefit by the planting of late forage crops such as rye and vetch for cattle feed.

Mr. Elston's suggestion is prompted by reading the article reprinted from an Indiana paper of November 3, 1881, which appeared in last week's Mercury. During that year, according to the Indiana paper, "trees began to releaf, bud and blossom, "following the breaking of the great drouth; grass came again in the meadows and "volunteer seeds in the gardens again brought forth new crops and at this time (Nov. 1, 1881) green beans, new potatoes, new green tomatoes, cabbage and turnips in superabundance are on our tables, all grown since the fall showers began."

The suggestion, The Mercury thinks, is a good one. Seeds cost little and the work of planting may be well repaid. Dealers in garden seed should restock in anticipation of conditions that obtained following the great drouth of 1881. For it will rain sooner or later. It always has.

RED CROSS CHAPTERS SHOULD ACT AT ONCE

If In Drought Area Local Chapters Should Act On Own Initiative Says John Barton Payne

A statement on policies to be pursued by the American Red Cross and its chapters toward any relief problem caused by the continued drought, was issued by John Barton Payne, chairman, to the 3,500 chapters throughout the nation. It follows:

"If the abnormal dry spell continues a condition in a dozen or more States could possibly develop such as is contemplated by our Congressional charter which enjoins the Red Cross to carry on 'National and international relief in time of peace—in mitigating the suffering caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods and other National calamities.' A break in the drought may still afford relief by partially salvaging food crops, and promoting late planting of quick-growing substitutes. If this should not eventuate, the Red Cross as the National relief agency, will supplement local, State and Federal agencies, public and private, and the normal credit and financial facilities of banks, farm loan groups and similar agencies. As is always the case in Red Cross relief measures, the organization would supplement individual resources and borrowing power in tiding over individual families.

"If you are in the drought area and there are people now suffering, your chapter should not wait, but should act on its own initiative within the limits of its resources."

WIND, HAIL WREAK HAVOC IN COUNTY

Many Barns Down And Much Crop Loss In Path Of Storm

COMES FROM NORTH

As if to give a finishing touch to the parching drought that has visited this section, a gale of wind, accompanied by an electrical storm and the heaviest downpour of hail ever seen in Carlisle, tore across the county from the north, shortly before 9 o'clock Saturday night snapping off trees, wrecking barns and riddling tobacco patches in its path.

Following the storm, hail stones a half inch and larger in diameter covered the ground like a winter sleet and Sunday morning the earth in the path of the storm was covered with leaves whipped from the trees by hail.

The hail storm was probably worse in the immediate vicinity of Carlisle but the wind continued to wreak havoc in the Moorefield and East Union sections. Other parts of the county report slight damage. About Carlisle trees were snapped off by the wind, five going down in Mathers wood near town. Numerous shade trees through the town were broken off and limbs torn from others. Damage to chimneys and window panes resulted in many instances.

The storm lasted but a few minutes and was followed for perhaps an hour by a drizzling rain.

The path of the storm seems to have been a trifle east of the junction of the Carlisle & Sharpsburg and the Maysville pike, little damage being reported below the farm of A. F. Kerns on the Maysville pike. Damage in that vicinity to tobacco crops of T. I. Campbell, Dorse Caswell and Tom Asbury was reported, the latter having some 17 acres of tobacco badly damaged.

Other tobacco hail loss near Carlisle was suffered by James Simons, Ernest Piper, Cecil Hamilton and perhaps many others of whom The Mercury was unable to learn.

In the Pleasant Springs neighborhood loss to tobacco was suffered by Will Parker, R. L. Gillispie, Frank Conyers, A. B. Smathers, on the Miller's Station pike also suffered a tobacco loss.

The storm, carrying not so much hail after passing over Carlisle, but gathering wind intensity, passed out the line of the Carlisle and Moorefield pike and to the right of this line n-to Bath county. Among barns damaged and blown down reported were those of Sam Booth, Newt Smoot, five on Blair McIntire's farm, Bob Hughes, Claude Whaley, Bruce Hughes, Rhoads Burton, Lewis Jacobs, Roy Cox, Lander Crockett, Dr. O. S. Kash, John T. Sims.

At the home of Ed Buntin on the East Union pike, the hail smashed in screen doors and windows and damaged his tobacco. Some 30 trees were blown down and the tree loss was severe in the neighborhood of W. P. Hamm on the same pike.

On Bethel Ridge, the damage is reported as severe, many barns being destroyed or twisted and ruined, trees destroyed, property unroofed and crops damaged.

During the height of the storm, telephone messages from the neighborhood to Carlisle reported the home of Harry Letton on fire. Many Carlisle people drove to the scene of the blaze, to find that lightning, striking in the center of a 10-acre field had caused a grass fire, which for a time threatened Mr. Letton's home and but for a change of wind might have caused a more serious loss.

Whether True Or Not

The following story was heard on the streets here this week:

A Nicholas county man thought he heard someone in his chickens one night recently. Next morning investigation showed 80 chickens missing, but the owner found that the visitors to his roost had dropped a pocketbook containing $81.

SUGGESTS THE COUNTY BORROW SOME MONEY

To Furnish Road Work To Laborers In Nicholas This Winter

A local man this week, foreseeing the lack of employment that is sure to come this winter, wrote the following letter to each member of the fiscal court:

Carlisle, Ky., Aug. 11, 1930
Nicholas County Fiscal Court.

The failure of crops in Nicholas county this year means that many men will need help by the county before winter is over. Many of these would be willing to do an honest day's work for a fair price. Most of the roads in Nicholas need work on them.

Why not borrow some money and let these men do the work now, rather than helping them this winter? The ones who deserve help will be willing to work for $1.50 per day or less and there are enough of them in each district to do it and the Magistrate can select the ones and oversee the work.

WILL HELP IF PAYMENT CAN BE GUARANTEED

Federal Farm Board Urges Forming Of Local Corporations To Guarantee Loan Payments

The following press bulletin has been issued by the Federal Farm Board:

The Federal Farm Board is deeply concerned by the reports of serious drouth in a number of agricultural regions.

The United States Department of Agriculture and its allied agencies are now surveying the dry sections to determine the degree of damage to crops and its prospective effect on farmers and their livestock. In the meantime, the Federal Farm Board is studying its own power for financial aid.

Under the Agricultural Marketing Act the Federal Farm Board cannot give anything to anybody, but it has considerable discretion in the matter of terms on loans. There is also the Grain Stabilization Corporation through which the Board may work.

If existing feed distribution agencies or other business men and farmers in any stricken community, county, district, or state will form under the laws of their own state a responsible corporation which will guarantee the payment of notes to be given by individual farmers, a plan probably can be quickly developed whereby the Grain Stabilization Corporation can sell feed grains of any kind in car lots at market prices on easy payments of one or two years. The local organization would arrange for local distribution of the food thus supplied and see to the collection of the farmers' notes when due. It would make no profit on its own services and would make proper local arrangements for the payment of freight.

The Federal Farm Board can in this way help every community that is willing to help itself. The Grain Stabilization Corporation has plenty of grain and can buy more to replace that sold for feed, thus keeping its own supplies intact.

The plan is believed to be practical and workable. It would relieve suffering, dispose of a part of the grain surplus, and put no man nor community under the necessity of asking for charity. If local communities will do their part, no substantial farmer need lack for feed for his livestock and no stock need be sacrificed on present markets.

HEAT COMING BACK

With a rise starting Wednesday afternoon, thermometers will begin to indicate intense heat today, according to U. S. Weather Bureau forecasters.

Whitley Commission Values Falls Tract At $1,702 Acre

J. T. Estes, wholesale grocer, and R. D. Smith, railroad man of Corbin, majority of a committee appointed by county judge Criscillis, of Whitley county, set the valuation of the Cumberland Falls tract of 697 acres at $1,186,000 Tuesday. A minority report filed by I. C. Bryant, Corbin merchant, the other member of the commission, set the value of the tract at $190,000.

Counsel for the attorney general was instructed to file exceptions to both estimates as excessive. The State declares in its exception that the property is worth no more than $125,000. A trial by a Whitley county jury will be necessary to determine the fairness of the valuation.

The land and its few improvements is nine-tenths owned by the Cumberland River Power Company. The commissioners majority report places a value of $1,702 an acre on the land.

SURVEY OF DROUGHT CONDITIONS ASKED

By Secretary Of Agriculture In A Wire To County Agent C. B. Elston

NICHOLAS HARD HIT

President Hoover's survey of conditions in the drought-strucken area of 12 states was reflected here in a telegram received Friday night by C. B. Elston, county agricultural agent, from Arthur M. Hyde, secretary of agriculture, whom the president called back to Washington last week to conduct the survey.

The telegram received by Mr. Elston was as follows:

President Hoover is deeply concerned over drought and possible evil consequences to farm families. Relief measures are dependent upon accurate information of needs of each county affected. The President has directed this department to make a survey of stricken area, county by county, covering the following points:

1. Percentage of damage to grain crops, also forage crops, based upon present conditions and assuming normal rainfall in future.

2. Numbers of farm families unable to purchase feed for their livestock and approximate amount of feed above county's resources required to carry through winter.

3. Nearest points where feed can be had.

4. How long available feed will last.

5. Extent to which local authorities and interests have helped or can help.

The human side of the problem is particularly appealing. Hope local interest will co-operate to hold livestock and avert evil consequences of panic selling. Wire your report and local suggestions of possible measures of relief.

Arthur M. Hyde,
Secretary of Agriculture

Immediately upon receipt of the telegram, Mr. Elston called a conference of local farmers, business men and bankers to discuss conditions in this county, in order that a report could be made at once.

After an extended discussion of the questions asked in secretary Hyde's wire, a telegram, answering the questions as follows was sent:

Question 1. Percentage of damage to grain crops, also forage crops, based upon present conditions and assuming normal rainfall in future.

Answer: Eighty-five percent.

Question 2. Numbers of farm families unable to purchase feed for their livestock and approximate amount of feed above county's resources required to carry through winter.

Answer: 1,800 farm families will need assistance to buy feed for winter. Estimated 2,500 tons grain and concentrates and three thousand tons of hay will be needed to carry average number livestock through winter.

Question 3. Nearest points where feed can be had.

Answer: Shipped in from north and west to local distributors.

Question 4. How long available feed will last.

Answer: 30 days.

Question 5. Extent to which local authorities and interests have helped or can help.

Answer: Form committees that can and will assist in relief work.

The following suggestions, as re-

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Georgia Tobacco Averages 10.58 First Week 12.42 Next

The Georgia state department of agriculture announced Monday an average of 12.42 cents per pound for bright leaf tobacco on the Georgia markets for last week's offerings. The average for the first week of the Georgia market was 10.58. Last year the second week averaged 21.54.

29,386,978 pounds were received during the week. Last year 27,905,103 pounds were sold the second week.

Condition Of Elgin Sharp Unchanged Wednesday

Elgin Sharp, 22 years old, of Sharpsburg suffered a skull fracture and probably internal injuries Monday afternoon, in a head-on-ollision of cars on the Lexington and Winchester pike. The accident occurred, when the car driven by Charles Godsey, 14, pulled around another machine and crashed head-on into the car driven by George Snyder of Mt. Sterling, who was accompanied by young Sharp, Joe King, of Ashland, and Bud Smith, a negro employed on the Sharp farm. Jerry Godsey, 45, of Jackson, father of young Godsey, was instantly killed and Grannis and Benton Howard, other occupants of the Godsey car were severely injured. Synder, King and the Smith negro were cut and bruised. Sharp was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, Lexington, where he was attended by Dr. W. O. Bullock.

Early Wednesday morning the condition of young Sharp was reported to be unchanged. The others injured in the wreck were reported to be improving rapidly.

PLUMMER'S AID ASKED

In Plan To Build Road And Furnish Work In County

The co-operation of Pierce Plummer, Highway Commissioner for this district, is being urged in a plan to furnish work this fall and winter for worthy laborers in this county and at the same time accomplish the construction of 2 miles of badly needed road from Moorefield to the Bath county line.

It is believed that money to do this work may be secured from maintenance funds, or possibly from construction funds. Mr. Plummer is showing keen interest and most praiseworthy co-operation with county officials in his district in the matter of needed construction and it is thought that the immediate construction of this important link, which will connect Carlisle with the Fields Highway, will receive his approval.

Nicholas county would furnish the machinery necessary to do the work, in the event funds are made available. Work could be given to many laborers and the plan would do much to relieve conditions brought on by the drought.

A model road now extends from Carlisle to Moorefield, but the two miles from Moorefield to the Bath county line are in miserable condition, work on this important link, the completion of which will give Carlisle a new outlet, both to the Midland Trail and to the Ohio river, having been urged in vain by Nicholas officials for many months.

42 MILLION POUNDS MORE BURLEY HELD

More Leaf Tobacco Of All Kinds Held By Manufacturers Than At This Time Last Rear

Stocks of leaf tobacco on hand July 1, 1930, amounted to 1,731,962,000 pounds compared with 1,683,732,000 pounds a year ago, according to the preliminary quarterly report released Saturday by Tobacco Section, Bureau of Agricultural Economics U. S. Department of Agriculture. Stocks decreased 233,284,000 pounds during the second quarter of 1930, compared with a decrease of 265,270,000 pounds during the second quarter of 1929.

Stocks of flue-cured tobacco on hand July 1 were unexpectedly low, being 599,250,000 pounds, approximately 9 million pounds higher than on July 1, 1929. The 1929 production of flue-cured tobacco was 22 million pounds larger than that of the previous year.

Total fire-cured tobacco stocks are 184,769,000 pounds approximately 11 million pounds higher than on July 1, 1929. Production of fire-cured tobacco last year was about 49 million pounds above that of the previous year. Clarksville and Hopkinsville, type 22, is the only dark-fired type to show significantly larger stocks than a year ago.

In the light air-cured class, Burley stocks are reported at 438,657,000 pounds compared with 396,541,000 pounds a year ago, an increase of 42,116,000 pounds. The increase in production last year compared with 1928 was 64,003,000 pounds. Maryland tobacco stocks, on the other hand, decreased from 1..293,000 pounds on July 1, 1929 to 9,553,000 pounds on July 1, 1930.

Pitiable Was Condition Of Blue Grass During Drought Of 1854

Misery likes company and so drouth lore is readable these days and The Mercury has dug up some more from its files. As luck would have it, the files for the year 1881 cannot be located, but in those for 1894, which was no mean "drouth year," we find an editorial from the Lexington Gazette, which takes us back again to the great dry summer of 1854:

"Forty years ago there prevailed over the States east of the Mississippi and west of the Alleghanies the severest drouth ever experienced since the settling of the Western country. Grass burned up and water became so scarce that stock had to be driven, in some cases, many miles to water. Small grain was a good crop, but corn was an utter failure. We lived west of the Mississippi that year, where crops were very abundant and the season most favorable. In September of that year we came to Kentucky to attend the fair, and as soon as we crossed the river in the State of Illinois, the desolation from drouth was apparent and the farther east we came, the worse the country was suffering.

"It was pitiable to see the condition of Fayette county. No corn, no hay and no grass. Corn was $6 a barrel that winter and very scarce. Although corn was very abundant and cheap in Missouri and Iowa, there were no railroads to transport it and the Ohio was too low for boating purposes. The Ohio and Cincinnati Railroad from Cincinnati to St. Louis was not built and the only way to get from St. Louis to Kentucky was by the Alton Railroad around by Chicago.

"As we said, corn was very cheap and abundant in Missouri but the emigration to Kansas in '55 ate it all up and it sold at $1.50 per bushel.

"Indications point to a similar drouth this (1894) summer and prudent farmers are making preparations for such a contingency, although we would not suffer as they did in 1854, for we have railroads to bring us breadstuffs and take away our stock to more favored regions."

But the drouth of 1894 was not nearly so bad as that of 1854, though western Kentucky seems to have suffered fearfully. The Mercury for August 28, 1894 says:

"Down in Bullitt county it has not rained since May and crops are almost an entire failure; streams that were never known to fail are dry. A religious excitement was gotten up to pray for rain and one enthusiast predicted that the world would come to an end on August 18. As the 18th has gone by and no end come, the good brother is left a discredited prophet. And still there is no rain in Bullitt."

History reverses itself this year in the Kentucky drought, Western Kentucky having been visited by good rains. In fact the rains in the extreme end of the Purchase have been responsible for raising the percentage of rainfall in the State to 50% of normal, when in the rest of the State only 25 % of the usual rainfall has been recorded. The Mercury for August 14, 1894 tells of a nice Saturday night shower that "made old Deering Camp Ground delightful over Sunday."

But rain finally came in '94, as it did in '54 and as it will in 1930. Forty years from now (and let it be hoped that it will be that long) our descendants, plagued by a drouth, may dig from these files lore of the Great Drouth of 1930 to prove that such calamities have been faced and lived through before.

DROUGHT MAY DELAY OPENING OF SCHOOLS

Lack Of Water And Hot Weather Make Opening Of Schools Uncertain

NEW LIBRARY CASES IN

A continuance of the drought for the balance of August may delay the opening of both city and county schools, The Mercury was informed Monday. In the county, the scarcity of water has caused the opening of rural schools originally set for August 25 to seem extremely doubtful.

The opening of the Carlisle schools, tentatively set for September 1, likewise depends upon a break in the drought, as it is felt that the opening of the school during such weather as has recently been experienced in this section would prove a hardship upon both students and faculty.

Preparations are going forward, however, Superintendent Pfanstiel said, to have all in readiness for the next term. Repairs are being made at the gymnasium and the new steel cases and library equipment, gift of the class of 1929 to the school, have arrived and are being installed.

The addition of this new equipment will make the library of the city school one of the finest public school libraries in the State.

Killed While En Route To Funeral Of Louis Tinder

Mrs. Preston Morris, 40, of Scott county, was killed and George Noel, Anderson, Indiana, was seriously injured Tuesday in an automobile collision on the Winchester and Paris pike at the intersection of the Thatcher's Mill road.

Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. George Crenshaw and Miss Mildred Morris were en route to the funeral of Louis Tinder at North Middletown. Noel and Tillman Fight, of Bourbon county, were in the other car. Miss Morris and Fight were both seriously injured. The other occupants of the cars were slightly injured.

E. K. Watkins Buys Interest In Cynthiana Drug Store

(Cynthiana Democrat)

E. K. Watkins, pharmacist, who has been with the McIlvain & Walsh drug store for several years, Monday acquired a third interest in the drug store of J. W. Renaker & Son and will assume his duties there in a few weeks.

Mr. Watkins is a native of Carlisle, but has been in Cynthiana for some years where he has taken an active part in all civic and church movements and has built up hundreds of friendships through his solicitousness and accommodation.

The firm of J. W. Renaker & Son, formerly J. W. Renaker, is one of the oldest drug stores in the state, its beginning going back more than seventy-five years. J. W. Renaker started in business there in 1867 and remained sole owner until a few years ago when his son, Houston Renaker, was taken in as a partner. The late C. R. Renaker held an interest in the store at one time.

THE STOUT HEART

(Editorial by A. A. Bowmar in the Woodford Sun)

It takes a stout heart to get through this world with any comfort. It is a place of struggle. In how many years of your life, or my life, or anyone's life, have circumstances been just what we thought we needed?

They say that a man can't pull himself up by his own bootstraps, but sometimes he has to do that very thing. Sometimes they are all he can get hold of.

The world simply cannot conquer a stout heart. Napoleon complained that the English were such stubborn fools they didn't know when they were beaten. (Which was equivalent to not being beaten!) When Julius Caesar was apparently about to be drowned off the coast of Britain, he said to his terrified men, "The ship that carries Caesar cannot sink!" And it didn't. Every school boy remembers how Paul Jones, when the Bon Homme Richard was on fire and sinking under him, shouted to the English commander who summoned him to surrender: "I have not yet begun to fight!" And he fought on, took the Serapis and transferred his men to it as his own ship went down.

We all naturally like the soft side of things. And we shrink from apparent disaster as a chilly horse shrinks from a cold collar on a winter morning. But joy in trying to accomplish the apparently impossible is a thing which can be cultivated—and it pays to cultivate it!

There's nothing irrevocable but death. If we lose our money, we may make more. Many people have done so. If we lose health, we may regain it. Many people have done so. If our friends forsake us, we may make more faithful ones. Many people have done so.

I've been over a good many financial hurdles myself. And I'm liable to go over some more. For like everybody else in Versailles, I am dependent upon the farmer, and when he's in trouble I'm in trouble. And there have been times when I thought that I either was already "busted," or soon would be. But—the longer I live the more certain I am of the truth of the Salvation Army slogan: "A man may be down, but he's never out!" (Unless he gives up). And the greatest motto in the world is the dying injunction of the gallant Lawrence:

"DON'T GIVE UP THE SHIP."

Kendall Tells President Situation Will Be Serious

A Washington dispatch of Monday says:

Representatives, Blackburn, Kendall and Newhall, of Kentucky, reported to Mr. Hoover regarding conditions in Kentucky.

Kendall said the corn crop in Kentucky was a failure, that the tobacco crop would only be 25 per cent of normal and gardens were "completely gone."

"The situation is going to be very serious," he said.

Man Kidnaps And Assaults Five-Year-Old Louisville Girl

Snatched away from her 2-year-old brother, whose hand she was holding, Thelma Alberta Wright, 5-year-old daughter of Fire Lieut. Samuel A. Wright, 1537 River Road, was bundled into an automobile only half a block from her home at 5:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, driven to the neighborhood of Mellwood and Pipe Line Avenues and assaulted by a stocky, middle-aged man. A girl playmate also witnessed the kidnaping.

Twenty-minutes later she was brought back to an intersection near the scene of the kidnaping and released. Badly bruised and frightened, she made her way to her home. The police and a physician were summoned.

The kidnaper drove a blue sedan and an immediate police search was instituted for him. Other young girls in the neighborhood Monday night told the police and investigators they had been accosted recently by a man answering the same description.