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THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 1931

## Mr. Sampson Pulls The Strings.

With scarcely four months left to him and a half-million dollar deal apparently snarled by those courageous members of his Board of Charities and Corrections who refused to be whistled to heel, Governor Sampson emerged last week as temporary victor, at least, achieving by shrewd manipulation of his appointing power what one may hope is the final flimflam of a shameless administration.

Kentuckians are obligated, taxpayers are burdened by a debt of $419,000 for 2,367 acres of Franklin county hill land, in that region made famous by the Sampson "cement plant" of unsavoury memory. Of four prison farm sites considered, this acreage was given the lowest rating by the Board's own appraisers. A large portion of the land is not tillable. Harrison county, Licking river bottom land near Cynthiana, fertile Bluegrass soil, could have been purchased for slightly more than half. Why the haste to pay an average of $177 an acre—more than $200 for some of it—for hill land, much of which will not grow black-eyed peas?

The Governor, with his term drawing to a close, seems hell-bent. And when, four members of his Board of Charities and Corrections refused to dance as puppets to his string pulling, he was balked but temporarily. Discovering that the term of Miss Nancy Day, of Clinton, had expired, the resourceful Sampson went into action; Miss Orvetta Brummett, stenographer to Conn Craig, erstwhile Sampson appointee on his bi-partisan Highway Commission, was appointed to succeed Miss Day. Miss Brummett rushed from Paducah to Frankfort, inspected in a few hours the 2,367-acre tract, moved to abrogate the rule requiring the vote of five members to purchase, moved to purchase—and the deal was consummated.

John Skain, Lexington; C. Roy Steinfort, Covington; Charles Davidson, Berea are the members who refused to dance to Mr. Sampson's piping. Kentuckians, of whatever party, possibly burdened by this deal with a half-million of interest-bearing warrants, will remember these men and be grateful for their refusal to play the role of puppets.

Viewing this crowning "achievement" of Kentucky's Governor, taxpayers of the Commonwealth must, in all fairness, feel grateful to a Legislature which ripped this man from the control of a Highway Commission with millions of the public's money to spend.

Viewing this prison farm deal, in all its outrageous boldness, surely Kentuckians, of whatever party, will hear with amusement the campaign rallying cry to "right the wrong" of that Democratic Legislature's act, which took from the domination of Flem D. Sampson the Commonwealth's most important Commission.

## Never Thrown Away Unread.

Lexington has forbidden the throwing of handbills into parked cars. Folk litter up the streets with them, they say, and don't read them anyway. Much truth in that.

The same is true, in a measure, of much direct mail circularizing. Stand in the post-office and see how many of these are glanced at and tossed into the waste basket. Then dig down into the same waste basket and see how many copies of the home town newspaper you find there. You won't find one, we'll wager.

The moral is obvious. The newspaper is not thrown away, until it has been read by every member of the family. If your advertisement appears in its columns, your message is much more likely to be read than it is on a circular tossed into a parked car, or mailed direct.

## Fiddlers In Summer's Symphony.

Comes August, bringing in the drowsing heat of its noon, in the soft beauties of its quiet nights, full fruition of the promise of spring. It is the prime of the season's life, midsummer's noon, and Nature rests, joying in the realization of her fecundity.

Now is one conscious of a muting in the Symphony of Summer. The catbird, radiantly melodious four weeks ago, slips through the leafy branches disconsolately, with peevish mewings. The cheerful chir-rup of the robin is stilled; in the stillness the low call of a shy raincrow comes distinctly to the ear. Molting has begun with many birds; the cares of rearing a family are past, save in a few instances of late nesters. Our feathered friends have come to the old-age stage of their summer cycle.

Suddenly we note the silence, where last week were mellow whistled notes and merry twitters; but as we listen, there comes another sound, fine, thin, persistent. The little fiddlers of the trees and grass are tuning up their wing violins, to take up, as the feathered choir ceases, the Symphony of Summer. Valiantly they will play, on and on through the calm nights and drowsing noons, fiddling in the golden sunshine of September and under the yellow of the harvest moon, until one night White Frost will wave over the singing fields his murderous baton—and the Symphony of Summer will be silenced.

## The American's Tobacco Buying Policy.

A letter discussing the "Tobacco Purchasing Policy of the American Tobacco Company," and addressed by George W. Hill, president of that company, to each of his buyers throughout the tobacco producing States, contains some interesting statements.

Mr. Hill prefaces his letter with the hope that "the farmer should get good prices for his tobacco. . . we have always wanted him to get good prices." However, Mr. Hill states "there are two fundamentals that no business man, whether he be merchant, farmer or buyer, can overlook, and these fundamentals govern all commodities." Mr. Hill's fundamentals are set forth as:

> "The quality of a product is the governing factor in the price that any product brings, and with tobacco, those markets that produce first-class quality will get a good price for their product, while, by comparison, those markets whose quality is inferior, will get a poorer price.
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> If the demand is greater than the supply, the prices will rise, and if the supply is greater than the demand, the prices are bound to fall and nobody can stop it.

This is in line with The Mercury's opinion, frequently expressed, that the law of supply and demand, and not meanness or greed upon the part of buyers of tobacco, is mainly responsible for the price of tobacco. The quality of the tobacco offered for sale is, of course, an important factor in the price it brings.

The statement is made by Mr. Hill that all cigarette manufacturers consume only about 35 per cent of the Bright Tobacco produced in this country. The balance must be exported. "World conditions generally, together with abnormal disturbances in China, have seriously affected export demand, both as to quantity and price." In fact, Mr. Hill believes that "it is this condition primarily that is at the root of the problem of the American grower of tobacco."

Cigarette consumption for the first six months of 1931 is shown to have been 59,432,526,000 against 59,425,164,000 in the same period in 1930, showing, according to Mr. Hill, that cigarette production was "practically stationary." Further figures quoted show leaf consumed in the manufacture of cigarettes last year amounted to 338,701,000 pounds; in cigars, 137,510,000 pounds; and in tobacco and snuff, 288,322,222 pounds. Flue-cured and Burley are used principally in the manufacture of cigarettes. In 1930, government figures show 857,000,000 pounds of Burley and flue-cured were produced as compared with an average of nearly 670,000,000 from 1925 to 1929; Burley produced last year totaled 359,501,245, as compared with a yearly average of 282,765,085 for the previous five-year period. These figures show a decided over-production.

Calling attention to the fact that nearly all industries have shown a falling off, but the cigarette business "has held its own," Mr. Hill says:

> This achievement producing as it does a market for so large a part of the output of the tobacco grower, has been accomplished only with extraordinary effort in scientific merchandising, backed up by enormous expenditures for advertising.
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> Except for the courage of the American cigarette manufacturers in the face of this depression, cigarettes might easily have suffered the same serious curtailment of public demand which has wrought such disaster in other fields of industry. Had such been the case, tobacco prices paid to the farmers might easily have suffered seriously.

Mr. Hill argues that increase in price of cigarettes should be regarded as "a partial restoration of a normal price, rather than as an arbitrary increase," pointing out that in 1919 the price per thousand was $8.20; in 1928, $6.45, the price being reduced that year to $6.00. Before the recent increase, the Government was receiving 6 cents in taxes on every package of cigarettes sold. The manufacturer was receiving 5.28 cents. Under the new price the Government continues to receive its 6 cents, but the manufacturer gets 6.1 cents.

But here is Mr. Hill's "ray of hope" for the tobacco grower:

> If, as a result of this present increase in price, supported by sound methods of merchandising, the various companies are able to so stimulate demand as to make possible the payment of a better price to the farmer, certainly The American Tobacco Company will be gratified.

It is not a particularly bright "ray of hope," but this newspaper is willing to give Mr. Hill credit for having issued a frank, and we think, a sincere statement of the way the tobacco buying companies view the matter of the price the grower gets for his tobacco.

## A Lavishly Beneficent Bidder.

A 311-acre tract of the prison farm purchase of Governor Sampson's Board of Charities and Corrections brings $52,625.73. The farm belongs to a Frankfort bank. It was assessed for $32,000 last year and $28,350 this year. The president of the bank is said to have drawn the contract himself.

Farms in other counties with soil equally as good or better than any of that 311-acre tract, have sold recently for approximately their assessed valuation.

But these farms could boast no generous State Board, lavishly beneficent with money wrung from hard-pressed taxpayers, as prospective purchaser.

## Stick, Gentlemen, Stick!

Col. John Skain, C. Roy Steinfort, Charles Davidson, members who stood out against the Sampson prison farm deal, should not resign from the Board of Charities and Corrections. That they should wish to resign, to wash their hands, so to speak, of the malodorous mess, is not strange.

But they should stick, distasteful as the task may be. They will find, we believe, that the people of Kentucky are solidly behind them in their refusal to dance to the bidding of a would-be dictator. Meriting the sympathy of all in their distasteful task, yet their course evokes universal admiration.

"Governor Sampson," says the Cynthiana Democrat, "reviewed the cavalry at Camp Knox last week, but learned nothing new about jockeying." He wouldn't.

The Cynthiana Democrat heads an editorial concerning the new Ohio marriage license law, which required a wait of five days before the license is granted, "Cooling System."

### G. O. P. FAIRY TALES

(Los Angeles Herald-Examiner)

The main job of the Republicans, says William Starr Meyers, professor of political economy at Princeton is to convince the American people that the Mellon-Smoot-Grundy tariff didn't drive American industry abroad and that it didn't cause retaliatory tariffs by other nations.

After they have accomplished that, the Republicans can go on and convince the American people that storks bring babies, wars bankrupt profiteers and Henry Ford is a pauper.

## 30 Years Ago

Thursday, August 8, 1901

Prof. W. F. Ramey leaves for Breathitt county to conduct teachers institute.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Conway, of Carlisle, on the 3rd, a daughter.

Twentieth annual meeting of Deering Camp Meeting opens today with all cottages occupied.

Major Henry Allen, U. S. Army, native of Sharpsburg, appointed as governor of the Island of Leyte.

Thomas H. Pickrell resigns as cashier of the Farmers Bank and Frank Kennedy is appointed to fill the vacancy.

Miss Martha Dudley lets contract to Elliott Colliver to construct residence on West Main street adjoining lot of R. R. Mayes.

Report of the commissioner of agriculture, shows that all crops in Kentucky will be only about half of normal because of drouth.

Married—Miss Nora Owings of near Carlisle, and Mr. Frank Ripple, of Mt. Olivet.—Miss Nannie Howell, of Carlisle, and Mr. Robert Parker, of Bourbon county.

Died—Mrs. Eliza Bramblett, 80, at her home near Carlisle on the 7th. —Miss Josie Cottingin, at her home in Carlisle on the 6th.—Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Watkins at their home in Carlisle on the 3rd.

At a meeting of the city council Monday night, a contract was made with the light company to furnish street lights at the following prices: For each arc light, $74 per year; incandescent lights, $1.50, $2.50 and $3.20 each per month.

### 53 YEARS AGO

Thursday, August 8, 1878

Prof. T. C. H. Vance leaves for Chattanooga to attend Southern Educational Convention.

Wallace Blair assigned as storekeeper and guager at distillery of Cheatham and Ballengal in this county.

While at work digging the well at the Metcalfe & Johnson mill Saturday, James Summers was overcome by heat.

Married—Miss Lizzie M. Dallas and Dr. H. Clay Burroughs, both of Carlisle, at the Christian Church on August 6.

T. C. H. Vance, of Carlisle, announces candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

A. M. Henderson, State Superintendent, announces that the per capita money for white children this year will be $1.60 and for negro children 50 cents.

At the August election Monday, the entire Democratic ticket was elected as follows: A. J. Banta over John G. Blair by 308 majority for County Judge; B. H. Robinson over Ben Gore by 474 majority for County Attorney; R. Kincart over J. McNamara for Jailer by 553 majority; B. M. Smith over J. W. Swartz for Coroner by 391 majority. The other officers elected without opposition were J. A. Campbell, County Clerk; James Hillock, Sheriff; J. B. Potts, Assessor; James McConnaughhay, Surveyor; J. H. Barnett, Magistrate in Carlisle district; William Barr and A. Hildreth, Magistrates in Blue Licks district; James Sparks, Constable in Blue Licks district; J. H. Lawson and R. H. Collier, Magistrates in Headquarters district, and M. A. Poisal, Constable in Headquarters district.

## The Crowning Flim-Flam

(Courier-Journal)

Evidently when Governor Sampson said the depression was only in the mind he believed it, so far as agricultural land prices are concerned. His Board of Charities and Correction has agreed to pay $419,000 for Franklin county land of 2,367 acres, an average of $177 an acre, more than $200 for the good land. You can buy closer than the Forks of Elkhorn to Lexington for $200 an acre these days.

The site of the Reformatory farm is in that region lost to fame when a court decision prevented the adoption of a common school civics, written by Rainey T. Wells, president of the Murray Normal, prematurely lauding Governor Sampson for having a cement plant erected there. Part of the site was purchased from E. C. O' Rear, who figured prominently in published correspondence concerning the proposed plant and highway bridge bonds. Nearly half the land was sold by the State depository bank whose president is a Democratic State Committeeman and by the former president of the bank.

The deal was closed by a vote of four to three after the Governor had supplanted Miss Nancy Day, of Clinton, on the board by mobilizing Miss Orvette Brummett, stenographer to Conn Craig, who was a Sampson tool on Sampson's Highway Commission and participated in the private sale of bridge bonds which the Court of Appeals declared illegal.

Miss Brummett is the second new member to take a place on the board since the transaction has been pending, both of whom obey the Governor's orders.

This action means that a half million of the expected revenues from the gross sales tax, appropriated for the improvement of the State institutions, will be spent on the farm, if ever collected. But that isn't the worst feature of it; the Board under the contract, drawn by L. W. Morris, one of the vendors, instead of the State's legal department, is to ask the State Auditor to issue warrants on the Treasury general fund for the amount and the State Treasurer to stamp them interest bearing.

If these officers comply, the State will become liable for the amount whether the gross sales tax is held valid or not. Assistant Attorney General S. H. Brown is quoted as advising the Board that it would be up to the Legislature to provide the revenue for the purchase in the event the gross sales tax fails, and there is no assurance that it won't fail. The suit in the Federal Court to invalidate the law is a bona fide proceeding by merchants resisting the tax.

Within five months of his retirement Governor Sampson manipulates the members of his Board of Charities and Correction to vote another half million in interest-bearing warrants on his successor's administration for a farm, which could be purchased just as well next winter for the opening of the farming season if the new Administration wanted it and had the means for financing it.

The affair is the most malodorous performance of the most malodorous of State Administrations. It leaves a stigma of discredit upon every one responsible for it. A packed board was necessary to put it over, and Sampson packed it safely and expeditiously. The woman he ordered up from Paducah to take the place of Miss Day, who refused to act as his slave, answered the summons lickettysplit, scurried to Frankfort overnight, took charge of the Sampson chain-gang in the board, and after a few minutes inspection of one of the ten farms and annoucement that she had read a prospectus of the others, vouched for the bargain they offered and put through the necessary motion to abolish the rule requiring a majority vote of the board to authorize the deal. Another of the Sampson faithful, Mrs. Wellman, had in her jealous keeping the contracts for the sales, but refused to disclose who drew them, and at least three of the board members declared that they were ignorant as to the nature of the contracts. The Sampson crew by a vote of 4 to 3 in every instance ratified the Wellman contracts, though to do so they had to reject the report of the board's own committee on land purchases and the report of the appraisers appointed by the committee.

It is well to bear in mind the names of Sampson's subjects who perpetrated this outrage. Three of the Board's members refused to do his bidding and stood out against his scheme. They were:

John Skain, Lexington.
C. Roy Steinfort, Covington.
Charles Davidson, Berea.

To this roll of honor should be added the name of Miss Nancy Day, Clinton, who was beheaded by Sampson because she would not dance for him.

Here are the Sampson worthies who did his derring-do.

Mrs. Shirley Burns Wellman, Louisa.
Miss Orvetta Brummett, Paducah.
John T. Stamper, Barbourville.
W. Vernon Richardson, Danville.
John P. Haswell, Louisville.

Mr. Haswell did not vote; but he was present and could have voted and defeated this flim-flam of the people of Kentucky.

The opening is now wide for William B. Harrison and Ruby Laffoon to step in and scotch the snake. They should make common cause against this plan to trespass on the rights of the Administration for which one of them will be responsible. Why should not they enjoin the State Auditor from issuing any warrants in payment for these farms?

### "CABINET GOVERNMENT NEEDED"

(Louisville Times)

Governor Flem D. Sampson, speaking in behalf of a Constitutional Convention, says Kentucky's government is a nine-headed affair, and the Governor, with a Cabinet to assist him, should have the power to do things.

Oh very probably. But this is another year of drouth. And it is hot. And business is slow, unemployment prevalent. Blackberries are about gone and bull nettles await the bare-footed boys between the farm house and the depleted swimming hole. Let's be glad we have something for which to be thankful.

Let's be thankful the government of Kentucky hasn't been, since Flem D. Sampson was elected, a one-headed affair with the Cabinet composed of Crit Bird, Con Craig, John Marshall Robsion, Charley Finley and others His Excellency might have assembled to guide him.

### TO H. R. H.—GARDENER

Bugs in gardens bother—true!
But if they're annoying you,
Give the little pests their due—
Get a sprayer.

Do not stand and wail at Fate;
Poisons will exterminate,
And destroy each animate
Wiggly layer.

Ladies may not squeal and cry
As they did in days gone by;
With cold vengeance in your eye
Swat and bat 'em!

Slay as pirates slay for gold—
As for fame the knights of old—
Do not weakly stand and scold—
Up and at 'em.

—Dorothy Brown Thompson

### UNJUST PUNISHMENT

"Come, Freddie, and kiss your aunt."
"Aw, Ma, I ain't done nothin'."

## Punctual

## LIGHTS of NEW YORK

By WALTER TRUMBULL

Visitors always are telling me that New York is a most expensive city. As a matter of fact it is about like any other place. It all depends upon how you live. I have known persons to go to Europe and spend thousands of dollars in a few weeks. I have also known persons to spend months in Europe on a few hundreds, and have a good time. It is a case of knowing where to go and how to get the most for your money. It is the same in New York. The average visitor to New York doesn't expect or wish to economize. He expects to spend a certain sum of money, have a big time, and do any necessary economizing after he gets back home. He goes to the best hotels, or at least the most expensive. He wants to see the most popular and newest shows, those which make the life of the ticket speculator a happy one. He wants to have an expensive look at the speakeasies de luxe, and the more glittering of the night clubs. These places could not exist without the patronage of visitors. Not any more than they could in Paris.

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There is a gay and moneyed crowd in New York. There also are the cruelly poor. Somewhere in between, you find the average citizen. He is the supporter of the little restaurant and the moving-picture theater around the corner. Once or twice a week, especially on Saturday night, he may step out a bit. He knows a French, Italian, German, Japanese, Spanish or Rumanian place where he can get good food and perhaps entertainment at low cost. He knows that at the big Broadway movie houses he can see the best screen stars, hear the best music, at reasonable prices. If he wants to go to the theater, he knows where he can buy cut rate tickets. That doesn't mean a bad show. It may merely mean a show which has been running a long time. Or he may go to some theater where a big success is playing and, just at curtain time, be able to get at box office prices, seats which have been returned. Of course, if he is young, he may save all week for one big evening. That night he is a good customer, but the clubs and theaters cannot depend upon him. They run six nights a week and must endeavor to coax the stranger within their gates.

That is why hotels, clubs, taxi men and others like to see a world's baseball series, or better still, a heavyweight championship bout held in New York. It adds to the floating population and brings in a class of people who are in a frame of mind to spend money. Tex Rickard used to figure that a bout for the heavyweight championship, aside for the money spent for tickets, put an extra $1,000,000 into circulation. The little shopkeeper, off the main artery, doesn't get any of that directly, but he is very likely to profit indirectly. The fellow who does get some of that extra money spends it in his usual, every-day walk of life.

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There is a certain producer in New York on whom many stories are told. One day he entered the theater as a new orchestra was being rehearsed in the music of a coming production. At one end of the orchestra a man was playing one of those big French horns, which gives the performer the appearance of being in the toils of an inflated brass boa constrictor, with a megaphone in its mouth.

"What is that?" demanded the producer.

"That is a tuba," explained an assistant.

"So!" exclaimed the great man. "I like its looks. Put one at the other end, too."

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This producer has a foreign car, a Hispano-Suiza, of which he is very proud. It always waits for him, wherever he may be. He was having a dispute with a certain actress concerning salary. He maintained that he had made her a fair offer.

"Yes," said one of his employees. "Besides, she must have money. She drives up here every day in a Hispano-Suiza."

"Such a ham drives up in a car like that?" said the producer, filled with indignation. "It must be second-hand."

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Once he attended a rehearsal. The lines of the play called for an actor to mention the name of Omar Khayyam. The producer insisted that it should be "Omar of Khayyam," and the actor protested in vain. Each time he spoke the line, after he had lost the argument, he emphasized the "of." An associate of the producer happened to come in and demanded, "What is that fool saying? What does he mean by 'of Khayyam?'"

"Is that wrong?" inquired the producer. "Never mind, I'll fix it." And, calling the actor, he said, "Next time you just say 'Omar Khayyam.' Leave out the 'of.' We'll cut it. This show is three minutes too long anyhow."

### A GOOD TIME TO BUILD

(Christian Science Monitor)

Blue prints of the new home which many a family has hoped to build might well be transmuted into a cottage within the next two or three months. Almost every item included in the cost of a residence can be bought now at a bargain; labor at a reasonable wage is plentiful, and most building materials are nearly as cheap as they were before the World War. The arguments favoring public, semi-public and industrial construction at this time apply with equal force to the building of residences.

Assuming that the builder has only the minimum of cash required before he can finance such a project, and that he must take several years to pay the balance borrowed, the advantages he can gain seem obvious. If prices should be stabilized somewhere near their present level—and they do not seem likely to go much lower—the home owner will have a good investment. If prices advance, he will be paying for several years on an investment worth more than it cost.

Rents, it is true, have been reduced, thus making it less difficult to find satisfactory quarters without investing in real estate, and building and loan associations and banks, which hold an unusual amount of property in default of the repayments of loans, are forced to be conservative about advancing money on new buildings. However, savings bank reports show that money for investments of this kind is plentiful; deposits in mutual savings banks of New York State, for example, totaled $5,097,298,447 on July 1.

Prospective builders of dwellings are beginning to recognize that this is a favorable time. Residential building in the first half of 1931 was 15 per cent less than in 1930, according to a recent survey of thirty-seven states east of the Rocky Mountains, but this was a better proportion than the record for all classes of construction combined.

The construction of small homes can do much to restore normal business conditions. Not only is the money for this purpose distributed widely; the example set by numerous individuals awarding contracts encourages industrial concerns to prepare in advance for business expansion. Any scheme for a well-planned and stabilized prosperity should take the home builder into consideration. The lumber industry called attention to this fact recently when some of its leaders helped to organize the National Home Finance Corporation, to finance small home building on liberal terms.

Still more could be done through banking laws and other legislation to facilitate credit arrangements which would maintain such construction at approximately a normal rate during periods of slack trade.

### POEMS THAT WE LIKE

LITTLE THINGS

There's many a thing in the world
there be, an' I've seen a when
in my day,
But there's one or two that stick in
my heart when the rest have
slipped away.
There's a long glen up in the mountains,
An' a wee house under a hill,
An' a blackbird shakin' a rowan tree,
Shakin' an' eatin' his fill.

Rowans for the blackbird,
Whin flowers for the bee,
An' gleanings for the wee brown
mouse,
When no one's there to see.

It isn't the size o' the thing that
counts,—half times it is square
an' small,
It would set you on to wonder you
took note o' it at all;
A grasshopper rustlin' a heather bell,
A patch o' green on the sea,
Or a little column o' cloudy gnats,
Over a hawthorn tree.

Apples for the childer,
Sweatin' on the shelf,
An' a bite an' sup for all who come
Off white an' shinin' delf.
There's miles o' blue Pacific strange
an' lonely, where the burning
sunlight gleams,
But it's not thon waste o' waters that
beats into my dreams.
There's a wee bay wid wi' breezes,
Where the rocks are dark an' steep,
Where sweepin' gulls go callin',
An' the sea can never sleep.

A wee bay, a blue bay,
Tossed wi' swirlin' foam,
An' her barefut on the shinin' sand,
Waitin' the brown boat home.
—From "The Secret Hill." Poems by Ruth and Celia Duffin.

Sam: "What am you doing now?"
Bo: "I'se an exporter."
Sam: 'An exporter!'
Bo: "Yep, the Pullman Company just fired me."—Yellow Crab.



# NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Cumberland Falls will be officially dedicated as a state park on August 21.

The fifteenth annual Bluegrass tennis tournament will begin Monday afternoon at Woodland Park, Lexington.

Mrs. Clarissa Mullins, 79, the mother of 18 children, all of whom are living, died last week at her home in Letcher county.

Arthur B. Hancock, Bourbon horseman, will sell thirty-five colts and twenty-four fillies at the Saratoga sale, August 11.

Despondent over ill health, Grant Scott, 62, Washington county farmer, ended his life by hanging himself in a barn on his farm last week.

William Kilgore, 39, of Rowan county, died at a hospital in Lexington Friday from wounds received in a fight in Rowan county July 26.

Mrs. Brown McGregor, 35, of Irvine, was fatally burned at her home last week when her clothing ignited while she was kindling a fire in a range.

Solon L. Palmer, 67, cashier of the Bank of Benton, Ky., for forty years, died Monday as the result of a paralytic stroke suffered last March.

Gardner Byrne, 18, was instantly killed at his home at Uniontown Friday when a rifle picked up by his sister, Helen, 11, accidentally discharged.

Howard Smith, of Berea, was fined $100 and costs and sentenced to 30 days in jail on a charge of having two ounces of moonshine whisky in his possession.

Miss Elsie Fitzpatrick, 19, was found in a hysterical condition, in a parked car at Winchester Saturday night. She had swallowed a quantity of lysol. She recovered.

David Murray Duncan, 59, editor and publisher of the Meade County News, died at a hospital in Louisville last week from injuries sustained in a fall in December.

Two days after being released from a hospital where he was treated for heat prostration John H. Bolton, 65, ended his life by drowning himself in a canal at Louisville.

Catalogues for the Kentucky State Fair, which will be held September 14-19, are available by writing to Tate Bird, Secretary, Room 303, Martin Brown Building, Louisville.

Seventy-two Kentucky counties, 18 other states and one foreign country is represented in the enrollment of 944 students for the second semester at the University of Kentucky.

Purchase of the water plant at Richmond by the city at a price of $325,000 was agreed upon last week after a conference of city officials and officers of the water company.

Following an argument between neighbors near Lebanon Friday, Herbert Knopp shot and killed Hubert Sapp and seriously wounded his two sons, Jake, 23, and Howard, 25.

Claude Patrick, 38, Ashland fireman, and Mrs. Laura Roberts were shot and seriously wounded near Ashland when they were fired upon from ambush while riding in an automobile.

Ralph Childers and James Knipp escaped from the Boyd county jail at Ashland Monday, after slugging Reuben Ball, deputy jailer, as he entered their cell to give them breakfast.

1,340 applicants to practice law in Kentucky have been admitted to the bar in the state during the past ten years, according to records of W. B. O'Connell, Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

Charles T. Biggers, farmer of the Mierva section of Mason county, was painfully cut about the face and head when he was thrown from a mowing machine when his team ran away.

Despondent over financial difficulties, Warren Cook, 55, shot his wife through the right hip and probably fatally injured himself by firing a bullet into his brain at Lexington Thursday.

Suit for $10,000 damages was filed in circuit court at Madisonville Friday by Fred J. McCurdy, 29, against Vance Stevens, 50, alleging Stevens alienated the affections of Mrs. McCurdy, 25.

Seated in his invalid's chair, A. C. Record, 64, ended his life with a shotgun at his home at Butler, Pendleton county, Friday. Record had been an invalid for 26 years, following a stroke of paralysis.

Two deputy sheriffs and the son of one of them were indicted by a special grand jury at Somerset Friday in connection with the slaying of Terrell Ard, farmer, who was shot from ambush July 16.

Eighty-six descendants of James Harvey Shropshire and Maria Louise Harcourt attended the sixteenth annual reunion of this family at Valley Forge, Bourbon county, their ancestral home, Sunday.

Jesse Morris, 32, Crittenden county patrolman, was shot and killed by Carlos Wilbanks, 30, when the officer went to the home of Wilbanks to question him about a robbery. Wilbanks escaped.

The Kentucky Canning Company, which owns a number of canning plants in Central Kentucky, has announced that the plant at Georgetown is the only one that will be operated this year.

Forty-five pints of prescription whiskey, $100 in cash, watches, jewelry and cigarettes, totaling $1,000 in loot, were taken by thieves last Saturday night from the drug store of W. G. Denny, Midway.

Halting of trucks not having Kentucky license was begun last week by a representative of the state motor registration deparment. Grant county officials had nothing to do with stopping the trucks, as at first reported.

Roy M. Snedegar, 37 years old, overseas veteran of the World War and well known young farmer of the Minerva community, died at his home on the Dover road, a mile from Minerva, Saturday morning at 6:30 o'clock.

A spider's bite resulted fatally Sunday for Robert Nance, 26, of Madisonville. Raymond Nance, a cousin, visited Robert Nance during his illness and while returning home, was instantly killed in an automobile collision.

"An argument about a girl" was blamed by Ed Masters, 19, Lexington, for a fight Saturday afternoon at his home, which resulted in his being stabbed four times with an ice pick. Masters named Irvine Hicks, 20, as his assailant.

B. F. Johnson, 77, who fifty years ago started his business career with a box of trinkets which he kept under his bed, and who later operated a store in Pike county in which he amassed $250,000, died last week at a hospital in Pikeville.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Howard, 68 years old and the mother of 12 children, was burned to death at her home in Greenup county Friday when she ran upstairs in an effort to save her pocketbook when the house caught on fire. The house was destroyed.

Gov. Flem D. Sampson reappointed F. E. Bradley, of Scottsville, Democrat and Denver Cornett, Harlan, Republican, members of the state board of election commissioners. W. B. O'Connell, clerk of the court of appeals, is ex-officio chairman of the board.

Amended articles of incorporation filed by stockholders of the Kentucky Ignition Company at the office of the county clerk raised the capital stock of the company from $10,000 to $100,000, and provided for a $200,000 total limit of indebtedness instead of $20,000 as formerly.

Billy Johns, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Johns, of Middlesboro, died Monday, a short time after he had been struck by a mowing machine. The youth ran in front of the machine while chasing a rabbit, and his leg was almost severed above the ankle.

A watch carried in his trousers pocket saved the life of Noah Mefford, Lexington, when he was fired on by Claude R. McGaughey, during a struggle at Joyland Park where Mefford is employed as special policeman. Three bullets were fired at the officer, two missing him and the other striking the watch.

The "Halfway House," a restaurant on the Midland Trail between Frankfort and Louisville was badly damaged Sunday, when a bus, driven by Edgar Witt, Lexington, struck a telephone pole, rammed the building's veranda and crashed through to the interior. Witt said he was attempting to dodge a hog in the road.

Miss Sara Glascock, of Flemingsburg, had a narrow escape Monday evening when her automobile ran over an embankment on the Fleming road, 3 miles out of Maysville, making a double somersault before landing at the foot of the hill. Miss Glascock was unhurt but badly shaken up. The machine was badly damaged.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, 104 years old, who lived all of her life in the same community, died last week at her home in Grayson county. She was the mother of twelve children, six of whom survive. She is also survived by 55 grandchildren, 144 great-grandchildren, 94 great-great-grandchildren and one great-great-great grandchild.

The 28th annual fair sponsored by the Mercer County Association, was concluded Friday amid comments from many sources proclaiming it the most successful one in history. Fair directors said that this year's renewal had proven to be an unexpected financial success and there will probably be sufficient funds to apply to indebtedness incurred on previous fairs. Much larger displays were made in all the shows than has been the case in previous years.

## Charged With Theft Of Cattle In Bath County

Russell Herrington, formerly employed by the Booher Motor Company in Owingsville, was arrested at his home on Naylor Branch in Bath county last week on a charge of stealing some cattle belonging to Ben T. Wright. Herrington, it is alleged, shipped the cattle to Louisville where he attempted to sell them, and was placed under arrest after stockyard authorities became suspicious and notified Montgomery and Bath county authorities.

The Mercury is on sale at the Carlisle Drug Company every Wednesday afternoon about 3 o'clock.

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## Eight Is Injured Toll In Sunday Auto Wrecks

Eight persons injured, two of them seriously, was the Sunday automobile wreck toll in the Bluegrass region.

The injured persons are: Barney Goodnaugh, 43, of Dayton, Ohio, probable internal injuries, a fractured nose and numerous cuts; Mrs. Goodnaugh, 44, fractured knee and cuts on head; their two sons, Carol, 15, and Lester, 21, minor cuts and bruises.

William M. Morris, 40, 961 Dayton avenue, minor cuts and bruises; Mrs. Morris, 34, cuts and bruises about the arms and shoulders; Callie Ann Morris, 7, fractured left leg; and Mrs. Kenneth Russell, 41, of 544 West Third street, severe laceration of the scalp and numerous cuts and bruises.

Members of the Goodnaugh family were injured about 3 o'clock when the automobile in which they were riding swerved across the road and struck an automobile occupied by an unidentified negro, seven miles from Lexington on the Georgetown pike.

The accident in which Mrs. Russell and members of the Morris family were injured occurred yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the intersection of the Stone road and Nicholasville pike.

Mr. Morris, who was driving the car, attempted to pass a truck and in doing so ran his automobile from the road and into the concrete abutment of a bridge.

## Mrs. A. M. J. Cochran In Parking Controversy

The following Maysville dispatch appeared in Monday's Courier-Journal:

The controversy between Mrs. Lucy McElroy Cochran, wife of Federal Judge A. M. J. Cochran, and the city over parking cars in front of her Colonial home on Third Street, opposite the Mason County Court House was settled today when, through her attorney, Le-Write Browning, she pleaded guilty to three parking counts and was fined $2 on each charge in Police Court.

After "no parking signs," not placed by police, appeared in front of Mrs. Cochran's home and were ignored by motorists, it was alleged she turned a garden hose into two automobiles, for which she was fined $10 and costs. She then purchased three used cars and parked them in front of her home to keep others away. For these she paid County Clerk A. M. January $60 in license fees. Warrants were taken out by Police Chief James Robertson charging Mrs. Cochran with violation of an ordinance forbidding parking for a twenty-four-hour period.

### WANTS MORE MONEY

(Maysville Independent)

The Wickersham Committee charges a lot of crime to the failure of police departments that are controlled by politicians, and the change of police chiefs too often so that they cannot learn of conditions. That may be partially true, but if Wick is referring to speed the execution of justice could not be any slower than that displayed by his committee in making findings that even the school boy on the street has known from the earliest period.

There isn't one single thing offered by the committee's investigation that wasn't known at the time the committee was appointed. It has been a waste of the taxpayers money and it is a nose finish between it and the Federal Farm Board as to which has brought the fewest results to the public. Both are nil. With the movement to make another employment survey, a trio of governmental sideshows have been added to the menagerie that is fast making the present administration famous, as well as ridiculous.

Two Irishmen were standing before a monument bearing this epitaph: "A Good man and a Republican." One said to the other: "They do queer things in America, but I can't understand why they buried a good man with a Republican."

### TWI-LIGHT LEAGUE

The following is the batting average of the Twilight League to and including July 31st.

| | AB | R | H | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Smiser (Cubs) | 4 | 1 | 2 | .500 |
| Gaunce (Cubs) | 46 | 8 | 21 | .456 |
| Alexander (A) | 33 | 16 | 15 | .454 |
| Cook (Cubs) | 31 | 14 | 14 | .451 |
| Smith (A) | 34 | 11 | 14 | .412 |
| Pitman (A) | 25 | 6 | 10 | .400 |
| Barnett (Reds) | 28 | 5 | 11 | .393 |
| Sexton (Giants) | 41 | 13 | 15 | .366 |
| Epperson (G) | 40 | 10 | 14 | .350 |
| Ross (A) | 24 | 8 | 8 | .333 |
| Lee (Reds) | 6 | 0 | 2 | .333 |
| Smathers (A) | 42 | 15 | 14 | .333 |
| Thompson (A) | 37 | 13 | 12 | .324 |
| Stephenson (R) | 19 | 4 | 6 | .316 |
| Seamands (G) | 38 | 6 | 12 | .316 |
| Talbert (Cubs) | 32 | 6 | 10 | .312 |
| C. Ross (C) | 33 | 5 | 10 | .303 |
| Dixon (R) | 35 | 5 | 10 | .285 |
| R. Cook (R) | 26 | 8 | 7 | .269 |
| Curry (R) | 23 | 5 | 6 | .261 |
| Leer (A) | 19 | 3 | 5 | .263 |
| Roberts (Giants) | 8 | 1 | 2 | .250 |
| E. Clark (R) | 34 | 8 | 8 | .235 |
| F. Clark (C) | 30 | 7 | 7 | .233 |
| Cannon (G) | 34 | 7 | 7 | .206 |
| Henry (A) | 34 | 5 | 7 | .206 |
| L. Clark (G) | 24 | 4 | 5 | .208 |
| Scott (G) | 35 | 3 | 7 | .200 |
| Tilton (A) | 25 | 3 | 5 | .200 |
| Yates (G) | 16 | 0 | 3 | .189 |
| Colliver (R) | 32 | 9 | 6 | .187 |
| Hopkins (R) | 16 | 2 | 3 | .187 |
| Shrout (Giants) | 20 | 3 | 3 | .150 |
| Osborne (Cubs) | 22 | 2 | 3 | .136 |
| Lemons (A) | 31 | 4 | 4 | .129 |
| Brayfield (A) | 39 | 4 | 5 | .128 |
| Hughes (Cubs) | 24 | 3 | 3 | .125 |
| Gaither (Cubs) | 17 | 3 | 2 | .116 |
| Caywood (Cubs) | 27 | 1 | 2 | .082 |
| Peters (Cubs) | 17 | 2 | 1 | .059 |
| Clink (Reds) | 18 | 2 | 1 | .055 |

Standing of the clubs

| | W | L | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Reds | 8 | 2 | .800 |
| Athletics | 6 | 4 | .600 |
| Cubs | 3 | 7 | .300 |
| Giants | 3 | 7 | .300 |

## LIST OF NICHOLAS COUNTY TEACHERS

In The Nicholas County Rural Schools

1931-1932

The Nicholas County Board of Education recently announced the selection of the following teachers for the 1931-32 term of the Nicholas county rural schools.

1. Headquarters Consolidated School.
Miss Loraine Booth, Principal, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R. 3.
Miss Elizabeth Jones, ........ Cynthiana, Ky., R. R. 4.
Mr. Otta Fryman, ........ Barefoot, Ky.
Miss Martha Barlow, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R. 5.
Miss Downing Ross, ........ Cynthiana, Ky., R. R. 4.
Mrs. James Hardin, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
2. Saltwell—Mrs. Sam Day, ........ Barterville, Ky.
3. Barterville—Mr. Wm. Wood Cook, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R R 5
4. Rose Hill—Miss Truman Ritchie, ........ Barterville, Ky.
5. Crayton—Mr. Oral Hollar, ........ Barefoot, Ky.
5. Small—Miss Katharine Purcell, ........ Barefoot, Ky.
6. Barefoot—Mr. Joseph Fryman, ........ Barefoot, Ky.
7. Banta—Miss Dorothy Wagoner, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R. 3.
8. Ellisville—Miss Effie Anderson, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
Miss Geneva Laughlin, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R. 3.
9. Bald Hill—Miss Ruth Collier, ........ Cynthiana, Ky., R. R 4.
9. Sugar Creek—Miss Ruth Elrod, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R 3.
10. Stony Creek—Miss Lucille Pumphrey, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R 3.
11. Goose Creek—Miss Lurline Alexander, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R 3.
12. Blue Lick—Miss Corrine Carrington, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R 3.
13. Hildreth—Miss Virginia Cook, ........ Cynthiana, Ky., R. R 4.
14. Pleasant Valley—Miss Ethel Purcell, ........ Pleasant Valley, Ky.
15. Ishmael—Miss Miranda Story, ........ Myers, Ky.
16. Myers—Miss Patty Ree Buchanan, Principal, ........ Myers, Ky.
Miss Gladys Hollar, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R. 5.
Miss Myrtle Parsons, ........ Myers, Ky.
17. Cassidy—Mrs. Stone Parsons, ........ Myers, Ky.
18. Locust Grove—Miss Eva Mae Littlejohn, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
19. Cane Run—Mrs. Howard Irvin, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
20. Upper Lick—Mrs. Gladys Vice, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
21. Mt. Zion—Mr. C B Cassidy, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
22. Moorefield—Mr W. B. Hall, Principal, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
Mrs. J. H. Bromagen, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
Miss Thelma Linville, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R. 2.
Miss Lena Hazelrigg, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
23. Jordon—Miss Laura Belle Tincher, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
24. Maple Grove—Miss Ruth Richey, ........ Moorefield, Ky.
25. Wright—Mrs. Hazel Mitcheltree, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R R 3.
26. Miranda—Miss Laura Grove, ........ Cynthiana, Ky., R. R 4.
Miss Stella Tapp, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R. R. 2.
27. Taylors Creek—Miss Nora Owings, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
Miss Edna Huddleson, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
28. East Union Consolidated School.
Miss Ethel Botts, Principal, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
Miss Louella Huddleson, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
Mrs. Kimbrough Hamilton, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R R 2.
Mr. Willie Willoughby, ........ Carlisle, Ky., R R 2.
Miss Ellen Taylor Alexander, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
29. Parks—Miss Cordia Bell, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
30. Judy—Miss Ruth Murray, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
31. Miller—Miss Stella Wasson, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
Colored—Henryville—Miss Carrie D. Murray, ........ Carlisle, Ky.
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## Sale Of 250,000 Pounds Of Pool Wool Announced

Sale of 250,000 pounds of wool held by the Kentucky Wool Growers Co-operative Association to the American Woolen Mills, of Louisville, was announced last week by Julian Adair, secretary of the association. The sale leaves only 40,000 pounds of off-grade wool owned by the association still in storage. Mr. Adair said he had assurance that the remainder of the wool held by the pool will be sold within 30 days.

Prices paid for the wool sold to the American Woolen Mills, as announced by Mr. Adair, were as follows: One-half staple, 25 cents; one-half clothing, 23 cents; three-eighths staple, 25 cents; one-quarter staple, 26 cents; one-quarter clothing, 22 cents.

## Suit Filed To Prevent Purchase Of Shakertown

Proposal of the state board of charities and corrections to establish an epileptic colony at Shakertown in Mercer county, struck a legal snag at Frankfort last week when the Louisville Courier-Journal Company filed suit for an injunction in the Franklin circuit court to restrain the board from closing a contract for the purchase of Shakertown at $110,000.

Immediately after the suit was filed, Judge Thomas B. McGregor signed a temporary order to prevent the board from purchasing the property. No date has been set for a final hearing on the suit.

### PROSPERITY!

Now that farm relief has been accomplished and the long-predicted prosperity has arrived, they are telling the story of a farmer who came to town to buy a new car. He ordered a 16-cylinder limousine, priced at $5,495, and on the day of delivery walked into the salesroom accompanied by his son carrying a suitcase.

"I'll pay cash," he informed the wide-eyed salesman as he hoisted the suitcase onto the desk and opened it, revealing a bulging pile of bank notes. Slowly and carefully he counted out the amount in fives, tens and twenties, but when he reached the bottom the total was only $5,445.

"Fifty dollars short!" exclaimed the farmer, looking at his son with a puzzled expression. The boy looked at the heap of currency, then at the suitcase, then at his father, and finally said as an amused light dawned in his eyes: "By gosh Pa, you brought the wrong suitcase!"

### INFANT TRIPLETS DIE

Amos, Andy and Madame Queen died last week at Jackson. The triplets, named for these three famous radio characters, died at their home near Jackson of milk poisoning. The first infant succumbed three days before the other two. The triplets were children of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Deaton, of Whitt, Breathitt county, and were born several months ago. The father is an employe of the L. & N. Railroad.

Chicadees are the acrobats of the bird tribe.