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Who Is Responsible For It All?

In the light of daily exposures of graft, greed, shady business practices just within the law; remembering the amazing—though altogether noticed—corruption under the Harding administration, one begins to wonder who is responsible after all for the disrespect for law that has become typical of this country.

Is it Capone, in an Atlanta prison, for—God save the mark! violating the income tax laws—and his like, who have lived this wide-spread scorn for the laws of the land? Is it the condoning of the bootlegger by citizens otherwise law abiding, who chafed under a law that regulated personal habits? Or is it the spectacle of the Falls and Forbes, the Mitchells and Waggoners, under who act in the seats of the financial mighty and in the councils of the nation's rulers, "getting away with murder," so to speak?

Surely few have forgotten the nonchalance with which this country read of the disgraceful oil scandals under Mr. Harding, the apparent approbation of such practices in the enormous majority accorded the party under which these scandals occurred at the ensuing election. Can it be that young Americans, sensing the carelessness of their elders in the disclosure of such corruption in high places, took their cue and charted their future course toward a fortune gotten by fair means or foul?

These are questions that may well be asked. The answer, to this newspaper, seems easy. Youth follows the precepts and examples of its elders and those coming into manhood when the oil scandals were disclosed, saw their parents condone these with but a passing frown, and an overwhelming majority continue the regime under which such practices flourished. The great majority of the young men in this country have not come into contact with rum-runners and gun-men, with kidnappers and "public enemies." They have come into constant contact, however, with that facile business morality which carried us to the peak of an orgy of stock gambling and drained us into the chasm of the most serious depression this country has ever known. They have seen their fathers look with envy—and probably with secret admiration—the prowess of captains of industry who had amassed fortunes by devious devices and little regard for human rights. They have been tacitly taught to "get the money;" get it fairly, of course, if that were possible, but in all events to get the money. Can it be doubted where the responsibility lies?

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Mr. Roosevelt acts with typical promptness and courage in the air mail scandals. That honest and innocent air-mail contractors may be deprived of lucrative contracts is true, but universal confidence in the fairness of the President is sufficient assurance that no innocent man will suffer long. There are times when heroic measures must be taken to correct an evil and that this evil is greater than has yet been disclosed seems to be written on Monday—revelations of business corruption during the last year lead us to believe.

It is entirely possible, in our opinion, that revelation will follow revelation, under the present administration, until this country will stand amazed at the ramifications of corruption in business and national life.

We may expect to witness bitter concerted attacks from those whose special privileges are taken from them; we may expect to see Mr. Roosevelt become the object of a concerted attack by those who have been required by government fiat to legitimate source of graft; we shall see pressure brought to bear no doubt, from sources we have come to regard as above suasion, if not beyond the law. But the country of the President will see it through. He can be Hercules, if he chooses, in cleaning the Augean stables of our political and financial life, but we believe Franklin D. Roosevelt is one of the men who can and desires history to bestow a national life, as well as that of the present, upon him. He is one of those who may be trusted.

AN EDITOR'S RANDOM THOUGHTS

Thoughts on Lincoln's birthday. I remember, when Confederate veterans were more numerous to have listened open-mouthed to Lincoln Commandery of Louisville, in hair-breath escapes from the dangerous. The close of the War Between the States was closer in years than I like to admit, but far enough, at least, for the mists of long-fused in memory and to have added a bit of fiction, perchance, to the tales of close encounters of the blue and with Morgan. And invariably in those days, it was "Old Abe Lincoln" The inference gave one to know that he was a man who just wouldn't do. One remembered that horns were hidden under the high silk hat, and that cloven hoofs were shuffled into the boots. It was, of course, outside the circle of these who still felt bitterly the humiliation of a cause lost, and who had been kin to those who said "Lincoln was the South's only friend" at the Capitol in the hatred-speaking days following the war, but it was "Old Abe" with a sneer, for many.

How the mellowing magic of the years has changed all that. No man that I know has been enhanced the acid test of history, no man has grown more steadily in the estimation, of all the people, North and South, than Abraham Lincoln. It is because he was typical of the courage, the common sense, the simplicity of a nation, which in his youth was just emerging from the pioneer stage? In part, perhaps, but I am disposed to believe rather that it is because of his generosity, his fairness, his kindly heart and homely human qualities that he had come to be one of the best loved figures in our history. Lincoln, the President, remained Lincoln the country lawyer; the honors of office did not cause him to lose his perspective; he was "Old Abe," spoken affectionately, to those who came in contact with his unselfishness, his kindliness, his utter incapacity for hating anyone. I believe that the belief of William Scott's (law firm) friend the conquered South could boast in Washington, and that had he lived the tragic era of the Reconstruction Period would never have been chronicled.

Indicative of the humanness, the broad tolerance of Lincoln and his disinclination to criticize the conduct of his associates is the following incident from William Townsend's "Lincoln and Liquor" in the February Atlantic Monthly.

"At day crowds had filled the lobby of the Cheney House, in Springfield Ill.; where Lincoln, as President-elect, was receiving visitors. Herndon this law partner, waited down street in the frowsy old law office. Presently Lincoln came in. The lines of his rugged face were deep with care and fatigue. . . . Then Lincoln threw himself down,—in the battered, rickety lounge, and for a few minutes lay with his face toward the ceiling without speaking. Suddenly he blurted out—

'Billy, there is one thing I have for some time wanted you to tell me, but I reckon I ought to apologize for my nerve and curiosity in asking it even now.'

'What is it?' asked Herndon.

'I want you to tell me,' said Lincoln, 'how many times you have been drunk.'

Herndon, though somewhat abashed by the bluntness of this inquiry, told him as best he could; but when he had finished, Lincoln, instead of delivering the anticipated lecture, merely said that on several occasions efforts had been secretly made to have him drop the junior partner from the firm because of his intemperate habits, but that he had always declared his intention to stand by Herndon in spite of his shortcomings.

Then, as though anxious to change the subject, Lincoln began to talk of the early days of his practice, recalling the humorous features of some cases he had tried in the circuit. Thus his reminiscences ran on until dusk crept through the grimy little windows and it was time to go home. As he gathered a bundle of books and papers under his arm and started out, he spoke of the old sign, 'Lincoln & Herndon,' which hung on rusty hinges over the door at the foot of the steps. 'Let it hang there undisturbed,' he said in a lowered voice. 'Give my client to understand that the election of a President makes no change in the firm of Lincoln & Herndon. If I live, I am coming back sometime, and then we will go on practicing law as if nothing had happened.'

He lingered for a moment, as if to take a last look at the old quarters, then passed forever through the door into the hallway and down the narrow stairs.

To Abolish Torture.

The Mercury finds itself in sympathy with the efforts of a national organization to substitute by statute traps that kill instantly, for traps, or foothold traps, that hold but do not torture the captured animal, for the steel trap, in which animals suffer untold agonies, sometimes for many days, when the trap is not regularly visited. The bill protects the farmer who would protect his poultry by permitting him to set any kind of trap on his own premises.

The trays that kill instantly are very cheap, the live traps sell around a dollar and foothold traps for half a dollar.

Naturally the bill will be fought bitterly by steel-trap manufacturers and fur-trade industries and much ado will be made about the sentimentalists who would save a skunk from suffering. Nevertheless, it will be the humanity we boast, if we are not idle in our professions of faith in the humane teachings of the Nazarene, such a bill should have the earnest consideration of our Legislature.

Story And Words Of The Famous Confederate War Song, "The Homespun Dress."

The following clipping, taken from the Cincinnati Enquirer in 1886, was sent The Mercury by Mrs. Avalene Wasson, of Bourbon county. Mrs. Wasson says she cut it from the paper when she was 12 years old and that she will be 79 in March.

The song for which John Uri Lloyd, the author, offered $50 in printed honorable payment for the time it was composed during the Civil War and was circulated by word of mouth among the soldiers of the Confederacy until it became almost a part of the army. It was unsigned, wished to use it in one of his books.

Dr. Lloyd was standing among others in front of a country store in Florence, Ky. (Standing on about noon morning in '62, waiting to see a body of Morgan's Cavalry come up the pike, and as these dashing cavaliers rode by he heard them gaily singing a song called "The Homespun Dress." But his memory afterward could recall but the first stanza. Exhaustive research among literature all over the country failed to discover it, and as a last resource he offered a reward.

The song has never been in print, but the words are found in full in a manuscript book containing "Kentucky Ballads in Dixie" by George Dallas Musgrove, of Carrollton, Ky.

The morning on which Prof. Lloyd heard the song was when Morgan and his men were in advance of Bragg's army, and was chasing the Federals through Florence, Ky., to Union, which was racing for Louisville. At the same time a part of Kirby Smith's army was coming through Richmond, Ky., on its way to Louisville, and was met near Wilder by the Kentucky River to the bridge and Bragg and Smith joined forces at Crittenden, Ky., to wait for Hayes who was Governor just one hour by the town clock. Bragg moved forward, took place the bloody battle of Perryville on October 8.

While Morgan's forces were at Lexington an impromptu ball was given in honor of the men in gray, the ladies appeared in dresses of homespun. A young Lieutenant, an Alabamian, named Harrington, found inspiration in the fact to write the words, and Miss Kate Earle, an accomplished musician present, impressed the air and sang it with piano accompaniment. The song seemed to catch, and was taken up by the whole army and sung on the march and in camp throughout the South. Young Harrington fell at Perryville. Following are the words:

THE HOMESPUN DRESS

A Dixie Girl's Song

Oh, yes, I am a Southerner
And glory in the name;
I boast it with greater pride
Than glittering wealth or fame;
I envy not the Northern girl
Her robes of beauty rare
Though diamonds deck her snowy neck
And pearls bestud her hair.

Chorus—
Hurrah, hurrah!
For the Sunny South, so dear;
Three cheers for the homespun dress
The Southern ladies wear!

Now, Northern goods are out of date;
And, since Old Abe's blockade
We Southern girls can be content
With goods that's home made
We send our sweethearts to the war,
But girls, now you mind—
Your soldier-love will not forget
The girl he left behind.

The Southern land's a glorious land,
And has a glorious cause;
Then cheer, three cheers for Southern rights
And for the Southern boys!
We scorn to wear a bit of silk,
A bit of Northern lace,
But make our homespun dresses up,
And wear them with a grace.

And, now, young man, a word to you,
If you would win the fair,
Go to the field where honor calls
And win your lady there;
Remember that our brightest smiles
Are for the true and brave,
And that our tears are all for those
Who fill the soldier's grave.

The Air Mail

From Other Editorial Pages

A LARGE G. O. P. EXPENDITURE

(Louisville-Times)

The "large sum" spent by friends of the Roosevelt Administration will comprise one of the principal points of attack by the Republicans in the coming Congressional campaign, according to an agreement reached at a party conference in Washington and reported by The Associated Press. The Administration's bill appropriating $950,000,000 for continuance of the Civil Works Administration and direct Federal relief to States passed the House of Representatives Monday by 289 votes to 1. The only vote against it was cast by a Democrat. The Republicans voted solidly for it. The same measure was passed by the Senate last night without a record vote, and the only determined opposition came from Senators who are at least nominally Republican and who wanted to increase the amount of the appropriation.

Moreover, the Administration's Economy Act of last March, relating to expenditures for veterans' relief, is currently under the fire of a leading Senate Republican, David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, and twenty of the thirty-five Republican Senators at a conference January 26 voted to support Senator Reed if he prepares to substitute the Economy Act in vitro particulars and repudiates pledges contained in the President's address to a courageous address to the American Legion last autumn.

But the Republicans adamantly agree that the "large sum" spent in relief expenditures certainly will be a leading issue in the coming campaign. Chairman Fletcher of the Republican Senatorial Committee, the large expenditure which Mr. Roosevelt has found necessary in the first year of his term. The thirty is of course possible to politics. In this instance it is not by any means the largest expenditure of any year during the period.

THE SALES TAX

A Radio talk delivery over WHAS, by Herbert L. Clay, Secretary Kentucky Petroleum Marketers Association.

The General Assembly now in session in Frankfort will pass on at some new taxes. About this question there is no doubt. The Federal Government plans to withdraw Federal unemployment relief unless Kentucky provides funds for her share in this work. The Federal Government has authorized the General Assembly that no new Civil Works Administration projects will be started in Kentucky unless Kentucky provides some relief revenue. Are we going to back up President Roosevelt?

The state debt is increasing two million dollars a year and now amounts to about twenty-one million dollars State warrants are selling at a tremendous discount. The credit of the state is going from bad to worse. The members of the General Assembly are extremely worried by this problem and have served notice that additional revenue measures will be passed at this session of the General Assembly. Special sales tax bills have been introduced against soft drinks, drugs, toilet articles, jewelry, cosmetics, movie admission, oil and grease, clothing, shoes, luxury preferences, amusements and others. Such special taxes will be ruinous to the business that are taxed.

Many members of the General Assembly believe that a small general sales tax is the only equitable method of raising much needed revenue, but some of these members were pledged at the last election to oppose it. They believe that public sentiment has changed; that the people of the state are in favor of a general sales tax, since new taxes must be levied. A small general tax will be more easily and fully collected than a lot of special nuisance taxes and will spread the cost of government thinly and fairly over all of the citizens of the state.

These proposed special taxes range from 10 to 25% on the commodities selected for taxation. Such tax rates will drive Kentucky business into adjoining states, but a small general tax will not discourage business and will be fully collectible. Indiana and Illinois both have retail sales taxes which have not driven any business into Kentucky. The many states that now have a general sales tax are highly pleased with the results.

The enactment of such a sales tax at this session will enable the General Assembly to repeal real estate and other taxes, giving needed relief to farmers.

The citizens of the state who are represented in Frankfort by Senators and Representatives pledged to vote against the general sales tax should immediately hold their meetings and demand enactment of a general sales tax. Write your Senators and Representatives from pledges that the people of the state and must take them to use their best judgment. Write your Senators and Representatives in the interest of the people. Individual citizens of the state are impossible to write their opinions to their Senators and Representatives. They are subject to their constituents.

The success of the plan in the city of Louisville, which has collected five million dollars a year. The school system is crippled. School terms have been shortened. The Normal Schools and Universities are out of funds and may have to be closed. The government of the state must be maintained. It is the political duty of the citizens of Kentucky to provide the revenue to operate the state government and take care of its unemployed. It is the choice of the people of Kentucky as to whether they will provide a small general sales tax equally distributed and fair to all, or a multitude of higher special nuisance taxes, income taxes and no relief from real estate taxes.

THEY MAKE US TIRED

(Cincinnati Enquirer)

It is not the green-eyed monster which leads us to ask that we weary of the element of deceit in so much of our radio advertising.

Advertisements in the newspapers are open and aboveboard. There they are, the display advertising or small notices. You can read them or pass them unread. They do not force your attention by false pretenses; there is nothing surreptitious about them.

It is not so when you are hearing over the air what you suppose is a talk on the pleasure of automobiling and suddenly it trails off into a recommendation of a brand of oil and gas or a soap or a laxative. And ends in telling you to use a certain kind of antiseptic.

A lot of this radio advertising reminds us of the maker of a celebrated brand of pills. We have changed our name. He offered to supply churches with hymn books free of charge, but every now and then the congregations—in the midst of their musical devotions—were startled by a circular letter.

Hark the herald angels sing
Johnson's Pills are just the thing.
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
Two for adult, one for child.

And that is just about what a lot of radio advertisers are doing.

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Liquid, Tablets, Salve, Nose Drops
Checks Colds first day, Headaches or Neuralgia in 30 minutes.
Malaria in 3 days.
Fine Laxative and Tonic
Stomach Sour, Gas, Constipation, Indigestion in 30 minutes; Malaria in 3 days.

WHAT THE C. C. C. DOES

(St. Louis Post-Dispatch)

Every American knows those who adorn the Civilian Conservation Corps project was launched with a storm of ridicule, it as a folly and Utopian experiment. The C. C. C. has made accomplishments have established it as a highly useful agency, worthy of continuance beyond the emergency period, and of permanent establishment in modified form thereafter. The record of the C. C. C. for its first six months, now available, is not required as an argument against abolition but is cited as statistical confirmation of what the Corps has done in preserving the country's forest resources. The report includes the following pertinent record of accomplishment

Tree and plant disease control operations over 1,675,000 acres.

Forest improvement completed on 388,000 acres and launched on 151,500 acres.

Tree planting completed on 26,750 acres and begun on 54,115 acres. Insect pest eradication completed on 1,000,000 acres and begun on 1,000,000 acres.

Reforestation work on 21,500 acres.

Fire hazard removed from 129,300 acres.

Fire lines of 6,600 miles of roadside cleared of fire hazards.

Firebreaks built over 3,900 miles.

Construction of 10,000 miles of truck trails, 9,000 miles of telephone lines, 200 miles of bridges, 200 miles, 100 miles, etc.

Forest nursery work multiplied for more than 130,000 men, most of whom have been recruited from the Mississippi shore in this period, enterprise will result in widespread demand for the Civilian Conservation Corps to be made permanent. Not only have 300,000 men been enlisted. The 4,000 workers are busy clearing brush, preventing and combating forest diseases, building, preparing camp trails, telephone lines. The natural attractions of these parks are enhanced by the work of the engineers and the Missouri Ozarks soon will have recreation facilities to rival those of more widely publicized Eastern and Southern parks.

It is a wise programme that combines conservation of natural resources with conservation of human assets. The men employed in this programme have experienced a marked improvement in health of incalculable value. Misconduct is unknown in the forest camps of park development come true. Perhaps the C. C. C. programme will even more important is the salvaging of human resources in the dreary years of unemployment.

THE LITTLE FELLOW PAYS

(Pathfinder)

It only took three years of the depression to reduce the number of reported million dollar incomes in the United States from 513 to 20. Income tax statistics just released by the Internal Revenue Bureau show that in 1929 there were 24 persons in this country with incomes of over $5,000,000 yearly, 1931 there was 1 in 1930 there were none in this category. Of the 20 fortunates reporting in the millionaire class 12 were just made the charmed circle; three were below $2,000,000; three were below $3,000,000 and two below $5,000,000. Figures for 1929 show more than half of the 513 reporting million dollar incomes received in excess of $3,000,000.

The real standby of the tax collector, however, both in 1929 and 1932 was the fellow who made less than $5,000 yearly. The 513 millionaires paid taxes on a total net income of $1,212,068,784 in 1929. The little fellows with incomes under $5,000 reported on and paid on a grand net total of $3,106,000,000. In spite of the fact that the millionaire incomes dropped to less than one hundred in 1932, the little fellow with less than $5,000 a year continued to report and pay taxes on a net total income of $1,112,000,000. It will be remembered that it was the years of 1930-31-32 which came in for the closest investigation in regard to income taxes filed by some of the nation's wealthiest men.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 14, 1884

"Dr. Adair pulled one hundred and sixty-one teeth last Monday."

William Fuller sells farm of 50 acres near Stallwell to Fillmore Peeback for $1,000.

Kennedy & Dills having modern features and equipment installed in their drug store.

Lute Campbell returns from Richmond, Va., with a fine carload of horses for Charley Donnell.

J. B. Swarts, of Carlisle, leases hotel at Silverhurst and leaves to attend to duties of business.

Large crowds attending revival at McHodist church conducted by Rev. Harry Henderson, of Owingsville.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wyatt on East Union, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. John Blamper, of Casady Creek on the 7th, a son.

Nicholas County Building and Savings Association closes first year of business with 400 shares of stock in force. Dividend of 90 cents per share to be paid.

Miss Sue Tuttle, teacher of room 2 in the city school, reports following on honor roll for past month: Joe Martina, Willie Weed, Lena Tribble, Osia Hendrix, John Walsh, Walter Hayes, Steve Weed, Lucy Harris, Mason Campbell, Blanche Capps, Nannie Tribble, Ella Duckworth, Myrtle Rose, Wilson Boyse and Mamie Frey.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Although it is the shortest month, the February birthdays bulk the birthdays of all other months. Among these, Washington and Lincoln are preeminent, and the birthdays of William Henry Harrison and Millard Fillmore, were also born in February. Lincoln's birthday falls between birthdays of David Porter, naval officer in the War of 1812, Benjamin F. Pike, soldier and explorer, for whom Pike's Peak was named, General W. T. Sherman of Civil War fame; Horace Greeley and Henry Waterson, noted editors; Henry W. Longfellow and Sidney Lanier, poets; Mary Hopkins, the great educator who was president of Williams College for 26 years; Roger Williams, pioneer of religious liberty and founder of Rhode Island; Richard Watson Gilder, poet, editor and civic reformer; Dwight L. Moody, evangelist; Peter Cooper and George Peabody, philanthropists; Joseph Jefferson, actor; Cyrus H. McCormick, inventor of the reaper; Thomas A. Edison and William F. Cody, the colorful "Buffalo Bill."

The February list also includes several famous American women, among them being Sonja B. Antony, famous suffragist, and two noted women educators, Mary Lyon, founder of Mount Holyoke Seminary, and Alice Freeman Palmer, formerly president of Wellesley College.

Arguing Living Americans born in February, we find Herbert Hoover and Charles A. Lindbergh.

ROOSEVELT'S INDIVIDUALITY

Suppose that Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and Roosevelt could meet in one room. The American President would not be thinking of his home page through personal ordeals such as none of the others has had to endure. He is a man who has risen to rise to the top of it he has had to conquer physical infirmity with an iron will. This has given him that balance, that poise, that indefinable tenacity which is the marked trait of the businessman. Nations will easily turn him from any purpose, though he is quick to vary his methods when he does feel the power of some overwhelming emotion and of inspiring ideals. It has been said of him that an hour of his company can act on one's mind like a sunlight in April sure. He took office, as we said, on that darkest day in the economic annals of the United States when all the banks shut their doors. Since then he has kept the people, such as a nation so long the most sanguine and confident of all societies had never known. He has radiated his own indomitable cheerfulness through the psychology of the whole American people.—J. L. Garvin, in Sunday Observer (London.)

TO A FUR SCARF

(P. F. Van De Water)

The trap jaws clacked and held him fast,
Nose wrinkled his fright, none heard his cries.
His struggles ceased; he lay at last
With wide, unconquerable eyes
And watched the sky grow dark above
And watched the sunset turn to gray;
And quaked in anguish while he drove
To gnaw the prisoned leg away.
Then day came roar from the East,
But still there was no hope for their kind;
And one watched the prisoned beast
But Fear and Hunger, Thirst and Cold,
Oppressed by pain his dread grew bold
Pright no more stirred his flagging breath
He longed in vain to see him come.
The cruel hoped, bringing death;
Then through the gloom that night came ONE
Who set the timid spirit free:
"I know thine anguish, little son—
So men man trapped and tortured MEN"

NEWS OF KENTUCKY

The Centre College Colonels basket ball team has not won a game this season.

Six persons were fined at Maysville Monday for operating automobiles with 1933 license plates.

The annual midwinter meeting of the Kentucky Press Association will be held at Louisville Feb. 22-24.

James L. Finerty, 64, for the past 22 years city assessor of Newport, died at his home in that place Monday.

Jacob Sallerly, 42, tenant farmer, was found frozen to death near his home in Nelson county Friday morning.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad shops in Louisville were practically destroyed by fire Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Bennett, of Burgin, Mercer county, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary last week.

Mrs. P. M. Hudson, 82, sustained a fracture of the hip in a fall in the kitchen at her home in Stamping Ground Monday.

Miss Jean Dawson, of Crestwood, was selected as regimental sponsor of the R. O. T. C. unit at the University of Kentucky.

Ed Harris, 45, negro, was scalded to death Friday when he fell into a vat of boiling water at a slaughter house in Richmond.

Seven persons were indicted by the special Perry county grand jury last week in connection with the lynching of Rex Scott, negro.

The Louisville Colonels base ball team will train in Bermuda, instead of this year, beginning their spring practice on March 1.

Plans are being completed for the observance of the 150th anniversary of the New Providence Presbyterian church in Mercer county on June 6.

Reorganization work on the Citizens of the Cumberland Valley, which failed in January, 1931, is now in progress. There are about 1,000 members.

Dallas Nickols, 9 years old, was drowned in Salt Lick creek in Lewis county last week when he fell on ice which he was skating broke. His sister, Sadie, 11 years old, narrowly escaped a similar fate in a futile effort to rescue the younger boy.

Without a dissenting voice, the House at Frankfort Thursday adopted a resolution requesting officials of the University of Kentucky to make overtures to Centre College looking to the closer relations between the two colleges.

The Kentucky Utilities Company has notified the city of Middlesboro that it will install 200 new ornamental fire hydrants, street lighting and other service will be discontinued March 1 unless the company claims the city is indebted to it in the amount of $3,724.19.

In the Fayette circuit court Friday James Smith, 29, negro, was given a five year sentence for the murder of Leslie Pugnia, negro, two years ago. This was the fourth trial of the case, the jury in three former trials gave death penalty and in one the trial judge was unable to agree.

The University of Kentucky Wildcats have won their twenty-second consecutive basket ball game in as many starts during the past two years, equaling the record established by Notre Dame. The University of Kentucky is the only unbeaten team in the southern conference.

Rev. Caylor Saunders, 36, who was found slain in an automobile in Indianapolis last week, was a native of Hillsboro, Fleming county. The wife of Rev. Saunders and a 19-year-old Dunbar boy were charged with the murder and another youth and a woman are being held as accessories.

Odie Jarvis, 13, was burned to death; her brother, Columbus, 21, was probably fatally burned and two other children were seriously burned when their home in Floyd county Thursday night by the last week. The fire was caused when gasoline mistaken for coal oil, was used to start a fire.

Herbert M. Dunn, 28, of Lexington, district representative of the General Motors Acceptance Corporation, was killed instantly Friday morning when his automobile was struck by a train at the rear of a parked machine and was dragged a mile and a half. Sergeant Curry, of Lexington, the other occupant of the car, was seriously injured.

Mrs. Minnie Cox, 55, was given a sentence of eight years in prison by a jury in the Mercer circuit court at Harrodsburg Thursday on a charge of killing Robert Hord, manager of the farm of the Pennybacker Home for Girls at Shakertown last September. At a former trial Mrs. Cox was given 12 years but was granted a new trial. She is the mother of three children, 6 years, 2 years and 18 months old.

The people of this country spend over $1,000,000,000 a year at the movies.

KILL THAT COLD WITH CASCO
QUICK RELIEF FROM SUFFERING IN THE FAMOUS CASCO BLUE BOX
25 TABLETS 25¢

Dr. J. T. C. Noe Contributes Poem On New Deal

Dr. J. T. C. Noe, professor of History of Education, University of Kentucky, has made his contribution to the literature of the country day in a poem entitled, "Aunt Bet Holcombe On The New ...Deal—CBA." Doctor Noe, known to his readers as Colton Noe, was made poet laureate of Kentucky by a joint resolution of the General Assembly in March 1928, and is the author of several volumes of verse including "Tip Sams of Kentucky," and "The Blood of Hatfield and Other Poems." His latest poem follows:

AUNT BET HOLCOMBE ON
THE NEW DEAL CBA'

Aunt Bet says, "W-ell, jun my word
If I ketch gittin plumb absurd
Way the women's actin' now,
Makin' sich a big commotion
Ever time a baby come.
Can't have one no more to hum.
Horsepital and white-cap nuss,
Sprinkled with a little fuss!
I've had twelve and granny Grims
All I needed any time
Never lost a single one;
Nussed 'em, too, is what I done.
Now, one of all my brood
Ever heyard of Mollin's food.
Never took a single one
To cure somethin' they ain't got.
Now the day a child is born,
Doctors, nusses, friends, all warn
Big baby must not be kissed.
Got to git a specialist
To purscribe jist what to give
Ever time the child is sick.
Nusses treat 'em like a pup;
Jest 'ow, 'ow, 'ow, all tags mixed up.
And the one that you have borne
Ain't yourn, may be yourn.
Pon my word, a 'viocrat
Will turn out a common brat.
'Cordin' to the mid-wives tale
Co-ensues is born with veils.
Doctors, they say, this ner complain
They come wrapped in adhesiphan
'Child Birth Association' unit.

WHY ANOTHER AMENDMENT?

Interest in this state has again been focused on the Federal Child Labor Amendment through a resolution presented by Representative Boyd to the General Assembly which provides for ratification of the amendment by Kentucky.

If Kentucky ratifies, it will become the twenty-first state to take favorable action, the state of twenty belonging to the Union. Arkansas, California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Ohio included in its action a clause forbidding the theft of four automobiles. Merchandise valued at several hundred dollars was recovered.

With the arrest of a gang of men in Nelson county last week, officers have solved a series of robberies, which included at least one bank robbery and the theft of four automobiles. Merchandise valued at several hundred dollars was recovered.

Dallas Nickols, 9 years old, was drowned in Salt Lick creek in Lewis county last week when he fell on ice which he was skating broke. His sister, Sadie, 11 years old, narrowly escaped a similar fate in a futile effort to rescue the younger boy.

Without a dissenting voice, the House at Frankfort Thursday adopted a resolution requesting officials of the University of Kentucky to make overtures to Centre College looking to the closer relations between the two colleges.

Ferdinand Beagle, 50, was found frozen to death on a street in Loyalhurg, Harrison county, Friday morning. He had attended a dance in Scott county Thursday night.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Preston, 77, was burned to death Thursday night when the one room house in which she resided near Bryantsville, Garrard county, was destroyed by fire.

The body of Robert Calvin Walker 28, of Somerset, was found crushed beyond recognition at the Louisville Southern Railroad at Elihu Pulaski county, Friday morning.

George Combest 58, one of the largest landowners in Pulaski county, was killed instantly Thursday afternoon when a load of hay on which he was riding turned over.

Yeggs obtained but $482 in silver when they blew open the safe in the Bank of New Hope in Nelson county last week, failing to reach another compartment which contained $2,500.

Six men, including the police judge of Loyall, Harlan county, were arrested Monday on charges arising from the dynamiting of the home of Mayor C. D. Livingston, of Loyall, Sunday night.

A man identified as Roy Gibson 24, drowned in the Kentucky river at Frankfort Saturday when he jumped into the river as officers sought to arrest him in connection with a petty theft.

Marshall Adams, of New York, whose father, Dr. M. B. Adams, was president of Georgetown College until 1932, has just been appointed assistant manager of the American Radiator Company.

Three of the six men who sawed their way out of the Harlan county jail last Wednesday night have been recaptured. Matt Vanover, who had been free since escaped from the jail, is still at large.

The University of Kentucky freshmen team and the Georgetown freshmen team of Cincinnati will play an exhibition game in the Mayville high school gymnasium Thursday night, Feb. 15, at 7:30 o'clock.

Mrs. Lena Hersman, 50 years old, of Lewis county, has filed suit in the Lewis circuit court against F. L. Shepherd, 80 years old, of the same county, asking damages of $35,000 for alleged breach of promise to marry her.

SPORTS

(By John Parker Rose)

The 1933-34 home basket ball schedule of the Musketeers came to a close last Friday night, when the Musketeers defeated the Cynthiana Bulldogs 22 to 8. It was a fitting finish for the home team, to defeat their traditional rival so decisively.

Cynthiana got the jump on the Musketeers in the opening period of the game and led the Musketeers 3 to 2 when the bell rang, but that seemed to fill the home boys with fight and from then on the game was more or less a walkaway for the Blue Bulldogs Cynthiana led at the half 12 to 4, at the third quarter 16 to 5, and as above the final score was 22 to 8. So well did the Musketeer defense click that the Bulldogs got only two field goals, one in the first half by Ammerman, and one in the last half by Davis. Both of these goals were made from well out, while the majority of the Musketeers made their of the crip variety. The Musketeers also had a fairly average on their foul shots, while Cynthiana made only 4.

Cynthiana's offense absolutely failed to click, and time after time the Musketeers had Cynthiana completely headed for a Cynthiana man, and convert then into points.

Lineup:

Carlisle (22)	Cynthiana (8)
Ferrin ..... F	Bauer
Howard (7) ..... F	Ammerman (4)
Herman (11) C	Davis (2)
Smart (7) ..... G	Blencke (2)
Arnold (4) ..... G	Russell

Subs: Carlisle—Talbert, Branaman, (3), Lawrence, Hunter, Armstrong. Bosa. Cynthiana—Selin, Taylor, Referee—Lancaster, (Georgetown.)

In a preliminary game Fire-crackers defeated Moorefield in a close, fast game 16 to 14. The Moorefield lad at the first quarter 5 to 0, half 7 to 2 third 12 to 8 and at the end of the features of the game was the return of Hovermale to the harwood, although when he played he played uniform. Hoover, being a clown, always gets a laugh. Hod, as usual was the "big shot" for the Firecrackers, making 4 of his teams points.

Lineup:

Firecrackers (14)	Moorefield (13)
Hopkins (6) and Guess, F.	Hovermale (4)
Kendall ..... F	Vice
Dartrid (3) C	Hoover (4)
R. Armstrong (5) G	House (3)
J. Brothers ..... G	Kendall

Subs: Firecrackers; B. Brothers (2), Mann (2), Candidy, Sanders, Crouch, Mottatt, Reno, Gregan, Brown.

The Musketeers, led by Coach Shearer, have done very well on their home stand, winning four out of six games played. Cynthiana put up a good contest, and we take our hat off to Coach Davis and the boys who make up, not only the starting five but the entire squad for the fine showing that they made in 1934. Three more games remain on the schedule, two away from home, Nicholasville, Stanford and Somerset, and one home game with the Musketeers have defeated these three teams here, and we think that they play just as good on the road as they do at home, Nicholasville is one of the good crowds that we have had throughout the season at home. I have been asked by those in charge of athletics, to take this medium in thanking the patrons for their fine attendance in both football and basket ball for the year 1933-34, and although times are or were, however you look at it, hard, the athletics of Carlisle high school have, through the fine co-operation of the fans, been well supported, and we think you one and all for making that possible. We want to thank you for the look over the record of athletics of Carlisle high school, and if at no time have you failed to get your money's worth.

The District Tournament, as every body knows, will be held here the week-end of March 2-3-4. Nicholasville will take place in the near future, and we want to agree.

We have heard that there will be several good games on the home court, and we hope that may be the best one of the bunch. There are two or three teams that could be classed as dark horses, and as every follower of Tournament play knows, these dark horses are not don't miss a game, for you might miss the boat.

The Musketeers will go to Nicholasville Tuesday night, Feb. 20, to play the Tarantulas on their own court. The Musketeers defeated Nicholasville early in the season here, but Nicholasville has improved a lot and hard game is expected. The Musketeers have improved as well, and we still think they will have to be up and doing to beat Nicholasville there.

State Chiefs Commanded To "Be Hard Boiled"

President Roosevelt Friday told the state directors of the national emergency council to be "hardboiled" in carrying out the relief and recovery campaign.

"You will have the backing of this administration," he declared, "if you hit the biggest political boss in the state on the head.

"Be hardboiled if you find any director who tries to use your position advantage out of relief for human needs."

The president, addressing the directors assembled here for a conference officially of the national situation.

"We are all, with some minor exceptions, behind this broad program," he said, "because we feel it has done some good and that by and large it is working out pretty well."

Less than 18 pounds of butter per person are consumed in the United States annually while Canadians eat 27 pounds each during the year.

USED AS REDUCING MACHINE

(Russell Times)

Too much fat, and too frequent reducing exercises, as opposed to a weak mind and weak body, is the cause given by Walter Walker, in a suit filed at Greenup this week, wherein he seeks to have his marriage to Bernice Walker declared null and void.

Walker claims his wife is a large woman, and he a small man; despite this, he says his wife used him as a "work-out boy" when she takes reducing exercise. This, he alleges, has made life miserable for him; he has stood all he is able, and now wants the holy bands of matrimony severed.

The couple were married at Catlettsburg in August, 1931.

More than 1,000,000 Negro children in the United States do not attend school.

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Paris, Kentucky
THURSDAY
Zane Grey's
"Thundering Herd"
WITH
Randolph Scott
Judith Allen
Noah Beery
Harry Carey
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Ginger Rogers
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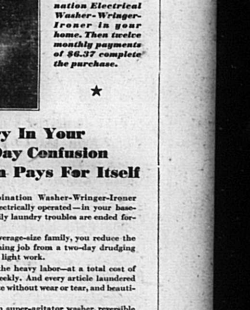

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