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## Real Farm Relief.

When more than four thousand farmers, representing thirty-four states, assemble in Washington to urge the continuance of the AAA, the farm relief program must have brought genuine relief for the first time in the history of national politics.

Administration after administration has promised to relieve the farmer. They did. In 1930 and 1931 he was "relieved" of most everything he possessed except his mortgage and that was foreclosed. Under the Roosevelt program, many millions have been added to the farm income. The AAA "has lifted the producers of foodstuffs from a state of bankruptcy into one of hope."

How senseless then seem the onslaughts of certain powerful business groups seeking to destroy the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. For years these selfish interests have been highly organized, have gotten special favors from the Government, have deplored in meaningless words the plight of the farmer, yet fattened upon the purchase of his produce for a mere pittance. It is a return to the dog-eat-dog days that these selfish interest desire. They hold up their hands in horror—these folk who fattened upon high tariff concessions for so many years—at a processing tax; they would abolish the only plan yet evolved that has brought the farmer returns in dollars and cents.

When four thousand farmers visit Washington to express their appreciation of farm relief and to urge the retention of the AAA plan, we may be sure that the tiller of the soil is at last awake to his own interests; and though he may not hire experienced lobbyists, he should have a potential lobbyist in every business man whose living depends upon the prosperity of an agricultural community.

Here in Carlisle, for instance, everyone knows that each business man stands or falls in his business as agriculture prospers or fails to prosper. Every one of us should join the farmer in his fight to retain the benefits that are his under the farm relief program—a program now being viciously attacked by powerful groups through short-sighted and selfish interest.

## Our Overcrowded Prisons.

Approximately 300 inmates of the two state prisons will be released on conditional pardons shortly when Governor Ruby Laffoon acts on the recommendation of the prison advisory commission which made a survey of the prison inmates and recommended those deemed worthy of clemency.

Most of those who are to be released are youthful first offenders, committed for minor offenses. Humanitarian considerations necessitated the action in order to relieve the cruelly crowded condition of the two state prisons.

In the state reformatory at Frankfort, constructed many years ago, built to confine 1,700 inmates, 2,970 are now quartered. At the state penitentiary at Eddyville the same condition exists with 1,276 confined in an institution whose capacity is 540.

There are daily arrivals of new prisoners sent by the circuit courts of the state for commitment. Steadily the prison population has mounted until congestion within the institutions created a grave problem. All available quarters are taxed to provide accommodations for inmates and seriousness of the situation has been steadily increased from month to month.

Necessity for immediate action to relieve a situation which imperilled health of inmates and over-taxed facilities of the prisons, impelled Governor Laffoon to ask a prison advisory commission composed of outstanding Kentuckians, men familiar with prison problems, to examine the records of inmates and ascertain those that might be released with reasonable certainty that they would seek to re-establish themselves as law-abiding citizens.

Those who are to be conditionally pardoned understand that they are released on probation, that in event they commit further lawless acts they will be returned to prison to complete their sentences. Action of the Governor under the circumstances seems justified by every dictate of humane consideration.

The situation supplies striking evidence of the fact that we cannot much longer delay rehabilitation and enlargement of our penal and charitable institutions. The problem has long been recognized as one of major importance. The state legislature in 1930 thought it had provided revenue with which to correct the conditions existing in the institutions.

There was enacted a measure known more generally as the chain store tax, which was believed would produce revenue ample to gradually correct unhappy conditions in the asylums and prisons. Half the revenue from that measure was to be expended in improving the institutions and the other half to be applied on the state debt.

Constitutionality of the measure was assailed. After prolonged litigation the supreme court of the United States recently declared the act unconstitutional. That action removed all hope of revenues from this source, which had been impounded, of becoming available to finance improvement of the institutions.

The Governor is powerless to correct the condition without necessary money provided by the legislature. Since the legislature will meet next January it seems unwise to call a special session to consider the problem.

Governor Laffoon is endeavoring to secure an appropriation of more than a million dollars of federal work relief money with which to improve and enlarge the charitable and penal institutions. In the meantime, there was no course open to immediately relieve the intolerable congestion within prison walls, other than that taken by the Governor.

## "Forty-One Years Ago."

Forty-one years ago this Monday morning, the twentieth of May, snow blanketed the earth, weighted the branches of trees in full leaf, wrecked corn knee high in the fields, lay like powder on the satin cheeks of roses, spread its cold, white counterpane over beds of plump, red strawberries.

Foolish, perhaps, unfashionable surely, in these piping times of agelessness even for aged, to admit memories of the great snow of the night of May 19th, 1894. But the temptation to reminisce grows stronger with the inexorable march of the years. Why was it when the gallant Omaha recently streaked through the mud and rain at Churchill Downs to victory and eternal equine glory that the name, "Ben Brush," came to mind and the nose and nose thoroughbred heads that used to adorn the Courier-Journal at Derby time in those days, when that metropolitan sheet—not so metropolitan perhaps—was "Marse Henry's paper," and ranked with the family Bible in most Kentucky homes? Old age. Oh, very well.

No impression, psychologists tell us, is ever lost by the human brain. Plastic surely is the mind of youth. Forty-one years ago this Monday morning there were strawberries and ice cream for dessert at our house. Much talked about that day was the anomaly of snow without and strawberries on the table, for no hothouse fruits graced Kentucky tables in 1894. The guests who came to that Sunday dinner—a young man and his bride, both now passed on—drove a mettlesome little mare, nervous and excited as a child at the white puff-balls that drifted down from snow-weighted branches. She had whirled a new Columbus buggy over eleven miles of macadam in a little more than sixty minutes. A "fast age," the oldsters said. Now our flaming youth will do the same distance in fifteen minutes, one arm full of steering wheel and t'other full of girl.

Over the pipes which followed that Sunday dinner, and perhaps a Sweet Caporal, if some young dude with hair parted in the middle joined the post-prandial devotions of the men folk, the mention of a "horseless carriage" would have provoked a skeptical smile; of a flying machine humorous quips anent Darius Green, who "soared on eagle wings and lit on Daddy's woodpile." Telephones were rare, one to a village usually; the radio was undreamed by the wildest dreamer. Existence was unhurried, slow, sweet, at least in retrospect, in the "good old days."

But were these "good old days." Folk died of appendicitis after being treated for something else; children sickened of bad tonsils and were said to be "going into consumption;" typhoid took its tragic toll; diphtheria snuffed out infant lives; flies combatted with sticky paper and the fly-bush brought tiny headstones in the cemeteries. Heigho! the good old days.

And yet, they seem good as we look backward, do those days when the big snow came to Kentucky on the night of the nineteenth of May, stripped the leaves from corn knee-high in the furrows and cooled the crimson blush of peonies with its icy fingers. But we remember there were strawberries for dinner—ah, that's the answer—Youth!

## "Music" Of The Rain.

Ears have become attuned perforce this soggy Spring to the "gentle music of the rain." If it doesn't rain today one may be rather sure that it will tomorrow, but with May almost gone there are many who will hear no music in the patter of the drops upon the eaves. The farmer, more than any other business man a victim of the elements, sees the season advance and his spring planting scarcely begun. Of course he complains bitterly, and why should we rally him with the fact that only a few weeks ago he was praying for a few showers to soften up earth to be plowed. We may open our stores and shops and go about our business of selling and buying and manufacturing, rain or shine, but the farmer must depend largely upon the vagaries of the weather in his business.

But he may cherish this consoling thought: Nature compensates always. A scant five years ago a scorching summer dragged out its weary, dusty length, an autumn followed without rain to complete the most severe drouth this section has ever known. Never until this year has Dame Nature been able to make up the deficiency in moisture, but now she is going about it with a vengeance. Ponds are full for the first time since 1930, springs flow normally again; the balance of Nature is being maintained.

This may not be a very consoling thought to the man whose planting is not one-third done, but it is very sure that we can't do anything about weather save talk about it. It "always has rained," within the memory of man and it always has stopped raining—usually in time to save the crops. Here's hoping.

## Keen Johnson.

In another column, The Mercury carries the announcement of Keen Johnson, editor of the Richmond Register, for the office of Lieutenant Governor in the August Primary.

Mr Johnson, a Past President of the Kentucky Press Association, is one of the ablest and most brilliant editors in the State. He is an eloquent and forceful speaker and a student of State and National politics. Unfailing always in his allegiance to his party, Mr. Johnson has worked faithfully in every campaign for the success of the ticket. Now, for the first time, he seeks office at the hands of the Democratic party.

Years ago this newspaper predicted a brilliant career for Keen Johnson, should he choose to enter politics, and we believe that when he presents his claims to the voters they will agree with us.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, has made a splendid success as editor of the Richmond Register and has been honored with office, not only by the Kentucky Press Association, but by the National Editorial Association. Such men all too frequently shun politics, refuse to stand for office. It is a healthy indication of political progress when they do consent to enter the lists.

## "A Bungling Attack."

President Roosevelt's comment on the mischievous condemnation of his recovery program by the Chamber of Commerce of the United States was mild as compared with the sharp criticism by newspapers which have been as considerate of the desires of business as they have been quite frequently antagonistic to the New Deal.

In its editorial leader entitled "A Bungling Attack," The Washington Post said:

"Instead of realizing that passage of social insurance legislation is assured, the Chamber challenges the 'propriety as well as the constitutionality of any such effort by the Federal government.' The result is that the Chamber's general indorsement of social security (which it has voiced on several occasions), appears to be mere lip service, if not actually insincere.

"Having urged that the NRA be permitted to expire in June, the Chamber asks for substitute temporary legislation that would greatly increase the privileges of organized industries operating under voluntary codes. At the same time, it condemns collective bargaining which would give similar preferential position to labor.

"The significant silence of the Chamber on the work-relief program, its advocacy of subsidies to merchant vessels, its plea for Federal regulation of all forms of interstate commerce, show that business men are far from averse to benefiting from government aid. They cannot expect, therefore, to get away with an attitude which condemns all government intervention.

"If the resolutions had been more discriminating, more objective and more tempered by intelligent understanding of the times in which we live, they might have carried more weight."

It was no wonder then that the retiring three-term president, Henry I. Harriman, and a score of the outstanding industrialists and merchants of the country crossed Jackson Park from the Chamber's palace to the modest executive offices and assured the President of their unfaltering, and also comprehensive, support in his fight for recovery. Nor was it surprising that the Chamber of Commerce in far off Monterey, California, started the procession of withdrawals from the national organization that same day. Nor even that the bewildered Rochester banker, Harper Sibley, Harriman's successor as president, should explain to the press that "The business patient is very healthy; he seems to have a lot of pep. They say that a convalescent is sometimes vociferous." This comment, according to the New York Herald Tribune, "reflected the aggressive attitude, occasionally boisterously aggressive, which marked much of the discussion during the Chamber's convention, in strong contrast to the tenor of discussion in past depression years."

The New York Times, always a staunch supporter of business, was more definite and devastating. Declaring the Chamber's convention resolutions "set their approval upon what in the last analysis must be a 'dog-eat-dog' plan," The Times said:

"Wiping out the NRA and labor legislation, banking and utility reform and the possibility of social security, they have struck at all the measures calculated to restore real confidence and definitely put themselves on record for a return to the chaotic conditions prevailing when President Roosevelt took office. This conception of the outcome is not difficult to draw.

"Leading interests in the Chamber have in the past been notably partial to the utility industry and possibly their influence was exerted toward a general condemnation of the administration so that the holding company proposal might lose out."

## JOHNSON ANNOUNCES

KEEN JOHNSON

Keen Johnson, editor of The Richmond Register and Secretary of the Democratic State Central Executive Committee, today announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Johnson is a former President of the Kentucky Press Association, a graduate of the University of Kentucky, and served over seas with the 89th Division in the World War. Three years ago he was elected Secretary of the Democratic State Central Executive Committee at the time the headquarters offices were installed in Frankfort.

At the request of the Democratic editors of the state Mr. Johnson inaugurated a press bureau in connection with the party headquarters, that for the past three years has issued frequent news bulletins concerning the policies of the Democratic administration and the activities of the various departments of state government at Frankfort. In the preparation of this information Mr. Johnson has kept in close touch with the problems confronting the state government and with many of the legislative issues that may come before the next legislature.

This is the first time Mr. Johnson has ever sought public office, although he has frequently been on the firing line for Democratic nominees, where he has earned the reputation of being a ready and able speaker.

Mr. Johnson formerly edited the Elizabethtown Mirror in Elizabethtown and, after having edited it completed his education at the University of Kentucky, during which time he was a member of the editorial staff of the Lexington Herald. He later became editor of The Anderson News of Lawrenceburg and then editor of The Richmond Register. At the present time he is the Kentucky member of the National Code Authority of the Graphic Arts Industry under the NRA, and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Editorial Association. Last year he was President of the Kentucky Conference of Social Work.

## CLIPPED FROM OTHER EDITORIAL PAGES

### "STAGE COACH DAYS"

(Lexington Herald)

"Stage-Coach Days in the Bluegrass," latest book of J. Winston Coleman, Jr., author and historian, has just come off the press to enrich the libraries of those who love to revel in the lore of a more glamorous day and to browse among the antiquities of an age that is contemporary with the lives of Kentucky's great men.

Like "Masonry in the Bluegrass," Mr. Coleman's most recent book teems with interesting historical records from old newspapers and documents of more than a century ago and is illustrated with scenes that offer an amazing contrast to most of the Blue Grass country today, but not in any way to its detriment.

Approaching his subject as a true historian, Mr. Coleman begins his presentation with the background of the Tidewater region of Virginia and the eager glimpsing of the country beyond the Alleghenies. He then briefly describes the explorations of the early adventurers into "the West," the interruption to the westward march by the Revolutionary War and the succeeding surge of emigration to the paradise that Boone and his fellow pioneers had discovered.

Then rapidly comes the substitution by the spread of civilization of the "waggon-roads" for the buffalo trails, of horseback travel for foot and of the stage-coach, soon to be succeeded by the railroad, for the roundabout travel by boat. It is a transformation that could be more pleasingly and entertainingly told than by the use of the vehicle employed in both title and subject of the book.

One of the illustrations that should be of particular interest to Lexingtonians is that of Henry Clay's own private coach, still preserved and on exhibit in Louisville. There are illustrations of early inns, including Postlethwait's Inn in Lexington and historic Forest Retreat, home of Governor Thomas Metcalfe on the Maysville road at the junction of the old Carlisle rooad. There are old tollgate scenes in the Blue Grass region, and facsimile reproductions of stage coach advertisements and timetables, together with a photostatic copy of a stage coach road map of olden days.

Lexington is fortunate in having another writer following in the footsteps of those who have woven fact and fancy into books on the glorious Blue Grass region for many years, who develops an almost untouched theme in the glamorous story of the Kentucky of "yesterday."

### "YOU CAN'T WIN"

(Breckinridge News)

When Raymond Hamilton, once the Texas terror and a 22-year-old desperado, was about ready to go to the electric chair last week in Huntsville, Texas, he was asked what he had to say about criminals. Hamilton's reply was: "Of course you can't win."

Hamilton liked to appear tough. As a boy, he evidently liked to do tough things until he got obsessed with the idea that he could do tough things and win out. He learned his lesson too late.

It seems too bad, that young boys who are allowed to roam the streets at night, like some do in Cloverport and elsewhere, and seemingly take pride in looking and being touch, cannot learn a lesson from Hamilton. You can't win by being bad or being tough. The pity of it is, that each generation and each individual has to learn his or her lesson from experience. Advice and admonition from parents and from friends doesn't do. Not until they have tasted of the "forbidden fruit" do they learn. Then they find they "can't win."

### THE KENTUCKY PRESS

(Harrodsburg Herald)

The secretary of the Kentucky Press Association sent out a questionnaire to the rural newspapers in Kentucky seeking information concerning advertising rates and other items. The reports are very interesting.

There is wide difference in the advertising rates which run from 25 cents per inch to 60 cents per inch—depending upon the size of the towns in which the newspapers are published, competition—and we suppose, in some cases, the circulation of the newspapers.

Out of the 118 newspapers reporting to date, 63 are Democratic in politics; 24 Republican and 31 independent. One of the questions asked the publishers was whether or not they would accept liquor advertising and 66 reported they would, while 30 reported they would not accept liquor ads. There seems to have been a change in this respect since the "old days," as few of the rural newspapers ran liquor advertising ten or fifteen years ago. We do not know why this is, but it may be that the publishers need the money or, perhaps, they have had a change of heart.

We were also surprised to note the large number of newspapers independent in politics. Publishers of newspapers—in metropolitan, as well as in rural, communities are getting away from partisan politics. We know of many newspapers claiming to be Democratic and Republican, that are really independent in politics. Of course, we have many others that always support their party—right or wrong.

### IN LOVE WITH A VALLEY

First I like it because it's a large-hearted, lovable sort of a book written by a large-hearted, lovable sort of man. . . . I like it because I have always been in love with the heroine.

I like it because it's about the part of the country that I belong to. And a very lovely part of the country it is. We get thousands and thousands of visitors down to see the Doone Valley on Exmoor every summer, and it was always the greatest treat for me to spend my holidays with my grandfather and uncles and aunts who all lived quite near the Doone Valley.

It's different from everywhere else in England. The earth is a deep red, there are moors covered with bracken and heather, and deep folds in them with dense woods and forests of ferns. There are wild stags on the moor and you can see the sea from all the hill-tops.

I like "Lorna Doone" then because it describes my father's and mother's home, a place that I loved as a boy and always will love. I like all books about places that I've been to—don't you?—From "More Books I Like," by S. P. B. Mais. (London: Richards.)

### THE BOY'S OR GIRL'S CAREER

(Paris Kentuckian-Citizen)

Another year draws to a close, with children emerging from the schools and wondering what they are going to take up as their life's work. A few know; the many do not. The choice of a vocation is always a big problem for parents and advisers. A minister with a good deal of experience and knowledge of human nature gives these suggestions:

First, try to shape the child's career in line with his major interest in life.

Second, estimate his natural abilities as impartially as possible, and do not encourage him in anything for which he is poorly qualified.

Third, do not be fooled by the glamour of the "learned professions." Many a young man who would have made an excellent and happy mechanic is doomed to mediocrity and defeat as a doctor, lawyer or minister.

There are opportunities in all occupations for those who are adapted to them, or who can use them as stepping stones. Some are crowded. Other things being equal, choose one not so crowded. Remember that earning a living is only a part of life. Youth should be trained, too, for the development of personal and family interests and duties, and as an intelligent member of society.

### NATURAL BRIDGE, KENTUCKY

The western edge of the eastern coal field, or Cumberland Plateau is an area of exceeding ruggedness due to the outcrop of the massive layers of Pottsville sandstone and conglomerate, the sands and gravels of an ancient delta built by streams from highlands existing in what is now the Blue Ridge Mountains, Piedmont Plateau and Coastal Plain of the Eastern United States. It is the same conglomerate formation already mentioned as forming Cumberland Falls and Pine Mountains.

Here these sandstones outcropping along the ridge tops form vertical cliffs and isolated remnants have given the name Rockcastle to the Rockcastle River. A little farther east these same resistant beds outcropping in the river valleys form rapids and water falls. To the east Pine and Cumberland Mountains are but the projecting edges of this same resistant stratum, steeply tilted. It is the ruggedness of this belt in the west, together with Pine and Cumberland Mountains in the east, that delayed the development of eastern Kentucky for many years. Transportation was a difficult problem.

Stream erosion has cut this upland into a maze of deep valleys and narrow, cliff-bordered ridges. It is shelters, reentrants or caves left a region of rock houses or rock when huge blocks of this rock have weathered out from the lower portions of a cliff. And such loose blocks, often the size of a small house, are to be seen on the mountain sides in various stages of breaking up and transit to the valley bottoms. The sandstone cliffs are formed of layers of rock and these layers themselves are traversed by vertical or oblique fissures (joints). Roots of vegetation entering such crevices, water freezing, gradually pry them loose. Change in temperature, causing expansion and contraction, and other atmospheric changes contributing to rock decay aid in making the original cave and in enlarging it afterward.

With hundreds of these rock shelters throughout the region it is only a matter of an extra large reentrant breaking through the narrow ridge or two such rock houses opposite each other making the original break through.

The span of rock left above constitutes the natural bridge. The Natural Bridge of Kentucky on the dividing ridge between Wolfe and Powell counties, a span eighty-five feet long, and thirty feet wide, has just such a history. The divide was unusually narrow at this place due to the presence of two small valleys heading together there.

There are several others in the vicinity including the "Lighthouse Bridge." An extra fine one, similar in origin, near Cumberland Falls Station, McCreary County, is less well known but has possibilities of recognition in the development of the Cumberland Falls State Park.

When the original opening has broken through further enlargement is a matter of weathering, and of course this same process of weathering will ultimately destroy it. But in the meantime such a bridge constitutes a natural wonder of considerable interest to the tourist.

At the Carter Caves, near Grayson, Carter county, is another fine span. This one is formed of limestone and a stream flows beneath it. The story of its origin is quite different though from the preceding ones and is intimately tied up with cave forming processes as found in limestone regions.

## 50 Years Ago

Thursday, May 28, 1885

"John Mock, of Millersburg, has ordered a fine hearse and a stock of undertaking goods and will shortly open out business in earnest."

Harvey Howe takes position as clerk at the St. Cloud hotel.

G. R. Keller leaves for Des Moines, Iowa, to attend meeting of Supreme Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

At the district conference of the Methodist church at Owingsville last week, Rev. William Kennedy, of Carlisle, was elected delegate to the Kentucky Conference which meets in Versailles in September.

By a majority of 547, Bourbon county votes contribution of $400,000 to Kentucky Union Railway in special election Saturday.

James M. Soffell, of Frankfort, elected Eminent Grand Commander of Kentucky Knights Templar at annual conclave at Frankfort last week.

Ladies of Baptist church to serve strawberry supper at court house tonight. Carlisle brass band to furnish music.

Married—Mrs. Lou Miller and Mr. John S. Morford, both of Carlisle, to be married today.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cain at their home in Carlisle on the 24th, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Rice, of the county on the 20th, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hammond, of the county, on the 19th, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Campbell, of Carlisle, on the 22nd, a daughter.

Died—Mrs. A. D. Mastin, 40, at her home in Carlisle on the 23rd.—Mrs. W. Gray, at her home near Myers on the 21st.

Over 200,000 autos were stolen in this country last year and very few of them were recovered.

In Connecticut there is a 45-acre farm that has been in the possession of one family since 1675.

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# NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Ed M. Gatliff has been elected vice chairman of the State Highway Commission.

Fifty-six prisoners in the state reformatory at Frankfort were freed on paroles last week.

William M. Likins, Owensboro, has announced as candidate for Governor on the Prohibition ticket.

Mrs. Mary Rash Judy, 92, widow of Thomas J. Judy, died at her home at North Middletown Monday.

Climaxing a controversy over work relief pay, all relief work at Scottsville, Allen county, was stopped Friday.

Ray Abner, 12, was accidentally shot and killed with a shotgun in the hands of Wayne Stone, 13, near Irvine.

James Clark, 17, of Maysville, was given a sentence of 10 days in jail Monday on a charge of beating his mother.

The supply of whisky in Kentucky made prior to 1919 will be exhausted before the end of another year, it is said.

Millard Perry, 35, of Cloverport, was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of his estranged wife last February.

William W. Wales, 77, member of the Louisville police department for 47 years, died suddenly from a heart attack Friday.

Walter Beagle, 63, farmer residing near Berry, Harrison county, ended his life by hanging himself in a barn on his farm Saturday.

208 children ranging in age from 2 to 14 years were rescued when fire destroyed one wing of St. Joseph's Orphans Home in Louisville.

The United States Supreme Court Monday upheld the validity of the 1934 act of the legislature regulating interest rate on small loans.

Charles M. Ragsdale, 45, Bullitt county farmer, shot and killed Charles Kneisler, 65, a neighbor, in a quarrel over a calf Thursday.

Despondent because of failing eyesight, Justin S. Daughtee, 68, a nightwatchman, shot and killed himself at his home at Dayton, Ky., Monday.

Carl Snyder, 20, Akron, Ohio, was killed Friday when he fell from a tree over a cliff at Cumberland Falls, where he was a member of a CCC camp.

A Louisville couple, Lee Dever, 50, and Mrs. Sadie Dever, 54, were reunited in marriage at Lexington Saturday with their son, Rev. J. W. Dever, officiating.

Congressman Virgil Chapman has introduced a bill in the House for the appropriation of $750,000 for improvements to the Veterans hospital at Lexington.

James Whitaker, 24, of Berry, Harrison county, suffered a fractured skull and other injuries Friday when his automobile was struck by a freight train at a crossing.

George W. Thompson, 54, of Richmond, was found dead in a rock quarry near Richmond Sunday. Coroner Jenkins said he died from a 40-foot fall into the quarry.

A jury in the Bell circuit court at Pineville Thursday convicted Dave Crawford, 16 years old, of slaying Floyd Turner, a rural mail carrier, and sentenced him to death.

Gasoline consumption in Kentucky during March showed an increase of 1,744,711 gallons over March, 1934, according to figures released by the state tax commission Monday.

Marvin Calders, of Eubank, Pulaski county, arrested on a charge of forgery, confessed to officers at Somerset that he forged a check for $25 to obtain money with which to be married.

Dick Bishop, 58, Carter county farmer, was found dead in the woods near Grayson Sunday, his head crushed by blows from a hoe. Officers said he had been murdered and robbed.

Fred Perkins Branham, 19, was shot and killed in a pistol duel with General Branham, a deputy sheriff, in Pike county Sunday. The officer was shot five times but not seriously wounded.

State Relief Administrator George Goodman said Monday that 28 new schools have been completed in Kentucky during the past year with relief labor and 36 are in the course of construction.

Charles W. Fithian has been appointed city manager of Lexington to succeed Paul Morton. Mr. Fithian is a native of Paris and has been city purchasing agent of Lexington for several months.

Norman Mastin, 19, of Maysville, was arrested at that place Monday on a charge of attempting to rob the general store of Henry W. Thompson at Ringo's Mills, Fleming county, Sunday night. Mr. Thompson wrestled with the robber, who lost his hat in the tussle, and the hat led to the arrest of Mastin.

Miss Eunice Lynch, 18, employe of a lunch counter at the entrance of Joyland Park near Lexington, was seriously burned Friday when a gas stove exploded in the station as she attempted to light it.

In the Perry circuit court at Hazard last week, Carlos Shepherd, 17 years old, was given a sentence of 10 years in prison on a charge of shooting to death Carlos Combs, 19 years old, last September.

While enroute to jail at Owensboro Monday after being sentenced to two years in prison on a forgery charge, Roscoe Evans, 19, stopped in the county clerk's office and was married to Miss Addie Sutton, 19.

Dr. John R. Sampey, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, was elected president of the Southern Baptist convention at its annual session at Memphis, Tenn., Thursday.

In the Kenton circuit court at Covington Monday, Judge Johnst Northcutt denied a new trial to John Montjoy, 20-year-old negro, under sentence to hang for a criminal attack on a white woman.

Carl Soward, 40 years old, was arrested by Mason county authorities Friday on a charge of stealing nine head of cattle from the farm of A. P. Bramel in Mason county. Soward lives on a farm adjoining Bramel's farm.

Jonah Tussey, 40, died at the hospital in Richmond Monday from injuries sustained Saturday night when he was struck in the head with a baseball bat by his cousin, Tige Tussey, 55, at Kirksville, Madison county.

William W. Eubank, Dick Eubank and Guy Barnes, all of the Grassy Lick section of Montgomery county, were arrested Friday on a charge of stealing 16 lambs from the farm of G. C. Ewing and G. E. Perry in Bath county.

Petitions are being circulated in Maysville in the interest of a movement to give the city a commission form of government instead of the council form, which has been in effect since Maysville was incorporated 103 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cummins, their two children, 9 and 11 years old, James Hamilton, 57, and Hilman Hamilton, 60, all of Brooksville, were injured Monday when their automobile was struck by a street car at Cincinnati.

Mrs. Mary Marshall, 76 years old, of Lyon county, is the mother, grandmother and great-grandmother of 142 persons, including 12 children, 8 of whom are living. She also reared five stepsons, a nephew, a niece and two grandchildren.

Roy Mink was given a sentence of three days in jail by Circuit Judge Harvey Parker at Greenup for smoking cigarettes in the court room while waiting for the judge to fix his sentence for stealing scrap iron from a construction company.

Jesse L. Adams, administrator of the estate of Clifton Adams, has brought suit in the Harrison circuit court against three Cynthiana police for $30,000 damages as a result of the fatal shooting of Adams by the three officers at Cynthiana December 15, 1934.

Lester Smith, 21, of Clay county, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of two gypsies killed when his truck sideswiped their caravan near Richmond several weeks ago, was fined $500 and costs by a jury in the Madison circuit court Friday.

Screaming "I'm so mad I'm going to kill myself," Mrs. Thelma Brown Hargrove, 26, snatched a pistol from a dresser drawer at her home at Marion Sunday and sent a bullet through her temple, dying a few minutes later. She is survived by three small children.

Paris was awarded the 1936 conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky Knights Templar at the final business session of the conclave at Winchester Thursday. George Parker Ginn, of Ashland, was chosen eminent grand commander to succeed M. D. Royse, of Winchester.

Caldwell county authorities are searching for Garland Lewis, 18, charged with criminally assaulting Evalyn Hankins, 15, school girl, after she had attended commencement exercises last Wednesday night. The girl was found next morning in a ditch in a semi-conscious condition.

In a gun battle fought from two boats in the Ohio river six miles below Owensboro Saturday, Taylor Sly, 40, of Hatfield, Ind., was killed and State Game Warden William Bellew, 38, of Owensboro, was wounded seriously. The officer was attempting to arrest Sly on a charge of placing a fish trap.

Mrs. Mabel Woodruff was acquitted by a jury at Madisonville Friday on a charge of complicity in the murder of her husband, James Woodruff. Mrs. Woodruff and James Childers, 19, negro farm hand, were jointly indicted after Woodruff was shot to death in a field on his farm in Hopkins county last November. The negro confessed the killing, claiming he acted at the instigation of Mrs. Woodruff.

## Henderson Candidate

Herbert Henderson, of Irvine, Grand Master of the Kentucky Masonic Grand Lodge, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Treasurer in the August primary.

## Vanceburg Man Kills School Girl, Ends Life

Rosemary "Peggy" Staggs, 13-year-old daughter of H. S. Staggs, engineer at Dam No. 32, was shot and killed instantly by Charles Parker, 47, as she was walking to her classes at the Vanceburg school last Thursday morning with her sister, Beulah, 15. A few minutes later Parker killed himself with the same .32-calibre revolver.

Residents of Vanceburg, enraged and grief stricken at the death of the young girl, a universal favorite in the community, could find no motive for the slaying, although many believe Parker was mentally deranged. Parker formerly lived near the Staggs home and had spoken to the girl at times as well as having followed her and other girls on different occasions. He operated a bicycle repair shop in Vanceburg, but made his living chiefly by doing odd jobs. He was not married.

James Horsley, an eye witness, said he saw Parker leave his home, which is a short distance from the school building, and follow the girls. When they were within 150 yards of the school building he stepped directly behind Peggy, and pulling a revolver from his pocket, fired, the bullet entering the back of her neck and causing instant death. Before Horsley could interfere, the man ran a short distance, stopped and shot himself. Peggy was dead when Horsley picked her up.

## Four Murderers To Be Executed Within Month

Within the next three weeks, four men will be executed in the western state penitentiary at Eddyville unless Governor Laffoon grants them clemency. All were convicted of murder and the court of appeals has affirmed their sentences.

The quartet sentenced to forfeit their lives are James Smith, Calvin Tate, Willard Hall and James Russell Woodford.

Smith, under sentence to die May 24 was convicted of the murder of Leslie Poyntz in Fayette county on January 12, 1932. He was tried four times, three of the trials resulting in death sentences and one a hung jury.

Tate, 21, resident of the federal transient shelter at Louisville, was convicted in the Jefferson circuit court in June, 1934, of the murder of Cecil Carter, one of three persons slain in the attempted holdup of a filling station in Louisville. He is scheduled to die May 31. Willard Hall, convicted of the murder of Samuel Horine in the same holdup, is to be executed June 14.

Woodford must die on June 7 for the murder of J. M. Anderson, a street car motorman, during a holdup on a street car in Lexington on November 5, 1933.

## 31 Loans Closed By Association In April

Loans closed in April by the Flemingsburg Production Credit Association equalled 125 per cent of the entire number closed during January, February and March, according to announcement of J. M. Berry, Secretary-Treasurer. His monthly report shows that 31 loans for $3,290 were closed in April, while during the three preceding months 25 loans were closed for a total of $10,455. "At the close of business on April 30," stated Secretary Berry "we had 56 loans for $18,745 outstanding which have originated since the beginning of the year. In addition, of course, a liberal percentage of our 1934 loans are still outstanding and are not yet due.

The farmers of this territory are turning more and more to their own cooperative credit organization for funds to finance crop production, livestock feeding and general farm expenses. The Flemingsburg Production Credit Association serves the farmers of ten counties of northeastern Kentucky, including Nicholas county. Its function is to furnish credit to farmers for production purposes and to meet general farm operating expenses. There are twelve such associations in Kentucky operating under the supervision of the Production Credit Corporation of Louisville as local units of the Farm Credit Administration. The associations are self-governing corporations, each borrower becoming a member and owner of voting stock to the extent of at least 5 per cent of his loan.

## Three Vacancies In C. M. T. C. Quota For County

Three vacancies for this summer's Citizens' Military Training Camps remain open to young men from Nicholas County, Kentucky, it was announced by Major General Albert J. Bowley, U. S. Army, commanding the Fifth Corps Area, under whose direction 3,450 C. M. T. C. candidates will be trained during July and August.

Applications will be received from young men between 17 and 25 years who are of good character and sound physique. Accepted candidates will be sent to camp and returned to their homes without expense to themselves. The camps run for thirty days. Uniforms, wholesome food, athletic equipment, laundry service, medical attention, and other accommodations are furnished by the Government.

Two encampments will be conducted for residents of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and West Virginia, as follows: First Camp, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, July 2 to July 31, for all candidates from Ohio, and advanced Field Artillery and Signal Corps candidates from the other three states in the corps area. The second camp, August 2 to August 31, will also be held at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, and will be composed of Basic and advanced Infantry candidates from Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Nicholas County residents may apply for application blanks and further information to the C. M. T. C. County Chairman, R. L. Norton, Carlisle, or to Headquarters Kentucky Military Area, 404 Post Office Building, Louisville.

Outdoor life, with hikes, shooting, drills, athletics, and citizenship studies, features life at the C. M. T. Camps.

### ODD ACCIDENTS

Sometimes one can try too hard, as Roy Lamon found out in trying to make an extra long drive on an Illinois golf course. He swung at the ball, missed, lost his balance and fell, breaking an arm.

Sometimes really good actors get it in the neck. Walter Ware Wahl stepped out on the stage of a Washington, D. C., theater to give his finest bow of appreciation for the thunderous applause. The descending curtain struck him on the neck and sent him to the hospital for the remainder of the night.

It doesn't always pay to rush into strange places. When a fine hunting dog of John Hoover (of the Texas Hoovers) failed to return home his master took up the search and found the dog stuck fast in an iron pipe, one end of which was imbedded in the ground. One of those Texas jack rabbits was penned in the pipe and both animals were dead of suffocation.

A car in which 65-year-old Anton Kummer was riding in Kansas left the road, climbed a high bank and returned to the highway without overturning. However, impact of the sudden landing fractured a bone in his leg which pierced his heart killing him instantly.

Perhaps an ill wind blew down a lumber mill smoke stack near Goldsboro, N. C., but steam blew the mill whistle and saved the lives of several men, working beneath. In falling, the stack struck the whistle cord and the sharp blast caused the workers to look up in time to scramble out of the way.

Certainly Lawrence Duval has the right to the title of champion Toe Stubber. While walking along the sidewalk of a Bay State town he stubbed his toe so hard he fractured a vertebra in his neck.

In attempting to catch and "hog-tie" one of his big Cornhusker state porkers, Matt Panko came off second best. In the tussle the hog pinned Panko's shoulders to the ground, wrestler fashion and left him with a badly wrenched arm.

A sliver of wood picked up from the sawdust pile by an idling circular saw and hurled a distance of several feet penetrated the skull of an Ohio man causing his death.

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