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A Valiant Facing Of A Vexatious Question.

You may, or you may not approve of all of the tax measures passed by the recent revenue session of the General Assembly, but the fact remains that Kentucky's Governor has completed the task he set himself to do, has hoed his row, has balanced the budget.

Let it be said again, never has there been a universally popular tax levied; there never will be. What the untaxed see as a fair and equable revenue measure, the taxed group view as vicious and ruinous. That is human nature and in this world of constant change human nature alone remains immutable. There has been and there will be difference of opinion as to the wisdom of all the measures passed by the session just adjourned, but the fact remains, that so far as human foresight may discern, the budget is balanced. Which was the consummation so devoutly wished, when the session convened.

If we object to this feature or that in the Governor's tax program, let it be remembered that this extraordinary young chief executive has made use of no evasions in championing his revenue measures, has made it known that he asks no indulgence should any of these prove political boomerangs and unpopularity breeders; that he stands or falls upon his record.

Such a valiant facing of the most vexatious question that plagues any administration merits the admiration of Kentuckians, irrespective of political allegiance, proves the resolute and valiant spirit of our remarkable young Governor.

Ave Etque Vale (If We Remember Our Latin.)

Graduation week! The words muster up for one who now looks backward more than thirty years to the hectic doings of a high school graduation a train of pleasant memories. Perhaps distance has lent enchantment. We seem to rememeber that we were more or less bored at the time, too much dressed up for comfort those June evenings, pretty thoroughly unaware that these goings on constituted somewhat of an epoch in our lives. Now the girls (women being realists always) knew that this was a big week, that sitting on a rostrum in a stuffy hall and being presented flowers and gifts and a parchment of more or less dubious value was an event, epochal, to be enjoyed and long remembered. Hohum. Time gilds, robes the mountain in an azure hue, so that now one of the boys looks backward, remembering the pleasant, forgetting the discomfort of that evening, when the band played the brand new popular song, Hiawatha, when the salutatorian saluted us in sophomoric periods and the valedictorian launched us out of the safe harbor of high school into the sea of life.

Make the most of it, boys and girls. It is a week that will come to you but once. And the boys, at least, may have the satisfaction of knowing that their chances of success are about one hundred per cent better than they were four years ago, when this nation shuddered on the crumbling edges of a pit of economic chaos.

The Mercury's best wishes for your future happiness.

If Wrong, We Stay Wrong.

The suave radio announcers' pronunciation of Kentucky's annual racing classic was decidedly British, although one announcer we heard played no favorites, lapsing into the traditional Kentucky enunciation of the word, which can mean either the race or the hat that Al Smith made famous in 1928. He "darbied" for the most part, but now and then "derby" slipped out—which was fair to both schools in this momentuous debate on pronunciation, even if it indicated an unsettled conviction upon the part of the announcer.

Aside from our distaste for a pronunciation that is said to have had its origin in the derision of the cockney articulation of the word, we have never liked the sound of it in the mouths of Kentuckians, just as we have always abominated "dahg" and "hahg" and "cahfee," despite their correctness and the efforts of "very proper" schoolmarms.

We'll stick to "dawg" and "hawg" and "cawfee," thank you. We had an old maid teacher away back in the nineties, for whom, being afraid not to do so, we attempted to give to these words the vicious, staccato crackle that one hears north of the Ohio river. But it wasn't natural and it didn't "take." So let it be with "Darby."

And if by reason of our unfashionable articulation we be branded as "a fearful bounder, y' know," we shall have lots of company. For we know that no one said "Darby," when we first began to be aware of that famous race, just after Ben Brush had nosed his way to victory; one may be sure that the fashionables who acclaimed the gallant Aristides went to the "Derby," and if any philologist proves us wrong, we mean to stay wrong, in that regard.

For we are at one, in this matter, with a picturesque old fellow, who lived at North Middletown, in Bourbon county, many years ago. "I have sir," said he, "as much right to make a dictionary as old "Dan'l Webster!"

An Excellent Appointment.

Cecil Williams, for many years and now editor and publisher of the Somerset Journal—only Democratic newspaper in the old Eleventh District—is to have charge of the road work done by convict labor in Kentucky. His title is Commissioner of Rural Highways.

This writer has known Cecil Williams for a long time, knows that he will give a good account of himself and will prove the wisdom of Governor Chandler in appointing him to a position of such importance.

Here is a recognition of the "hewers of wood and the drawers of water"—the Democratic rural press of Kentucky—always to be found on the firing line in November, never disloyal, the enormous influence of which is vaguely realized by the city dweller, but is there just the same.

While congratulating Cecil Williams upon his good fortune, the Kentucky Press will congratulate Governor Chandler upon the sagacity of this appointment.

What Foreign Trade Means To Kentucky.

Completion of the reciprocal trade agreement with France last week, which is expected to break down much of the barrier toward greater sale of American products in her markets, appropriately comes on the eve of annual observance of Foreign Trade Week. This occasion will be celebrated from May 17 to 24 throughout the nation, in concerted effort to bring directly home to our people the important part that foreign markets play in our business and economic life.

Foreign markets are essential to the well-being of a vast number of our domestic industries; and to some such markets are of vital importance. We export, on the average, more than one-third of our total production of leaf tobacco, half our cotton, half our phosphate rock, and between a fifth and a half of our production of a number of our canned and dried fruits. Among manufactured products, we export from a fourth to a half of our total production of sewing machines, printing and bookbinding machinery, office appliance, agricultural implements and machinery, and aircraft. We export approximately one-tenth of our production of automobiles, and an important proportion of a number of other products. It is estimated that in 1931 we exported an amount equal to 7.5 per cent of our total production of movable goods of all sorts.

The importance of foreign trade to Kentuckians is reflected in the fact that Kentucky growers of tobacco received about $15,000,000 for their crop last season and that foreign consumers buy about 40 per cent of our tobacco. Europe seems very far away, despite the airplane and modern rapid means of travel, but our trade destiny, at least, is linked with that of all of our foreign neighbors. Any movement that will bring to our people a consciousness of the importance of our foreign trade is well worth while.

Onward Kentucky Exposition.

The Mercury appeals to every citizen interested in the advancement of Kentucky and its people to assist in the constructive work of the Onward Kenucky Movement.

The Onward Kentucky Exposition which will be held in Frankfort June 5-6-7, 1936, in the State Capitol Building, free to the public, is designed to give to every talented man, woman and child in the state the opportunity of exhibiting his product and to receive comments and criticisms, as to its adaptability as saleable to tourists and in other markets of the Nation.

The Exposition is a part of the program of the Onward Kentucky Movement, which was organized in Danville in May 1935, for the purpose of creating small coordinated industries in the various counties of Kentucky, by the establishment of County Industrial Foundations. These County Foundations will be progressive in capital structure and raised very similar to the manner in which Community Chests are raised. The County Foundation will differ in this respect, that its capital is conserved and each year by a State-wide Foundation Campaign, substantial sums are added to the amount previously raised. In years to come, it will represent a bulwark for the independence of our people and in times of depression will provide work rather than dole.

The Exposition at Frankfort will reveal many unique articles which may be manufactured in these small industries and in homes throughout the State. It seems not unreasonable to believe that as the plan develops and markets are created and extended, hundreds of Kentuckians will become independent wage earnest and contented citizens, enjoying the privilege of earning a living through the expression of natural aptitude and talent.

Up in the mountains is a blacksmith who fills the long gaps between the calls for horse shoes by making hand-forged fire-place pieces, hinges, weather vanes and so on. He makes them for a small fraction of what you pay in the forges along the Boston Post Road for less beautiful iron work. He is unknown to you and the wrought iron article is ordered from New England, and the talented Kentucky iron worker seeks relief in order to support his family. The calls for horse shoes are few.

Over in the Purchase is a woman whose patchwork quilting is more exquisite than any offered in the shops of New York—but she has no connection with the purchaser who can afford to pay what a hand-made patchwork quilt is worth.

Down in the Big Sandy Valley is a woman who is remarkably clever at making mats and brushes and dolls of corn-shucks. Up in Mason County, a woman weaves carpets of beautifully blended rag strips. Not far from her is a woman who was impelled by necessity and ingenuity to carve a doll for her little girl from the roots of a persimmon tree. Every one who has seen the doll wants one like it. If more people could see it, she would have a badly needed self-supporting business. The same story may be told of the Blue Grass, Pennyrile and the Barrens.

The Onward Kentucky Exposition is to bring out the ingenuities and latent talent of our people and to make a study of what they can produce and to standardize these products and create a State and National Market for them.

Attractive State prizes are offered in three divisions: Home Crafts and Novel Arts division, Cookery Arts division and Old Kentucky Hams. If you know how to make an ingenious article of any kind, or prepare an attractive food product, or cure what you consider Kentucky's best hams, arrange at once to enter this exhibit. If you know of others who have creative ability, see that their products are entered.

Full particulars of the Exposition may be secured by addressing the Onward Kentucky Exposition, Care Kentucky Progress Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky.

The Mercury urges the citizens of Nicholas County to enter their exhibits and make our county showing outstanding.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 20, 1886

Willie McIlvaine begins operation of street sprinkler for the summer.

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George Ishmael and David Mann open grocery in Shea building on front street.

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W. J. Myers, George R. Martin and Samuel Colville appointed as board of supervisors.

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Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Willis Mathers, at their home in Carlisle on the 15th, a son.

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Harry T. Glenn returns home from Frankfort, where he has been chief clerk of the Senate.

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Attempt made by arsonists Sunday night to burn store house and residence of Henry Burika near Blue Licks.

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A. F. Kerns and Tilman Kerns buy lots near Moorefield from Mrs. T. J. Ewing and will construct residence this spring.

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Charles T. Donnell, G. W. Adair and B. F. Reynolds, committee, call mass meeting of Masons of county to arrange for observance of St. John's Day.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 18, 1916

R. C. Oldham, who recently disposed of his store here, opens office for practice of law.

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W. F. Kenney leaves for Asheville, N. C., as delegate to Southern Baptist convention.

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Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Motch, of Winchester, formerly of Carlisle, on the 15th, a daughter.

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Fiscal court accepts bid of Vincennes Bridge Co. for bridge across Licking at Blue Licks at cost of $12,700.

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County board of education votes to give teachers with first class certificates preference over second class certificate holders.

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Prof. R. Dean Squires, superintendent of city school, takes position as platform manager for White & Myers Chautauqua for summer.

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Miss Gladys Bryson, of Carlisle, student at Georgetown College, awarded ten dollars prize for best essay on suffrage offered by Kentucky Equal Rights Association.

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Married—Miss Effie Bishop and Mr. Wade Taylor, both of the county, on the 14th.—Miss Margaret Kenton and Mr. Victor Day, both of the county, on the 16th.—Miss Edna Duncan and Mr. Harrison Lowe, both of the county, on the 13th.

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Died—Mrs. Eliza Ann Reynolds, 71, at her home in Carlisle on the 12th.—Mrs. James McIlvaine, 77, at her home at Pleasant Valley, on the 11th.—Mrs. Rachel Summitt, 83, at her home at Mt. Moriah on the 11th.—Earl Goebel Medlin, 16, at his home near Mt. Moriah on the 11th.

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THE UNEMPLOYMENT MYSTERY

(Ashland Independent)

Unemployment is our biggest problem and our biggest mystery. Why, with improvement in business, are there still 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 people out of work, with the prospect that many millions will still lack work when business activity has resumed its old normal?

Machinery is usually blamed for this situation. But it is not an adequate answer. The National Industrial Conference Board, an able and disinterested organization, after careful inquiry, concludes that machinery in the long run makes not less work for men, but more work. Why then have we all these unemployed and apparently unemployable millions?

There must be some factors that have been ignored, in accounting for the increased idleness. One of them, possible the most important, is the change in the make-up of the family. We used to have large families, often with many small children. The wife and girls seldom worked outside of the home. Thus there was a small number of factory and office workers, in any given population, compared with the total number of persons.

Now our average family is little more than half as large. Often the wife works. Usually grown girls work, or want to work. There are fewer children. Thus the proportion of the average family working or wanting work is greater than it used to be. In any given population there is now a much higher percentage of people seeking work, and counted with the unemployed when they don't get it. This percentage naturally increases in bad times, because when a family breadwinner is out of work, other members of the family join him in trying to find jobs.

By the same token, when one member gets a job, others are likely to stop seeking jobs. So strong is this tendency that one economic writer thinks if there are 10,000,000 people seeking work, and 5,000,000 find steady work, the other 5,000,000 will disappear.

WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?

(Shelby Sentinel)

The foregoing is the most frequent inquiry of the father or the grandfather when he reaches home, night or day the year round. Grown people, old and young, are very profitable and properly provided with recreation grounds these days, and at no little expense to them and the public. They have their race courses, golf courses, tennis courts, baseball diamonds, gridirons, etc., and their use and necessity are recognized. Even the colts and older horses have to have their places for exercise, and we all take the dog for a walk, and let the cat out to play. But what about the kiddies—four thousand of them in this city and county alone—who will be turned out to find "something to do" when the schools are out in a few weeks now? What else is there for them except to run through the dangerous, narrow, motor infested streets and by-ways? There must be an outlet for their young spirits and energies. What else to do but skate and run their wagons over every older pedestrian who comes along? What greater business interest or asset for now and the future has a community like this to look out for? Why not a playground to be paid for as swimming pools and playgrounds in countless other communities are being paid for by WPA? And if not by WPA, why not by the city, that can acquire by condemnation or otherwise all the proper grounds needed at either end of town or in the center or either side of the main section?

THE FARMER'S "PLACE IN THE SUN."

(Woodford Sun)

It is often said that this country is controlled by organized minorities, and it is true. Unorganized people can never control anything, regardless of their numbers.

The farmers of America have received great relief because President Roosevelt has been determined to help them, but they will in time lose all they have gained (even the public realization that they are entitled to help) unless they effect a close organization and have a few men of outstanding ability who exclusively represent them, and who put into their jobs all the fervor and determination of William Green or John L. Lewis, the labor chiefs.

If anyone wished to deal with the farmers as a unit, to whom would he go? What one man can say, "I represent the farmers of America" (or even the farmers of a state) as William Green can say, "I represent the A. F. L." or Lewis can say, "I represent the miners"?

It is generally considered impossible to keep the farmers thoroughly organized. But organization is the price they will have to pay to permanently retain the place on the American stage to which they are entitled as the producers of that without which human life cannot be sustained.

If the farmers had been as highly organized as the A. F. L. from the fall of 1929 to the fall of 1933 they would not have steadily slipped behind during those years when everybody else in the country was making money.

CENTRE STUDENTS FOR TURCK

(Danville Daily Messenger)

Centre students are getting up a petition to the board of trustees asking that Dr. Charles J. Turck be retained as president of the college. It is believed the petitions will be presented to the executive committee, when it meets on May 19, but any action of this committee will not be binding until given approval by the entire board of trustees. No president of Centre College has pleased all of the trustees and no one has pleased all of the Centre alumni, but if the reelection of Dr. Turck as president of the college were left to the students and to the people of Danville, he would win ten to one. We are afraid the few disgruntled "sportsmen" (did we say sportsmen?) will cause Dr. Turck to leave Centre and it will be a long time before another man can be found to take his place and do the great work he is doing. Centre College is a Danville institution and the people of this community, we think, should join the college students in making a request to retain him as president. Something should be done immediately or we will lose one of the best presidents Old Centre ever had.

EVEN AS YOU AND I

"You poor old bachelor! Nobody's glad to see you when you get home, is there?"

"Oh, yes, girls, you're wrong. The creditors who've been waiting for me on my doorstep!"

The new coaxial-cable to be installed between New York and Philadelphia is expected to be completed and ready for wire television tests late next fall.

YOUR GOVERNMENT

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MERIT SYSTEM

One of the most glaring defects in the American system of government is the policy of filling positions in the public service because of political affiliation without regard to the qualifications of the person seeking the place. This is the Spoils system.

The Spoils system is generally considered to have had its beginning during the reign of Andrew Jackson, whose belief it was that the greatest number of citizens possible should be given the right to take part in the administration of the government. "Rotation," he said, "is democratic."

From this one system other evils have developed, the greatest of which is inefficiency in governmental administration. The filling of public office by persons who have no practical knowledge of the duties of that office because they supported some particular party can not be successfully argued when the question of efficiency is considered.

But how can we discard the Spoils System?

Adopt the Merit System.

Under the Merit System examinations are given to all applicants. Those showing the greatest ability are given jobs; the others must go elsewhere. Employees working under this plan are advanced according to ability. In the Federal Government the examination papers are graded on a scale of 100. All persons making 70 or more are eligible for appointment. After the papers are marked, a list of eligibles is made out, rating them in order of their grades, from the highest to the lowest. From the three highest, the various selections are made by the appointing officers.

When the majority of our citizens realize the waste of money caused by inefficient public servants, then will come a really great Civil Service Reform. Then government will be administered by officials who obtained their positions because of their ability. Then students of government can look forward to a successful career in government positions.

Kentucky can not hope to get beyond the primer in public administration unless a definite Merit System is adopted and given a chance to prove its worth.

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NEWS OF KENTUCKY

Twenty-seven people have been killed by automobiles in Louisville so far this year.

The 70th annual commencement at Kentucky Wesleyan College will be held June 2.

The four sessions of the Kentucky legislature have cost $260,000, or $2,400 a day.

W. D. Smathers was named Mayor of Mt. Sterling to succeed W. R. McKee, who resigned.

The 111th annual commencement of Science Hill school in Shelby county will be held June 6.

The postoffice at Greasy Creek, Pike county, was broken into and about $80 in money stolen Thursday night.

Sixteen freight cars loaded with coal were derailed in front of the passenger depot at Cynthiana Saturday night.

A three day training school for police officers of Kentucky opened at the University of Kentucky Wednesday.

The Pike county grand jury returned 81 indictments, one of which was for a murder committed 20 years ago.

Thieves smashed a safe at the Clark county high school at Winchester last Wednesday night and escaped with $19.75.

The Lexington board of commissioners adopted a resolution permitting the Mayor to pardon or remit fines of prisoners.

The Flemingsburg Lions Club voted that each member would adopt an underprivileged boy during the summer months.

Mrs. Wayne Perkins was held in jail at Monticello Sunday on a charge that she killed her newly born baby several weeks ago.

Sixty students will graduate from the high schools at North Middletown, Center Hill, Millersburg and Little Rock this year.

All of the nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hyden, of Somerset, received a blue ribbon health certificate at May Day exercises.

The 156th anniversary of the founding of Transylvania College was observed with an elaborate program at the college Saturday.

Dr. H. M. Boxley, 66, physician at Millersburg for the past 20 years, died at his home in that place Friday after a long illness.

A Cincinnati firm is decorating the streets in Paris for the Knights Templar conclave, which will open next Tuesday, May 19.

Louis Taylor, 15, and Tiney Perry, 18, were drowned in Cumberland river near Whitley City Friday when their boat capsized.

Joseph Caproni, 75, for 40 years a fruit dealer and grocer in Maysville, died at his home in that place Sunday following a long illness.

Crab Orchard Springs in Lincoln county was sold at public auction to the First National Bank of Stanford, mortgage holder, for $17,000.

Dolph Barnett, 57, Somerset truck driver, may share in the $38,000,000 estate of Jackson Barnett, deceased Indian oil magnate of Oklahoma.

Mrs. Lydia Marcum, 103 years old, died at her home in Lawrence county last week. Her father is said to have been 108 years old when he died.

Seventy-five prisoners in the Frankfort reformatory were freed on parole Saturday. The prisoners released were all between 18 and 27 years old.

The court of appeals Friday upheld the 18 months sentence given Charles A. Rogers, former city collector of Owensboro, for embezzlement of city funds.

Kentucky Rotarians, meeting at Owensboro last week, elected Rev. Thomas B. Tallbott, of Danville, as district governor to succeed J. Guthrie Coke, of Auburn.

Mrs. George Hogue, 30, was found dead in bed at her home in Whitley City Sunday, her body covered with bruises. Her husband was held for questioning.

The Democratic State Central Committee will meet at Frankfort Thursday afternoon to make plans for the state, district and county conventions to be held in June.

Mrs. L. F. Anderson, of Fort Worth, Texas, was killed and her husband was seriously injured when their automobile collided with a train near Corbin Friday.

Worth Bayes, 25, a miner, was shot and killed at Van Lear Saturday night by Glenn Blevins, 35. Blevins was released from the penitentiary recently after serving nine years for killing a brother of Bayes.

Counties may not divert road funds to the general expenditure fund for the purpose of paying salaries, Assistant Attorney General Guy H. Herdman has ruled.

While repairing the Rolling Fork river bridge near New Haven Friday, Douglas Martin, 25, was fatally shocked when an iron rod in his hand touched a power line.

Slugged unconscious by two highjackers, Marvin Grider, of Russell Springs, was robbed of his cargo of whisky valued at $6,000 near Russellville early Saturday.

Clifford Auxier, 19, was shot and killed at the home of George Duncan in Greenup county Saturday night during a serenade of Duncan's son, who had just been married.

Tom "Moon" Mullins, arrested recently at Owingsville on a charge of stealing chickens from two Montgomery county farmers, has signed a confession admitting his guilt.

Residents of the Hinton and Webber roads in Harrison county presented a petition to the Harrison fiscal court asking that convict labor be used to improve the roads.

Richard Day, 26, was drowned when a skiff in which he and four companions were riding capsized in the Ohio river at Louisville Sunday. The other men were rescued.

John Ament, 51, Newport carpenter, was found dead in his parked automobile Sunday, the victim of fumes brought into the car by a rubber hose through the floor boards.

Elmore Osburne, 83, and Mrs. Ella Milum, 73, were married at Covington for the second time. Their first marriage ended in divorce. Both married again and were divorced.

A jury trying Fred Webb, 14, in the Estill circuit court for the slaying of Marvin Gamble, 16, a school mate, was dismissed Friday when it reported it was unable to agree.

Mrs. Charles Payne, of Madison county, was shot in the leg three times with a pistol and seriously wounded by her husband at their home Thursday. She is the mother of three small children.

Floyd Carpenter, 18, charged with the fatal shooting of Bill Purvis in a tobacco barn in Bath county last December, was given a sentence of five years imprisonment by a jury in circuit court at Owingsville Thursday.

Alonzo Slone, 17, who graduated from the Webbville high school in Johnson county last week, rode horseback seven miles each way daily during the high school course, riding more than 9,000 miles during the four years.

A son was born in the Greenup county jail Saturday night to Mrs. Katherine Gray, 21, who is serving six months sentence for wounding her husband with a shotgun last November. Her husband was blinded by the shots.

County Judge Boone Hamilton has called a court of inquiry at Frankfort May 21 to investigate charges that members of the general assembly solicited bribes from distillers in connection with a bill to increase the production tax on whisky.

Thirteen counties in Kentucky have no bonded indebtedness, State Inspector and Examiner Nat B. Sewell has announced. They are Hardin, Hancock, Madison, Fayette, Clark, Woodford, Mason, Allen, Jefferson, Nelson, Powell, Simpson and Taylor.

Levi Williams, 32, was fatally injured at Lothair, Perry county, Sunday when he swerved his car to avoid striking a parked truck and the car went over a 60-foot embankment. The victim's wife and two children, who were in the car with him, were uninjured.

John Leonard Behymer, 17, of Maysville, was fatally injured and Ewan Phillips and Everett Tolle, both 16, of Maysville, were injured when a tire of the automobile in which they were riding blew out near Maysville Saturday night, causing the car to overturn.

Ernest Crawford, 25, of Mt. Olivet; Raymond Lawrence, 19, and Cecil Lawrence, 22, both of Bourbon county, were arrested by Lexington officers Friday on a charge of stealing chickens in Robertson county. A coop of chickens alleged to have been stolen was recovered.

George Ritchie and Estill Hollon, both 18, were arrested in Breathitt county Saturday and charged with the murder of William Terrell, 72, merchant at Vortex, Wolfe county, Friday night. The youths are said to have confessed killing the aged merchant in a robbery which netted them 80 cents.

State Budget To Be Balanced By New Laws

For the first time in a quarter of a century or more, Kentucky will enter the coming bi-ennial period with a balanced budget and a surplus that will be applied to existing state debt.

Adjournment of the special revenue session of general assembly found the state government able for the first time in many decades to look into the future with assurance that ample revenue is forthcoming to pay expenses of the state government without further increase in the amount of outstanding state warrants.

In bringing about this financial achievement, Governor A. B. Chandler takes his place along with J. C. W. Beckham whose administration was the last in which the state government's expenditures did not exceed its income. Former governor Beckham's administration ended in 1908, almost thirty years ago.

The forty one day revenue session which recently ended enacted revenue measures that will provide revenues estimated at from $12,000,000 to $12,500,000. This with revenue already assured the state government from other sources, provides approximately $22,500,000 in revenue necessary to meet budget requirements previously voted by the assembly.

Every tax measure in his program with the possible exception of the one taxing utility bills has been levied against items that are not regarded as necessities to the average Kentucky family.

In preparing his budget Governor Chandler has made provisions for a $12 per capita for the school children of the state, and an appropriation of $500,000 for the purchase of additional free school books. These two items alone called for energetic study of tax sources to assure sufficient funds for their maintenance.

Taxes levied against liquor and cigarettes will provide more than one third of the entire revenue for the budget.

Governor Chandler's tax program was drafted almost in its entirety by Dr. James W. Martin, now chairman of the State Tax Commission and former member of the faculty of the University of Kentucky. Dr. Martin in mapping out the program confined it in as far as possible to the pledges made by Governor Chandler in his campaign for election such as the repeal of taxes on real estate and the general sales tax.

Estimates of the revenue to be produced by the governor's program vary as many of them are new taxes and their income cannot be accurately determined, the estimated income depending upon the individual making it.

The following list however represents a fair average of the estimated income from the various revenue measures taking both viewpoints into consideration on each bill:

Chain Store Tax	$200,000
Luxury Tax Bill	$2,200,000
Cigarette Bill	$800,000
Whiskey and Liquors (new revenue)	$2,750,000
Income-Personal and Corporate	$2,500,000
Drivers License Bill	$400,000
Automobile Sales	$900,000
Utility Service Tax	$800,000
Race Tracks	$250,000
Amusement Tax	$800,000
Inheritance Tax	$500,000
	$12,100,000

This in brief is the tax program which has given to Kentucky its first balanced budget in more than twenty five years. Its effectiveness cannot be questioned though it may be modified and improved two years hence. Its enactment has brought to Governor Chandler generally congratulatory expressions and assurances of support from the great majority of the people of the state who see in a balanced budget and a possible surplus the first sincere and tangible effort on the part of any recent state administration not only to curb extravagance in the administration of the state government but to also make an effort to reduce the existing and annually growing state indebtedness.

1936 Opens With Records For Wetness And Dryness

As April neared its close, it was evident that 1936 had broken records for dryness in some parts of the country and for wetness in others, according to the United States Weather Bureau.

In Oklahoma, the 111 days from January 1 to April 20—with approximately one-fifth the normal rainfall—were the driest of record for that period; the previous driest—1910—had 60 per cent more precipitation. Kansas also had the driest first months on record; the January 1 to April 20 period had less than 30 per cent normal rainfall. Texas had only about 40 per cent of its normal for the same period. In Missouri, near the end of April, 1936 was the driest year since State-wide records have been kept.

On the other hand, March this year was the wettest of record in some eastern sections. The average rainfall for Pennsylvania for that month was nearly 7 inches, or about 30 per cent more than the previous high record. New York, West Virginia, and Virginia each had the second heaviest rainfall of record for March.

CCC CAMP NOTES

Quite a large number of the enrollees in Camp Carlisle have turned archeologists since permission has been received to excavate some Indian graves on the Highlander farm about 1 1-2 miles from the camp site. Sixteen enrollees accompanied by Mr. House Educational Adviser and Mr. Baughn, ECW foreman, have spent two afternoons, and expect to spend many more, digging and excavating the graves. The only success so far has been to bring to light two skulls and a large number of bones, but the excavating has not yet reached the stage where any relics have been discovered. However, by spending several more afternoons at the graves it is hoped that several articles of interest will be uncovered.

Baseball practice has been called for the camp team and twenty-five enrollees reported. Judging from the material and interest that the boys are showing in the game, it is expected that a fair team will be representing Camp Carlisle this summer. The team hopes that more games can be procurred than were played by the basketball team. Anyone wishing to arrange a game with either the camp baseball team or the camp softball team please get in touch with Mr. House, % CCC Camp, Carlisle, Ky.

Quite a large number of the enrollees took advantage of the opportunity to spend the week end home with their mothers. Those who were too far away sent their remembrance by mail.

The camp gardeners have mostly completed their gardens and are now awaiting the first sign of weeds. It is expected that several new members will be added to this club before the week has passed. There will be a committee chosen who will judge these gardens for quality at various times during the season.

Major Cornwell, Sector Commander, accompanied by Capt. Perkins, spent last Thursday in specting the camp. That will be probably the last official visit of the Major as he is leaving the CCC on May 30, to return to his official duties in Xenia, Ohio. This camp greatly regrets this, for he has been very instrumental in bringing about the rapid changes noticed about the camp. The camp authorities have not yet received word as to who will take his place.

The camp, as probably the whole county, is awaiting a heavy rain, for it is much needed here in camp to pack the tennis court before it can be played on, also the shrubbery is withering badly and no amount of watering in the evening can take the place of a good, natural shower.

5,067 In Kentucky Given Jobs In April

The largest number of persons placed in employment by the National Re-employment Service in Kentucky in any month since June, 1934, was recorded during April when 5,067 persons received work.

The most encouraging fact about the placements was that 1,330 persons were given work in private industry, Myer Freyman, Kentucky director, pointed out. The total private placements represented gains of 56.1 per cent and 80.8 per cent compared to the totals for March of this year and April of last year, respectively. The total placements represented gains of 37.3 and 96.7 per cent compared to the totals for March of this year and April of last year, respectively.

A shortage of skilled labor registrants, particularly bricklayers, was noted.

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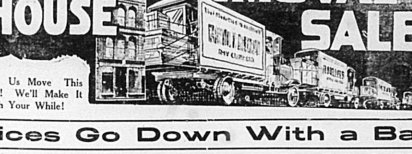

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