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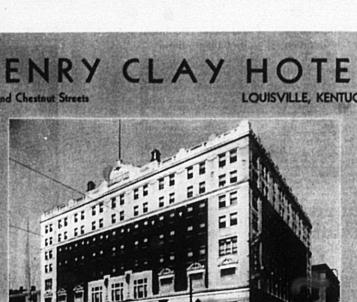

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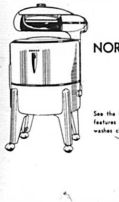

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Instruction To Be Improved In State Schools

Brooker Says He Will Devote His Four Year Term To Better Instruction

PROGRESS IS CITED

Following up expenditure of $19,500,000 in the last four years, largely to consolidate schools, John W. Brooker, State Superintendent of Public Instruction-elect, believes his term should be devoted principally to improving class room instruction.

Harry W. Peters, retiring superintendent, and Brooker, who served under him as director of school buildings and grounds, in a year end summary and a forecast, joined in declaring education in Kentucky has gone far in recent years and will continue to advance.

"What has been done in an effort to do away with the one-teacher, one-room type of school, usually inefficient, and to consolidate the teaching in larger, better equipped and better manned buildings," said Peters, "is shown by the department's statistics. In the last four years we have spent $19,500,000 on new buildings, compared to $3,800,000 in the previous four years."

"The emphasis of the department within the next four years," said Brooker, "will be placed on improvement of instruction in the class room.

"We now have fine buildings and during the coming administration we shall esteem ourselves largely with what's going on inside of those buildings.

"Such a program involves a broader and more adequate program of supervision in which we shall seek the help and co-operation of the teacher training institutions of the state. This program further includes a careful study of curriculum and a more careful selection of young people who are training for the teaching profession."

Despite Kentucky's greatest expenditure for school buildings, of which $4,500,000 came from Government aid, and resulted in abandonment of 1,136 schools, there remain 4,236 one-room schools in the state. Peters said approximately 200 had been abandoned in the four years before he took office, and added that despite this, "there probably will always be some of them." "Conditions in the mountains and muddy roads makes it impossible to consolidate schools in some places," he explained.

Consolidation of county schools has resulted in a tremendous increase in the number of pupils transported in school buses. The Education Department records show that four years ago 58,000 pupils were taken to and from school daily in 1,200 buses at a cost of $725,000 annually.

During the school year ended last June more than 1,600 buses carried approximately 90,000 children each at an annual cost of $1,317,000. Explaining the relatively small increase in number of buses, Peters declared, "We have largely succeeded in doing away with the old home-made vehicle that had been used and have replaced them with modern, all-steel buses with capacities ranging up to seventy children each." He added there was only one fatality during the last school year.

The average daily attendance in the public schools was reported as having increased from 496,220 in the 1935-36 school year to 494,339 in the 1938-39 year. Including private and parochial schools, the totals were given as 762,690 and 795,374, respectively.

Pool Is Proposed For Burley Tobacco Growers

The proposal that burley tobacco be pooled was made by J. L. Thurmond, Hopkinsville, president of the Burley Producers Co-operative Association, who announced, according to the Associated Press, that he would call directors of the association to meet at Lexington early in January to consider means of obtaining higher prices.

Thurman polled directors by telephone on their sentiment toward action by the co-operative, which includes representation in Indiana and West Virginia.

He said one plan was for the organization to operate a burley sales pool on all markets handling that type of leaf. The association was formed last year but has not operated in the markets.

ATTORNEY ENDS LIFE

J. D. Hutcheson, 68, former postmaster at Owenton for 13 years and a prominent attorney and Republican leader, shot and killed himself in his office in Owenton Tuesday. He had been in ill health for several years, members of his family said.

Burley Markets In State Close Until January 8

Approximately 140,000,000 Pounds Of Crop Sold At End Of Sales Friday

LEAF GLUTS REDRYERS

With approximately 140,000,000 pounds of burley tobacco already sold in Kentucky from the 1939 crop, the markets closed Friday until January 8 for the Christmas holidays.

Friday's sales totaled 11,403,324 pounds on twenty of the twenty-one Kentucky markets, Hopkinsville figures being unreported. Growers were paid $1,899,658.87 on the twenty markets, an average of $16.66. The average was down 6 cents from Thursday's.

Warehouses and growers tried to dispose of as much tobacco as possible before the shutdown, longer of this year than usual because out. extremely heavy sales had glutted the redryers which rehandle the tobacco for storage. The redryers are creating a bottle neck, preventing purchase of additional tobacco by buyers until room has been made for it.

Thursday, Kentucky growers sold 11,731,101 pounds of burley for $2,463,629.00, an average of $16.72. Thursday's average was a decline of 29 cents from that of Wednesday.

State Collects $16,079,000 Gasoline Taxes In 1939

An all-time record high of $16,079,000 will be paid to the state in gasoline taxes by Kentucky motorists in 1939, Herbert L. Clay, Secretary of the Kentucky Petroleum Industries Committee estimated today. Gasoline tax receipts this year have been running 6.8 per cent ahead of 1938 and on that basis, he said, the estimated total of $16,079,000 in gasoline taxes will be collected by the state by the end of the year.

"Gasoline taxes have become one of the major sources of state revenue, providing millions of dollars to build roads which benefit every community in the state," said Mr. Clay. "Since the gasoline tax is a special levy imposed upon a single class of taxpayers, the rate should be as reasonable as possible. It should be remembered that most motorists paying gasoline taxes have incomes of less than $30 a week, and therefore have no great ability to pay excessive taxes. They willingly pay this tax so long as it is spent entirely on improving Kentucky's inadequate road system. Efforts on the part of small groups representing special and local interests to divert part of this money from state road purposes will be vigorously opposed in the coming session of the Kentucky General Assembly."

Two Morehead Instructors Die In Auto Collision

Dr. Winifred A. Welter, 33, head of the department of science at the Morehead State Teachers College since 1937, and Miss Dorothy Higgs, 32, a music department instructor in the college, were killed last Thursday in an automobile collision near Lake Village, Ind.

The couple were returning home for the Christmas holidays, Dr. Welter lived at Varndale, Minn., and Miss Higgs at Sioux City, Iowa.

Holiday Death Toll In Nation Was 460

Kentucky Has Nine Violent Deaths, Traffic Accidents Account For Most Fatalities

The nation's toll of violent deaths over the Christmas holiday week end included at least 460 victims. Three hundred and seventeen lives were lost in traffic accidents, including 20 deaths in train fatalities.

Violent deaths came to 43 persons in Illinois, five of whom died in mishaps and five by suicide. California reported 35 accidental deaths and New York 32. There were 29 deaths in Pennsylvania and 27 in Michigan.

Fires accounted for the loss of 33 lives, and 15 died of gunshot wounds in the nation. Drowning persons chose Christmas to take their own lives. Tennessee and New Mexico each reported a fatality by freezing. Delaware and North Carolina were the only states where no violent deaths were reported.

Nine persons lost their lives by violence in Kentucky over the week end. Two persons were found asphyxiated in an automobile near Versailles. At Hazel a two-year-old girl died of a broken neck sustained in an automobile accident. Six died in traffic accidents and one was shot.

One Killed, One Seriously Hurt In Montgomery County

One man was killed and another is in the Mt. Sterling hospital with a broken back as the result of an automobile accident on the Levee pike near Mt. Sterling Friday.

Greenville Anderson, 25, farmer of the Levee section, was killed instantly. Marvin Gann, about 45, of the same section, suffered a broken back and other injuries, and Earl Anderson, brother of the dead man, and Raymond Case escaped with slight injuries.

The accident occurred when Greenville Anderson, driver of the car, lost control when a tire blew out. The car struck a culvert and turned over.

Legislative Choices Announced By Myers

Administration Seems Agreed On Most Officers For Coming General Assembly

The administration apparently has agreed on its choices for most of the offices in the General Assembly which convenes January 2.

Lieut. Gov. Rodes K. Myers last ed the choices, although Gov. Keen Johnson, asked for comment, said, "I can't make a statement about that," but added with a smile, "there's been some thought given to those men you mentioned for those places, but that's all I can tell you."

Myers listed the administration choices as follows:

Speaker of the House of Representatives—Dr. B. F. Shields of Taylorsville.

Democratic House Floor Leader—Joe E. Robinson of Lancaster.

Clerk of the House—W. A. (Bill) Perry of Louisville.

President Pro-Tem of the Senate—R. C. Dawson of New Haven. "The most likely choice."

Senate Clerk—Highway Commissioner Robert Humphreys of Mayfield.

Sergeant-At-Arms of the Senate —Porter "Jump" Trimble of Louisville, former Centre College football player.

Assistant Clerks and the House Sergeant-At-Arms have not yet been chosen, Myers said.

The General Assembly usually elects officers slated by the administration.

Myers confirmed a report that Robinson, injured in the collapse of the speaker's stand when Johnson opened his primary campaign at Shelbyville last summer, would have a group of assistants acting as a "steering committee." Robinson is still on crutches.

The Lieutenant Governor added that the personnel of the committee had not been chosen. Unofficial reports said Representatives Henry Ward of Paducah; John Hunter of Ludlow and J. Lee Moore of Franklin were being considered.

Judge James Garnett Dies After Lingering Illness

Judge James Garnett, 68, Jefferson county circuit judge, former attorney general of Kentucky and a leader in Masonic activities, died Friday at his home in Louisville, following a long illness with hardening of the arteries. He was a native of Columbia, Ky.

He served as attorney general from 1912 to 1916, was a member of the state central committee of the Democratic party from 1916 to 1903 and had served as a judge of the chancery branch of the Jefferson circuit court since 1933. He was not a candidate for re-election.

He was formerly president of the board of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home and was a member of the board of the Old Masons Home. He was Grand Treasurer of the Kentucky Grand Lodge of Masons.

Consumers Pay 63.1 Per Cent Of Taxes

Secretary Morgenthau estimates that 63.1 per cent of all American taxes in 1938 were paid by consumers.

The Treasury secretary cited the figures in support of a statement that he made last week objecting to proposed processing taxes to pay farm benefits.

Of the $14,811,000,000 in taxes collected by federal, state and local governments in 1938, Morgenthau said 32 per cent came from property, 2.4 per cent from customs duties, 10 from gasoline and other motor vehicle taxes, 8.5 from liquor and tobacco taxes and 8.5 per cent from sales taxes and other excises.

Donaldson Is Named Head Of Highways

Governor Appoints His Campaign Manager After Resignation Of Robert Humphreys

J. Lyter Donaldson was named by Governor Keen Johnson Friday as State Highway Commissioner, effective January 1, when the resignation of Robert Humphreys will become effective.

Humphreys, stating that he had decided months ago that his health and other considerations prevented his continuing at the post, resigned Friday. Humphreys was ill with influenza last Christmas and spent several weeks at Florida recuperating.

Donaldson served as a member of the State Highway Commission and resigned in 1936 after a disagreement with Gov. A. B. Chandler, who shortly afterwards named Humphreys as commissioner. Donaldson, a banker and former County Attorney of Carroll county, was manager of the campaign of Governor Johnson in both the primary and regular election. He and Clifford Smith, Frankfort attorney, are regarded as Johnson's two closest political advisors.

$3,758.10 Dividends To Be Distributed

Among Holders Of 1939 Shares Of Stock In Nicholas County Building And Saving Association

Dividends totaling $3,758.10 will be distributed among holders of 1939 shares of stock in the Nicholas County Building and Saving Association on Saturday, January 6, Sam K. Veach, secretary of the association, announced Wednesday.

Dividends on the various issues of stock will be as follows: 1922 series, $3.25; 1933 series, $4.20; 1934 series, $3.05; 1935 series, $3.10; 1936 series, $2.85; 1937 series, $2.60; 1938 series, $1.45; 1939 series, 90 cents.

This is the same dividend as paid for the past several years. On this date a new series of stock will be opened at the office of the association, Mr. Veach announced.

City Officials Will Take Office Monday

Council Will Elect City Officers For Two Years At Meeting On January 1

The Mayor and two new members of the Carlisle city council with their families will be sworn in and council who were re-elected will take their posts next Monday night, January 1.

The council will then elect city officers to serve for the next two years of their term. Officers to be elected are the mayor, police judge, marshal, DeDputy Marshal, superintendent of the water works, city clerk, city attorney and city treasurer. All of the present city officers will probably be re-elected, it is said.

Members of the council are Mayor W. C. Talbert, W. R. Buntin, Grimes Caywood, William Harper, Charles L. Mathias, Joe Scott and Clyde Beaton. Mr. Buntin and Mr. Mathias succeed Frank Henry and Clement Piper, who were not candidates for re-election.

Veatch To Retire On Pension January 1

Jerome J. Veatch, district manager for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. and manager of the Paris plant of the company, will be placed on the retired list of company employes on January 1. At that time Mr. Veatch will have completed more than thirty years service with the company.

Mr. Veatch is well known in Carlisle where he frequently visits in the interest of his company's business.

Weatherime

Seven prisoners escape, 6 don't go
Mother earth is covered with snow
Farmers advocate organizing pool
Brooker outlines plan for school
Donaldson named as highway head
Accidents leave hundreds dead
Youth held as step-father slain
Weather today: Snow or rain.

W. I. Webb Heads District Census

W. I. Webb, of Ashland, has been named supervisor of the Eighth district office of the Census Bureau opened Monday in the post office building in Ashland. His assistant is Anna B. Powell, daughter of the late Judge John M. Waugh, of Ashland. They recently completed a training period in the Eastern area office in Lexington conducted by Bert Kiser, area supervisor for the seven districts of Eastern Kentucky.

District 8 is composed of Lawrence, Greenup, Mason, Nicholas, Robertson, Lewis, Boyd, Fleming, Bracken and Harrison counties.

Handsome Home In Sharpsburg Destroyed

Home Of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Stone Burns, Other Structures Threatened By Fire

Fire early Tuesday morning destroyed one residence, seriously damaged another and for a time threatened an entire block in the heart of the residential section of Sharpsburg.

The handsome two-story brick residence of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Stone was completely destroyed with practically all of its contents, entailing a loss estimated at more than $12,000. Mr. Stone carried $4,500 insurance.

The residence of Mrs. Nelson McLemey, next door to the Stone residence and the garage of D. H. Razor were damaged by flames. A bucket brigade extinguished the flames in these two structures.

Sharpsburg has no waterworks and the only fire fighting equipment consists of a truck that uses chemicals. Shortage of water retarded the volunteer fire department.

Calls for assistance were sent to Carlisle, Mt. Sterling and Owingsville, but none of them sent aid. Mayor W. C. Talbert explained that the Kentucky Actuarial Bureau requires that the fire engine here be kept in the city at all times, and as the town has no water works it would have been useless to send a hose reel to the town.

$114 Postage Paid On Parcel Sent To Belgium

A package 24 inches long and 12 inches wide, upon which $114 postage was paid, was sent by air mail from the Dansville postoffice Saturday. The package was completely covered with stamps.

Postoffice attaches said they were not at liberty to divulge the name of the sender nor what the package contained. It was addressed to Belgium, they said.

The parcel was placed on a train bound for Cincinnati and from that point it was to be sent by airplane to New York where it will be placed on one of the trans-atlantic clipper planes.

Lindbergh Quits Post; Going Abroad, Claim

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, it was reported Tuesday, may leave the United States once more to live abroad.

Persons in touch with aeronautical affairs said they understood the flier was contemplating such a move. There was no word, however, from Lindbergh himself.

The reports circulated after it became known that Lindbergh had retired from membership on the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. The White House announced the appointment of the Lindbergh resignation and the selection of Major General Walter G. Kilner, retired Assistant Chief of the Air Corps, to succeed Lindbergh on the committee.

Fifth Set Of Twins In Six Years Born Thursday

The fifth set of twins in six years was born Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Chafin, of Logan, W. Va. The attending physician reported the mother and the twins, a boy and girl, "doing fine."

Mrs. Chafin is 24 years old and her husband is 41. He is a miner at the West Virginia Coal and Coke Co. Mine No. 5.

STORE ROBBED

Thieves robbed the Schulte-United Store on West Main street in Lexington Monday night of $18.00 in cash and more than $600 worth of clothing.

Four Of Seven Fugitives Are Still At Large

Three Of Prisoners Who Escaped From Local Jail Surrender Few Hours Later

SIX REFUSED TO LEAVE

Three of seven prisoners who escaped from the Nicholas county jail early on Christmas Eve morning surrendered, while four others are still at liberty.

The men made their escape by opening the master lock on the cell block in the jail with a key and breaking another smaller lock with an iron poker. Jailer Will Owings said he was unable to determine whether one of the prisoners had made a key to fit the lock or had been slipped a key from the outside. After the cell block had been unlocked, allowing the prisoners to enter the main corridor, a hole was dug through the brick wall of the jail on the Elm street side and the seven men dropped to the ground a distance of about ten feet.

The escape was discovered early Sunday morning by Night Patrolman Leonard Cassidy, who saw the tracks in making his rounds. He notified Jailer Owings and a check-up revealed that seven of the thirteen prisoners in the jail had escaped.

Jailer Owings said the men left between 1:30 and 5 o'clock a. m. He had inspected the jail about 1:30 when he heard a disturbance.

The prisoners who escaped were Robert McCall, charged with operating a motor vehicle without the consent of the owner; Ernest Boaz and Quiller Kelley, charged with the same offense; Stanley Stanfield and Hal Gray, charged with breach of the peace; Albert Leach and Clarence Spiegles, charged with being drunk. Sunday afternoon Leach, who is a member of the local CCC camp, notified officers he was at the camp and Sunday night Boaz and Kelley returned to the jail and surrendered to Jailer Owings. Stanfield, Gray, Leach and Spiegles had been arrested Saturday.

Six other prisoners in the jail refused to leave. They were John Smoot, charged with slaying his step-father, Burns Blount, and Jim McCarty, charged with the theft of an automobile. Brooks Bussell, serving a sentence for giving a bad check; Ed Trussell and Earl George, charged with being drunk.

All of the prisoners who escaped are liable to indictment. Jail breaking is a felony, punishable by a prison term.

Stanfield and Gray, it is charged, beat and robbed Willie Rogers, who had been given shelter in the jail Saturday night.

Negro Confesses Robbery Of Store At Bethel

Tilford Hardin, negro, of Bethel, surrendered to Kentucky State Policemen at Owingsville last week and confessed to the robbery of a store that he robbed the Dicken hardware store at Bethel, more than two months ago.

Hardin went to the jail about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon and told Jailer Jesse Jackson he had robbed the store and asked to be locked up. He later told Judge Shrout he wanted to take his punishment and clear up the affair. Hardin had previously served a term in the reformatory.

600 Children Given Annual Holiday Treat

Legion And Auxiliary Distributes Sacks In Annual Party At Armory Saturday

More than six hundred sacks filled with candy, fruits and nuts and a large number of toys were distributed among underprivileged children of the county Saturday afternoon at the annual Christmas treat given by the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary in the Armory.

The sacks were distributed to children in all sections of the county. Sacks were also sent to the county orphanage and the county infirmary and to the colored children in Henryville.

For many of these children, this will be the only remembrance they had on Christmas morning.

The Legion extends thanks to the Browning Orchards in Fleming county for the donation of the apples used in the sacks and to the Variety Store for a 35-pound box of candy. Although the Legion and Auxiliary did not ask contributions for the tree this year, Mr. Clinkenbeard, manager of the Variety Store, donated a box of candy as it his usual custom.

Approximately 400 pounds of candy, three boxes of oranges, six bushels of apples and 125 pounds of nuts were used in the bags.

John Crawford Slain By Step-Son, John Smoot

Youth Claims Self-Defense In Killing On Cassidy Creek Last Friday

WAS SHOT IN THE NECK

John Crawford, about 50 years old, was killed instantly about 2:30 o'clock last Friday afternoon when one of three shots fired by his step-son, John Smoot, about 23, struck him in the neck, severing the jugular vein.

The slaying occurred at the Crawford home on Cassidy Creek. Smoot, arrested by Sheriff L. H. Barton and Deputy Sheriff Floyd Clark, admitted the shooting and claimed he fired in self-defense when his step-father was advancing at him with a butcher knife. Smoot, according to Sheriff L. H. Barton, said he fired three shots from a 32 calibre revolver at Crawford while they were in the home. After being shot Crawford ran from the house and died in the yard.

The slaying was witnessed by the wife of the victim and mother of the slayer. Smoot's sister also is said to have been in the house.

According to the story told officers by Smoot, Crawford had been operating a moonshine still during the day and came home intoxicated. Smoot said that his step-father cursed him and threatened him with a butcher knife. When he fired. They had previously had trouble, especially when Crawford was drinking, the slayer told the officers.

Sheriff Barton said he did not find a butcher knife at the scene. The Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff Clark went to a farm near the Crawford home and found a moonshine still. The still was warm, having been operated during the day. The officers brought the still to Carlisle and destroyed two barrels of mash.

Smoot was arrested and lodged in jail here. Both Smoot and Crawford had served prison sentences, Crawford having served a sentence in federal prison for operating a moonshine still and Smoot served a sentence in the Frankfort reformatory for stealing chickens. Crawford is survived by his wife, Mrs. Anna D. Smoot Crawford; his mother, Mrs. Solomon Crawford, of Paris, two brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services for Crawford were held Sunday afternoon at the Mathers-Potts Funeral Home, and burial followed in the cemetery at Cassidy Creek.

The examining trial of Smoot, set for Tuesday morning, was postponed until Thursday morning.

Intramural Basketball Program In City School

Coach Joe Ed Johnson has started an intramural basketball program in the Carlisle city school with five teams composed of boys from the fourth through the eighth grades. Captains were chosen for the five teams.

The first games were played Friday, Dec. 15, when the "Tro-jans," captained by Steve Atkinson, defeated the "Fighting Irish," captained by W. L. Crawford by the score of 13 to 4. Brothers and Smart looked best for the winners while Hopkins and Harper looked best for the losers. In the second game the "Bulldogs," captained by Charles Shanklin, defeated the "Wildcats," captained by Bobby Cunningham in a close battle that went into an overtime period with the final score 6 to 5.

Two games of intramural basketball will be played every Friday and at the close of the basketball season a winner will be determined. Each member of the winning squad will be awarded a miniature bronze basketball. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend these games.

The members of the teams are as follows:

Green Team, "Bulldogs," Charles Shanklin, Captain; Emery Clark, Junior Simons, James Cunningham, Frank Reynolds, Eugene Clinkenbeard, Gerald Barlow, Bobby Mann. Won 1, lost 0.

Red Team, "Trojans," Steve Atkinson, Captain; Bill Sexton, James Hughes, Gene Brothers, W. C. Smart, Thomas Blake, Hugh Nichols, Henry Peters. Won 1, lost 0.

White Team, "Wildcats," Bob Cunningham, Captain; R. L. Lowe, Charles Dixon, Junior Nichols, Spud Marshall, Douglas Roberts, Jerry Thompson. Won 0, lost 1.

Blue Team, "Fighting Irish," W. R. Crawford, Captain; Henry Young, Dick Blake, Charles Mathias, Charles Harper, Bill Hopkins, R. L. Stone. Won 0, lost 1.

Yellow Team, "Yellow Jackets," "Popeye" Clark, Captain; John Crabb, Frank Mathias, Nute Young, Frank Kavanaugh, R. L. Kavanaugh.