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Congratulations, Judge.

The Mercury extends its congratulations to Judge James C. Dedman, of Cynthiana, who convened the opening session of his fourth term of court here Monday morning.

For thirty-six years Judge Dedman has faithfully served the Eighteenth Judicial district. He served eighteen years as Commonwealth's Attorney and has served eighteen years as the presiding judge. Terms of the Commonwealth Attorney and Circuit Judge are for six years.

The veteran jurist was reelected for his fourth term last without opposition. In fact he has never been opposed for either office.

His long years of service as prosecutor and presiding officer of the court have not embittered Judge Dedman. On the contrary, his kind, affable manner seems to mellow with the years, and no violator of the law who has been brought to trial before his tribunal can deny that he has been given a fair and impartial trial. The browbeating of witnesses and third-degree methods attributed to some courts against offenders has never been permitted by the Judge.

Upon very few occasions has the court of appeals reversed the decisions of Judge Dedman. He has operated the courts in the counties of his district at one of the lowest if not the lowest cost of any district in the state.

Personally acquainted with almost every person in the four counties of his district, Judge Dedman is loved and respected by all. The Mercury joins his countless friends in the wish that he will be spared to preside over our court for many years to come.

Embarassment Avoided.

A situation which had threatened to become embarrassing to Governor Keen Johnson, largely as a result of Governor Johnson's call on the Frankfort correspondent of the Courier-Journal, was happily lost week when Clifford Smith resigned as secretary of state to run for Governor Johnson in the House.

Because it was charged that Mr. Smith, Frankfort attorney, represented a number of firms who are interested in bills pending before the legislature, Governor Johnson Mr. Smith had been criticized from some sources.

The resignation of Mr. Smith solves a difficult situation for Governor the sincerity of Mr. Smith and the Governor. In his resignation Mr. Smith made it clear that he had entered the race for the House of Delegates of his own volition, in the belief that he could be of service to the people of his county in the House of Representatives. Governor Johnson, in accepting the resignation of Mr. Smith, expressed regret that the Governor could not accept the services of Mr. Smith in the capacity for which he had been chosen when the Governor took office.

The action of Mr. Smith in resigning his office as secretary of state relieves the Governor of a situation which he had not created.

February.

Although the shortest, February is one of the most important months. Not only is it the coldest month. Two great Americans who became Presidents of the United States were born in this month, Abraham Lincoln on the 12th and George Washington on the 22nd. The birthdays of both are observed as holidays.

In addition the month contains two other days which are observed by many, Groundhog Day and St. Valentine's Day. The month this year also contains Ash Wednesday and the extra day of Leap Year.

Another unusual fact of the month this year will be that salaryeaters will receive five issues of The Mercury during the month. This is the first February since 1912 that five issues have been published during February and this will not occur again for twenty-eight years.

A Great American Anniversary.

This week all America is celebrating the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Boy Scout Movement in America. The movement has its enthusiastic support in everywhere. Behind it are three decades nearly 9,000,000 Americans have been Scouts, Cubs and leaders. Today there are over 1,350,000 boys and men actively enrolled.

Now as never before, American adults are giving their time, energies and financial support to interested boys and girls organizations that help mold their children into types of citizens that will guarantee the continued existence of the United States along the pattern set by the nation's founders who gave America its democratic form of government and its precious heritage, the Constitution and its Bill of Rights.

Supplementing existing organizations sponsored in the home and school, "the Boy Scouts of America engaging boys' leisure time energies in outdoor life and activities of cultural and practical values which lead boys to become dependable men.

Every President of the United States since William Howard Taft has been an enthusiastic supporter of Scouting and every American who knows anything about Scouting's beneficial program acknowledges it as worthy of continued confidence and trust.

It would be difficult to point to any single quality of the Movement and say with positiveness, "Here is what makes Scouting great." But in our judgment one of its outstanding contributions to the nation, particularly in these days of the world turmoil, is its loyalty-worded Twelfth Scout Law. It emphasizes all that we as a people stand for; all that our forefathers pioneered for when they were fashioning a safe habitation in a wilderness.

Read its stirring words. They are worth memorizing and more than that, they should be lived by all of us who have the high privilege of being Americans.

Here is the Twelfth Scout Law:

A Scout is reverent.

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the religious beliefs of others in matters of custom and practice.

All Americans worthy of the name, all who believe in the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the United States have an ideal in life in such a principle because it is their very guarantee that we are as it is a living thing they will always be free and independent.

Lincoln The Preserver.

Lincoln's birthday offers to the American people every year opportunity for a commemoration of the soldier who in peace and war did more than any other man to make him such a towering figure in American history. Lincoln's unique quality as a man, the admixture of the gentle and the tender in his makeup, the great power of will revealed in the utterances which have gained immortality, have inspired a reverence which has attributed to him a perception from the qualities of his utterances which he never had, or at only reward study today.

Lincoln was not a radical, not a revolutionary in any sense. He had no desire to tinker with the Constitution, or to make any alterations in the American plan of government which was the work of his sire. He fished slavery in the belief that it was the duty of all to save the Union and not to overthrow it. When events had broken in the field he had no hesitation in striking down the institution it had existed before the break. There was no thought in his mind of abolishing the extraordinary circumstances that reduced an important portion of the country to impotency before the presence of a hostile force, and that had made manifest in the original federal compact.

Because in fact and tradition in word and sentiment would have been impossible to the mind of Lincoln to molest but not shrink from the duty of the Commander-in-Chief to suppress a rebellion. Lincoln was a man of his time, of which he would have been a pitiable pygmy had he not been equal to the occasion. He was a man of his time, of which he would have been a pitiable pygmy had he not been equal to the occasion. He was a man of his time, of which he would have been a pitiable pygmy had he not been equal to the occasion. He was a man of his time, of which he would have been a pitiable pygmy had he not been equal to the occasion.

7,079 Homes Saved.

More than 7,000 Kentucky families refinanced by the Home Owners Loan Corporation during the past year, reduced their home mortgages from several years to 20 years, and today are clearly on their way to ultimate home ownership, or already have achieved that end.

Of these borrowers, HOLC State Manager John F. Davis, reported last week, 1,111 have paid in $2,950,025 to cross off their debts in full. Some 5,968 others are now entirely current, less than three months in arrears, or are meeting all current bills and, in addition, making regular monthly payments to liquidate their arrearages.

"Still 233 others are making adjusted payments sufficient to keep their accounts active and we expect the great majority to rehabilitate themselves," said Mr. Davis. "Considering that the average borrower was two years delinquent in paying principal and interest when he took over his home mortgage, the record proves that what most of our borrowers needed was only a fair chance—embodied in long-term loans at a low interest rate—to overcome the hardships the depression forced upon them."

In all, Kentucky borrowers have paid back $7,450,253, or approximately 28.8 per cent of their entire principal indebtedness.

The other side of the picture—the manner in which the Corporation is liquidating the properties it has been forced to acquire and which came to it through voluntary deed or abandonment—also was given by Mr. Davis.

The HOLC now owns 592 homes in Kentucky and, in addition, has sold 777, of which 253 were sold last year. These homes were sold for $2,292,017, about $613,250 below their capitalized value—represented by a book loss of $843 a home in addition to selling costs, including commissions of $130,097.

"But into that capitalized value was written not only the entire balance of the mortgage loan, including unpaid advances and interest, but also delinquent taxes which may amount to hundreds of dollars, foreclosure costs, and the costs of repair and reconditioning," said Mr. Davis. "In other words, the cost of efficiency—of giving the borrower a chance to pull through—is represented in the book loss the figures show. Sales costs appear in the operating expenses of the Corporation, paid out of its own revenues. They represent, for the most part, commissions to private brokers who handle our properties at set, minimum fees."

Work A Little Harder.

In former days the idea of the day to bring about prosperity was for everybody to work a little harder. This gave people more purchasing power so they could buy more goods, and thus keep idle factories humming.

The theory that this prevailed of late seems to have gone in the opposite direction. The working week was generally reduced in the idea that this change would make it necessary to give a little help. This theory raised the labor cost of goods, and increased price to the consumer. The gain made by putting more people to work was offset by the smaller amount the rest of the people could buy. It would seem there is a lot of merit in the idea of harder work to bring about prosperity. It certainly applies in the fraction of selling price of a gallon when oil wers come easy, there is a temptation to let up a little on the part of the salesman. He feels he is making a good record, probably being his former mark, but the people say why worry about that that sale, which possibly could have been had.

Perhaps there is a man in the little village off the main road who used to buy, but who hasn't for a year or two. If the traveling salesman is doing better than he was when he was last there he ought to call it a day and let that little customer go. If other salesmen stick, the thing to do is to hunt up the man who hasn't been there where he got off, and whether he buys or not, be a booster.

The merchant in his store can follow a like course to advantage. Probably he has a dozen of his customers from whom he has neglected of late. A newspaper advertisement directed to them might produce results.

If every employee would try a little harder and every booster would do a good turn for the community there would be no chance of a new boom—only prosperity.

Voice Of The Clocks.

Peoria, citizen complaint of noisy clocks in the city hall, has a new kind of problem. The city hall now rattles every three minutes. The council noted when one was a bell that rang each quarter hour, which was loud enough to be heard throughout the city hall.

There used to be grandfather's clock of the old kitchen clock and mantle clock. Now there are two that strike every half hour. As a result of the working kitchen, six four-o'clocks and two half-hours are heard in the city hall.

There is the light and silvery tone of Chimy clocks, which seem to accord that life is full of peace and happiness. There are the mellow tones, for those who look for that in life's pleasures.

Then there is the deep toned bell effect, which suggests the wisdom of experience, and how folk can find the deeper happiness by seeking the higher values of life. Some clocks, like some people, are always ahead of time. Some lagging by the way for these fast and active folks. And there are those that lag behind, and are always hurrying in vain to keep up with the rest.

So clocks seem to be like people, grave and gay, fast and slow. Perhaps those who reflect how much they seem like human beings, and how they keep ticking away with tireless energy for a century, may forget their troubles and go to sleep.

Let us decide honestly what we can do, and then do it with all our might.—Amelia D. Barr.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Mrs. Borah May Write . . . Mrs. Taft Can Speak . . . New Conversations Between Nazis and Soviet Envoy Allies.

By DREW PEARSON and ROBERT ALLEN

WASHINGTON.—Plans for the future are still uncertain for "Little Borah" as Mrs. William E. Borah, widow of the senator, is affectionately known. Except for one thing—the decision to give up the spacious, beautifully furnished apartment in which she and the senator lived for many years. It was their only home. They had none in Idaho. When they returned there in the summer they lived in a Boise hotel.

The senator left a small estate which, with the $10,000 which widow of the senator, expects to receive, will enable Mrs. Borah to live comfortably. Borah could have made big money, but he always refused. He had many offers of legal cases; and a few years ago he was handed a contract by a newspaper syndicate for $52,000 to write a weekly, 1,200-word article. But he rigidly adhered to the rule that he was an employee of the people and that they were entitled to his full time.

Borah was so meticulous about this that when, during his fourth term, congress increased senatorial pay from $7,500 to $10,000 a year, he refused to accept the additional $2,500 until re-elected.

Mrs. Borah has a sister in Moscow, Idaho, and another in Portland, Ore. She will visit them before deciding where she will settle permanently. In the past, she has helped her husband by preparing his wrote about Washington and about Washington women in the official and social world. She was a lady of the old school, but now she may turn her gentle wit and charm to such work.

Merry-Go-Round.

Mrs. Bob Taft, wife of Ohio's G. O. P. "favorite son," doesn't play the political game. She is a better political speech than her husband . . . Mrs. Taft's gentle prayer during a Wall Street "bear raid" on securities of the $28,000,000 Standard Gas & Electric company, following inside reports that the raid was staged by utility interests as part of a campaign to discredit the economical and saving Governor. We feel, in short, that Dragnet's prosecution is being carried out by shrewd sputtering—at the right time.

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GENERAL JOHNSON Says:

Firms in Gallant Key Battle but We Should Either Discard Neutrality or Make No Loan . . . the CCC and the Army.

By HUGH S. JOHNSON

WASHINGTON.—If we want to take a hand in the wild European game, let's at least chalk the board, discard our neutrality and take the consequences. Sending money to the Finns to buy our "surplus agricultural produce" in full knowledge that they do not now need them, do need arms, and can and will sell them to create credit to buy arms, is just another Roosevelt-ian "clever little scheme."

The fight on the Finnish front is a key-battle of the Russian flank attack in the war between western and eastern civilization. The defense ranks with the highest of all military traditions. It is strangely like the heroic stand at Thermopylae. There a handful of Greeks held off a Persian steam-roller waiting for Spartan assistance which could have brought victory but never came.

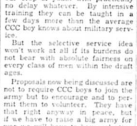
Yes, Finland which is the narrow eastern gate to Scandavia, is defending the left flank of all western civilization. Its defeat and its ransom value eventual victory, they ought to rally to her not only by furnishing credits to enable her to buy arms here, but in every other way. Our case is different. With all the good-will and admiration possible we must still remember that this key position is in a European war—and we cut our neutrality almost unanimously wish to have no part.

WASHINGTON.—The question of using CCC as an army reserve or as a training ground for citizen-soldiers is now being agitated again. The project won't get far.

Even though the subject was approached with the greatest caution and no such purpose was announced, the first swell of it aroused a flood of protest from one end of the country to the other.

The complaint was and still is: "Why should we try protest of our youth be put out last as cannon fodder?"

The average CCC company knows hardly enough about military drill to fall in line. Its "drill" is in the barracks under rules for hygiene,



No Cannon Fodder
. . . CCC boys are not in army.

sanitation and cleanliness that approximate those of a boy scouts troop; there the similarity ends with a bang.

I think this policy is right. The manpower problem is not the use of our military purdee. Under the selective draft plan we have drawn 1941 1918 we can get the very cream of our crop of youth with practically no delay whatever. By intensive training they can be taught in a few days more than the average CCC boy knows about military service.

But the selective service idea won't work at all if its function is not bear with absolute fairness on every class of our population and ages.

Proposals now being discussed are not to require CCC boys to join the regular army and to permit them to volunteer. We believe that that right anyway in peace, but if we have to go into war it would be wise for us to have selective service. After that selective tentering must end. You can't have "rents" under the selective system.

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From Other Editorial Pages

GOVERNOR JOHNSON IS ON THE SPOT

(Courier Journal)

The CourierJournal, if we may reiterate an almost threadbare theme, is not fond of paying taxes. But we are interested in good government, which is for ought to be priceless heritage of democracy, and we are dead certain that good government cannot be procured unless someone pays for it.

We are not inclined, therefore, to hold Governor Johnson to the letter of his campaign pledge: "I am against any new taxes, and any increase in present taxes." We do hold him to his other commitment: "I promise to be a frugal, an economical and saving Governor. We feel in short, that frugality and economy are not to be cured by shrewd sputtering—at the right time.

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Governor Johnson, we think, is attempting to give Kentucky a sound, economical administration. Every one of us should be willing to cooperate with him. After four years of Chandler rule, after an extra half-million dollars of "waste" and the "rents" under the selective system.

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50 Years Ago

Thursday, February 13, 1890

W. F. Cheatham sells 2-year-old Simmons colt for $1,200.

Dunlap Howe heads movement to erect an ice plant in Carlisle.

Mozart Hall being newly painted and papered throughout.

Knights of Pythias lodge here organizes uniform rank with 21 members.

Residence of Mrs. Emily Norvell on North Maple street completed and will be occupied within a few days.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Duncan, of Carlisle, on the 8th, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. William Wegman, of Carlisle, on the 9th, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hamilton, of the county, on the 10th, a daughter.

Died—Mr. John Breeding, at his home near Millersburg.—Miss Jennie B. Ewing, 17, at the home her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Ewing in Carlisle.—Mrs. William H. Potts, 60, formerly of the county, at her home at Lebanon, Ind.

40 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 15, 1900

David Hamilton purchases Sam Owings farm of 80 acres for $65 per acre.

Company organized to establish telephone line between Carlisle and Brandfort.

Grand jury adjourns after being in session ten days and returning 18 indictments.

George E. Mann succeeded chief of fire department with Robert George appointed chief.

City council orders street sprinklers and fire hydrants placed in Carlisle are laid or repaired.

Competent engineer to be employed to survey and locate a city sanitary sewage system in Carlisle.

Married—Miss Alice Young and Mr. C. M. Duke on the 8th.—Miss Mertie Wagoner and Mr. Ed. Gaunce on the 10th.—Miss Lucy A. Jones and Mr. O. W. Scaggs on the 11th.

Died—Mrs. John Waugh, 35, at his home near Miranda.—Mr. John B. Gaunce, 35, at his home at Saltwell on the 14th.—Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Rudd, at their home in Carlisle on the 12th.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kelton, of Blue Lacks, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Roberts, of Carlisle, on the 12th, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Henderson, of Moorefield, on the 10th, a daughter.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, February 12, 1920

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Linville, of Carlisle, on the 4th, a daughter.

W. T. Murray purchases C. S. Templeton cottage in Arnold Heights for $5,250

Five people killed and more than twenty injured when mob makes unsuccessful attempt to lynch Will Lockett, confessed rapist, from officers and hurry in Lexington.

Twenty-eight of the thirty-five students of the rural schools who took recent county diploma examination have made successful grades, Mrs. Eda S. Taylor, county superintendent, announces.

With sales Thursday a total of 5,500,015 pounds of tobacco had been sold on the Carlisle market for an average of nearly $35 per hundred. Price drops about 10 per hundred throughout state last week.

Died—Miss Ethel Lane Gray, 25, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gray, near Clay.—Mrs. Lucy Ann Jones, 70, native Georgetown, Ky., and for many years a resident of Carlisle, at the home in Winchester, on the 12th.—Mrs. Ella Gray, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cooper in Carlisle on the 9th.

Married—Miss Ruth Arthur and Mr. Ed Bishop, on the 8th.—Miss Lulu Bell Mitchell and Mr. B. H. Moore, both of near Mitchell's Chapel, on the 8th.—Miss Callie Myers and Mr. Everett Wilson, on the 8th.—Miss Ethel Wilson and Mr. Lonnie Carbonette, both of near Mt. Olivet, on the 8th.—Miss Pearl Bourbon, on the 12th.

Mrs. Ed Bishop, of near Carlisle, has one hen that lays eggs with shells of real thing. They can't play with chicken. The average cost of education borne by the student himself is calculated at 53.1 per cent of the total. The rest is taken care of by endowments, payment of tuition and contributions.

You might wear this in mind when the lady down the street sends you a polite bill for services.

GEMS FOR YOUR SCRAPBOOK

Not by birth—you can become an aristocrat.

Not Smith does—the become a noble.

Thomas Bishop is that one because he is a bishop.

Bishop doesn't mean he is a bishop—it means that one becomes a bishop.

Every man is born immediately equal in the eyes of his fellows in the world worth living—the world worth living is the world of his fellows.

Philanthropy begins with himself and never stop working.

Life is worth living—it is worth living to be the agent of a good deed, but to be the agent of a bad deed is death.

Nothing is too good to keep my friends fresh and shining.—Thomas A. Edison.

It is the things well done that to make up the sum of successful living.—Theodore Roosevelt.

ATLAS
Has all five
1 SERVICE STATION SERVICE
2 SILENT SAFETY TREAD
3 LATEX SOAKED CORDS
4 HIGH QUALITY - LOW COST
5 WRITTEN GUARANTEE
ATLAS
GRIP-SAFE-SILENT TREAD
SMITH'S SERVICE STATION

NEWS OF KENTUCKY

George Lee, 86, for 70 years a newspaper man, died last week at his home in Carrollton.

Johnny Cannon, young Georgetown pitcher, has signed a contract with the Cincinnati Reds.

The bill increasing the consumption tax on whisky was signed Friday by Governor Johnson and will become a law on March 4.

E. L. White, retired Maysville hotel man, suffered a paralytic stroke Saturday and is in a serious condition.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate which would strike from the Kentucky Statutes 1,000 obsolete laws.

Mrs. Mary Reinzan, 26, of Newport, was burned to death Friday when her clothing ignited as she was firing a furnace at her home.

A bill has been introduced in the House at Frankfort to change the Ard precinct in Wayne county to Pulaski county.

A suit was filed at Frankfort to determine whether the two "forgotten" amendments should be voted on at the 1940 general election.

Miss Virginia Reed, 21, hanged herself with a rope from the rafter of a smokehouse at her home at Auxier, Floyd county, Monday.

The gradall school building at Smith's Grove, built in 1921 at a cost of $31,000, was destroyed by fire Monday.

Fifty Louisville residents suffered frost bites by falls on sidewalks and streets during the cold weather of the past two weeks.

Bonds for $8,000 have been set at Cynthiana to purchase a tract of land for the establishment of an athletic field.

More than 1,000 families in Covington have been without water for ten days because of frozen water mains.

The United States Treasury reported Monday internal revenue collections in Kentucky last week amounted to $136,272.13 compared with $130,325.02 in 1938.

Harrison G. Foster, 71, retired Lexington lumberman, died Monday as the result of a fractured skull received in a fall on a street in Lexington January 24.

190,000 gallons of water have been pumped into Louisville mains in Mason county during the past three months to combat the water shortage.

May 23, 24 and 25 has been selected as the dates for the annual Mountain Laurel Festival at Pineville. Frederick A. Wallis is president of the festival association.

Mrs. Valera Spratt, 56, was burned to death when her clothing ignited as she was attempting to remove a fire in her chicken house.

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Col. Patrick H. Callahan, 73, widely known industrialist and Catholic leader, died at his home in Louisville Sunday after a long illness.

James Whitehead, 70, was found dead at his home at Wheatley, Owen county, Sunday night. his throat slashed with a sharp instrument. A verdict of suicide was returned.

Mrs. Jennie Denton Alexander, Mason county's oldest citizen, died Sunday at her home at Maysick. Had she lived until Feb. 22 she would have been 100 years old.

Miss Edith Renaker was burned seriously at her home in Cynthiana Thursday morning when her nightgown ignited from an open gas grate as she was dressing.

The Bourbon fiscal court, in session last week, ordered payment of $2,000 to owners of sheep killed by dogs, making full payment for all sheep killed to date.

John Strunk, 35, of Pine Knot, McCreary county, and two other men were lodged in jail at Whitley City in connection with the fatal shooting of Strunk's wife at her home Saturday.

Charlie Linthicum, 40, of Lincoln county, was killed Sunday afternoon when his automobile in which he and two other men were riding overturned on an embankment near Stanford.

Ray Dornall, Maysick, and Clifford Bradford, Orangeburg, were injured Saturday when they were participating in the recent robbery of the Farmers Bank at Sardis in Mason county. At the recent term of the Fleming circuit court Mr. Bradford, of Mason county, was convicted on the same charge.

Rev. J. J. Willett, 79, of Owensboro, one of the oldest Methodist ministers in Kentucky, who entered the ministry during the "saddle-bag days," when he covered his territory on horseback, is retiring after 59 years of service.

Elzie Kirk, 61, retired Lexington carpenter, died at a Lexington hospital Sunday from a bullet wound in the head which he fired in a suicide attempt two days before.

A Jury in the Montgomery circuit court Saturday returned a verdict of $2,000 which the defendant has been ordered to pay for the alleged alienation of the affections of the wife of Walter Hedger, tenant on his farm.

Stockholders of the non-profit Keeneland Association race track have been asked to vote February 28 on a reorganization plan under which weeks from the track would be turned over to educational institutions, research activities and other endeavors.

Freemont R. Russey, 91, who retired three years ago after serving for sixty years as postmaster and merchant at Russeyville, Lawrence county, died at his home at that place.

E. L. Weaver, or Orangeburg, Mason county, who won a world record for spitting contest at the Maysville last spring by spitting 27 feet, will be interviewed on Robert L. Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" radio program at a date to be announced later.

Willard Smith, 16, was jailed at Williamsburg Monday on a charge of murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Arnold Anderson, 14, Sunday. The shooting is said to have eliminated an argument over a girl.

Three Frankfort youths were arrested and held in jail Thursday on a charge of slugging and robbing H. B. Molette, Representative from Johnson county Sunday night.

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County Agent To Hold ACP Meetings Next Week

The following schedule will indicate where I expect to speak on the changes in the A. C. program for 1940, especially emphasizing the soil-building practices that we should use to earn our full allowance. We further expect to have trained committeemen at each place to assist you in filling out your farm plan, on which you will be necessary to sign if you are to be lined up for full payment for your cooperation in 1940. All meetings except Carlisle will be called at 1:30 p. m. sharp!

Monday, Feb. 12—Parks school building.

Tuesday, Feb. 13—Bartersville (Ritchie's Store).

Wednesday, Feb. 14—Myers school building.

Thursday, Feb. 15—East Union school building.

Friday, Feb. 16—Headquarters Carlisle building.

Monday, Feb. 19—Ellisville school building.

Tuesday, Feb. 20—Carlisle court house (this meeting 9 a. m.).

Wednesday, Feb. 21—Moorefield school building.

I shall greatly appreciate large attendances at these meetings.

Men and women interested in farming are urged to attend whether they cooperated with the A. C. program in 1939 or not.

Yours very respectfully,
M. P. Nichols
County Agent

Cost Of Assembly Will Be $2,000 Day

What legislation costs Kentucky every two years in the operating expenses of its general assembly, beginning to be shown as house and senate members collect their mileage and the $10 a day pay allowed them.

The 1938 session cost in round numbers $175,000, or $3,900 a day for each of the 60 legislators, as prescribed by law. Mileage, the law allows, at 10 cents a mile, and expenses already are rolling on toward the 1938 total.

It cost the state $1,535.25 in mileage allowances for the 38 senators and the lieutenant governor to Frankfort, and $3,653.05 to bring the 100 representatives home. Many did just before the term begins, but the law allows the round return trip.

The legislators are allowed 15 cents a mile for traveling. Each legislator gets the $10 a day, including Sundays, and for other days when they are not in session. The Senators and the lieutenant governor allow themselves $33 each for stationery for the term, totaling $1,365, and each house member gets $20 for the same purpose, totaling $2,000 for all 100.

Clerks, sergeants-at-arms, and other employes of both the senate and house, are allowed the house $172 a day, pay being for Sundays and other days. Each house has voted itself $750 to cover stationery and other supplies for the clerks and stenographers. Each house also appropriated $25 a day for its "extra help."

In addition, the assembly pays $2,000 for the session for the legislative digest, its official organ which publishes digests and summaries of all bills, resolutions and other official acts.

Printing of all bills introduced, printing them again in the final form in which they are enacted, 30 days pay for clerk and assistant, and 25 cents a page for getting the finally enacted bills ready for the printer, and approximately $5,000 a year for the legislative council, account for practically all the balance of the cost. The legislative council sifts the proposed legislation prior to the assembly's convening.

Nearly Billion And Half People Engaged In Wars

The peace of the world is in a precarious state because 1,650,000,000 human beings, occupying nearly thirty-six million square miles of the earth's surface are at war. This is the estimate of the Swiss Press Bureau which adds that 500,000,000 persons, occupying 194,000,000 square miles, enjoy the blessings of peace.

The three wars which now engage the attention of the world show Germany, with recent accessions in territory and population, with 109,000,000 people covering 347,000 square miles, opposed to the British and French empires with 652,000,000 inhabitants in control of 1,942,800 square miles of territory.

The Soviet Union, with a population of 164,000,000 people and 8,878,000 square miles of territory, at war with Finland, with 4,000,000 people and 134,000 square miles of surface.

In the Far East, Japan and her allies, covering 8,042,300 square miles and 4 inhabitants, 250,000,000 people, are attacking the Chinese, who control 2,890,000 square miles and number about 300,000,000.

The figures compiled by the Swiss Press Bureau are based on the above article and while they may vary from some other estimates, they are accurate enough to emphasize the fact that more of the world is engaged in warfare.

Suggest Feeding The Turkey Hens

Poultry experts at the College of Agriculture at Lexington suggest to Kentucky turkey raisers that it is time to begin feeding hens to stimulate laying for the hatching season. Any good chicken laying mash will do. To make one at home, mix 200 pounds of wheat bran or middlings, 200 pounds of yellow corn, 100 pounds of meat scrap and 2 pounds of salt. A quart of fish oil per 100 pounds of feed helps. Limestone or oyster shell should be kept before the hens.

A week or so before about 15 pounds of this feed will eat approximately 2-1 pounds per week for the following three months. A mature hen will consume about

Sportlight

By Grantland Rice

Every Sport Claims Number of 'Magnificent Midgets'; Dave O'Brien Gets Rice's Laurel Wreath Award for Durability.

(NANA—WNU Service.)

LOS ANGELES.—Who were the little giants of sport, the smaller men who have overmatched brawn and bulk with brains and speed?

In football the first of the "little giants" was Frank Baker of Yale, "the disembodied spirit," who at 150 pounds was a great quarterback against much bigger opposition.

Hinkey practically exploded when he hit you—and so did the Carlisle Indians, at least—the ball carrier.

The Hardiest

In one way young Dave O'Brien of Texas Christian and Philadelphia Eagles gets the main sprig of laurel.

I talked with Texas Davey last before, the Packers-Eagles game. Short in stature, and none too stocky, weighing around 165 or 170 pounds, he looked even smaller outlined against the two sets of masto-

TEXAS DAVEY O'BRIEN

dons and mammoths on each side—Musso at 260, Baby Ray at 245, and Oberst at 240 or perhaps 250. He is a needle in football's haystack.

Yet Dave O'Brien has never had time taken out in three hard years at T. C. U. and this last year, his first as pro with the Eagles.

As a forward passer they have thrown his head and slender body off the ground more than 200 times, but he has always bounced back with a grin. He has been the rubber ball of the gridiron. And, don't forget, he can split a line as well as throw a pass.

Baseball's Share

Baseball also has known its share of these magnificent midgets.

What about Johnny Evers, the "Human Splinter?" Evers was a stout 118-pounder in his early Cub days, but Johnny was a 200-pound thorn in the side of John McGraw and the Giants.

And there was Rabbit Maranville of the Cubs, Braves, and another chunk of gunculgion, who was about the size of a baseball bat.

And there was Dicky Kerr of the White Sox, one of the few small pitchers who could make the grade.

To keep from being waylaid and assaulted I'll also give you Wee Willie Keeler.

Just a little more than a half decade, who was famous for his ability to "hit 'em where they ain't." I saw Keeler play 40 years ago and I still think he could hit 'em. He was the most scientific hitter of all time. An old timer by the name of Denton Tecumseh (Cy) Young agrees with me.

"Willie was one of the smallest men I've ever seen," Cy says. And Cy fooled most of them