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The Merry Month of May.

The month of May has inspired more poems than any of the other twelve in the calendar and justly so. May is the month of planting, the month when the corn is put in the ground, when flowers and gardens are planted and the natural hope of new life bolstered.

This year May is especially welcome. April lingered in the lap of winter, and the new month brings hope of sunshine and warmth. During this month the trees, the bare and stark since last fall, will take on a full plumage of beautiful green and their long branches will afford refuge from the torrid rays of Old Sol a little later on.

Two events of importance are celebrated during the month, Confederate Memorial Day on the 10th, and Memorial Day on the 30th.

To the youngster it is the most joyful month because it marks the closing of school, and the only blight in all of the happiness of the month is the fact that it is a closed season for fishing.

Child Health Day.

The value of the Nicholas County Health Department is again brought to the attention of the public with the announcement that approximately 250 blue ribbons will be awarded at school exercises on the county at the May Day exercises next week.

While this is a relative small percentage of the school children of the county, it is a great credit to the parents to obtain a blue ribbon which makes the child eligible for the 100 per cent free of physical defects. Many children have been prevented from obtaining blue ribbons because of minor defects such as decayed teeth, tonsils, or lack of immunization against contagious diseases, which can be easily corrected.

The most important feature of the blue ribbon program is to spread the way of thinking in the interest of parents in the physical and mental awakening of parents to the necessity of health in the formative years in their children reared. The annual physical examination of the school children of the county is a step in the right direction, but even a child is found to be suffering from poor eyesight, diseased tonsils or poor hearing, the handicap could be if allowed to continue, would cause serious results later in the child's life but which can be corrected without much trouble.

The child health program of the health department is one of the most beneficial functions of the unit. It has enabled hundreds of children to be freed of defects which would otherwise remain with them for life.

Every citizen of the county should attend the child health day program on May 10. Nicholas county health is, after all, the greatest asset of any community.

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It should not be necessary to urge anyone to attend Bible school or religious services, especially in a section of the country so fortunate as our own. In Nicholas county next Sunday, the doors of at least twenty-five churches and schools will be open to welcome you to attend Sunday school. No matter what section of the county you live in, the distance to your nearest Sunday school is slight.

Not all sections of the state are so fortunate. There are sections, and many of them, too, in our Kentucky mountains where an area with as many as 8,000 people within is without any church or regularly organized Bible school, and the only time the residents of the section have the opportunity to attend a religious service is when some itinerant preacher or some local lay leader conducts an occasional service.

The goal for next Sunday is one million in attendance at Kentucky Bible schools. Do your part by spending an hour learning of the life and teachings of the Master.

Road To Learning.

A research engineer connected with the film industry urges more extensive use of motion pictures in the schools. Pictures, he says, will teach a child in half the time required of books to teach him.

It is an old argument, and probably gains few converts by repetition. Men who were brought up on the old system of Latin and mathematics will always refuse to believe that education comparable to theirs can be inculcated by lounging in a seat still gazing at flickering images on a screen. You can learn in that way how pictures look, they hold, and how things happen that are represented by the pictures, but your pupils habituate yourself to the process of abstract reasoning. You require ability to think only by thinking. Although you may not have known anything in particular when you got through Cicero and the binomial theorem, you did have a facility at managing your mind in connection with the phenomena which might arise thereafter.

Despite the opposition of the diehards, however, pictures are already showing in some schools, and for the spread of certain kinds of factual knowledge will be shown more. Mean while, it should be pointed out, that pictures offer a great many courses to supplement the old, time honored system of education.

They teach all of us, from infancy to old age, how to enter a love affair, etc. It would take a long while to learn those things through the formula. (A plus B) times (plus B) equals A square plus 2AB plus B square.

A Cold New Year.

Mr. I. N. Templeman brought to The Mercury office a clipping from a newspaper years ago from an Illinois paper, which he had kept through the scrap book. The clipping was as follows:

The coldest day that I ever knew was on Jan. 1, in '62, at the old timer lyin' 'round here has ever forgotten how cold it was. When the sun came up and built into view it was so all-fired cold it had mercy and turned blue, and the air was congealed and so thick if you tried hard it had to be thawed to breath it with ease. And the thermometer that I popped into the bed had its flame frozen solid as the heart of a hired girl at the first kindlin' a fire I thought we were lost for the slumbering embers refused to warm a finger even when I stirred up the coals and blowed 'em powerful. I hot the end of the pipe fore the smoke could get through the stem, and the smoke on stone was hominied hot the minute it left the bowl and froze in the air coffee pot. And when I went to the shed to cut kindlin' the axe was frozen fast to the chopping block and I had to build a fire around it before I could get it loose. Then I put in the kindlin' and started a fire in the stove and stood the door and went out side and shut it after me and I'll be dogged if the thing I stood And I carried back in and laid him on the hot stove and he froze there and I had to leave him. But still he has only a score of relatives, and he stands 89 feet in his socks so he could have left behind the exercise of a good funeral, and it would be cruel to have to suffer from the cold in a child is found to be suffering from poor eyesight, diseased tonsils or poor hearing, the handicap could be if allowed to continue, would cause serious results later in the child's life but which can be corrected without much trouble.

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WASHINGTON—Boiled down to the most brutal fundamentals, the Norwegian war amounts to this: If the British lose it, they also lose the World war.

This may seem like harsh and hasty deduction, but it is based upon the fact that all the other nations of Europe, particularly Italy, are watching the outcome of this battle to see on which side they will jump.

If the Germans succeed in holding Norway, every small nation in southeast Europe will figure that the might of the British empire is broken, that the time has come to cuddle up to its successor.

But "more important, you can write it down as certain that if Great Britain wins in Norway, Italy will come into this war within approximately one month.

Almost every dispatch which the state department lays upon the White House desk indicates that Mussolini is getting ready for this plunge.

Real fact is that the Italian people are by no means in love with Hitler. Nor are they in love with the Nazis—though they probably like Hitler less. However, Mussolini never

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From Other Editorial Pages

SHAPING STATE'S FUTURE

(Lexington Herald)

In connection with the possibility of a contest in the Democratic primary in August in which a nominee for the United States Senate will be selected it seems to us that one of the most important points in this connection is being overlooked. That is the question of what will happen in Frankfort if Commissioner of Highways J. Lyter Donaldson should go to Washington.

Thus far, with very few changes, having been completed, it seems that the entire organization personnel has been developed to rotate around Mr. Donaldson. He was Governor Johnson's campaign manager, he is a former chairman of the state highway commission and has studied out a permanent program for roadbuilding in the state, and he is also the chief patronage dispenser for the administration.

Next to the governor, himself, more depends upon Mr. Donaldson than any other man in Frankfort and, indeed, under the present setup Mr. Donaldson will perhaps have a more direct contact with the administration of affairs than the governor himself. Who will take his place if he quits?

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:

ADVICE TO REPUBLICANS

Having generously provided the Democrats with wholly unsolicited and gratuitous advice on how they are to run their show, it seems no less than fair to do an equally unsought service for the Republicans. Dr. Johnson's diagnosis here is based entirely on his findings on the Democrats—that Mr. Roosevelt will be in the opposition.

But if Mr. Roosevelt runs, it is probable that he could lick any of the present foremost contenders for the Republican crown—singly or in any possible permutation of pairs.

Perhaps it is a little presumptuous to assay Mr. Dewey's position on national problems because, as Raymond Clapper has pointed out, he hasn't defined it. He did a magnificent job of generalization in his first speech and has not repeated the argument for the prose-

cution. But that isn't enough. Generalities and criticism are two smallarms weapons, but no constructive proposal and constructive suggestion is absolutely necessary this year.

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50 Years Ago

Thursday, May 8, 1890

Miss Jonie Cain, of Carlisle, queens millinery store in Moorefield.

M. H. Stitt, of Carlisle, sells Holstein cattle to hotel in Flemingsburg for $8,000.

Married—Miss Clarine McNew and Mr. Sam Kennedy, both of Carlisle, at Cincinnati.

Dr. H. C. Burroughs begins construction of residence on the corner of Elm and Chestnut streets.

Large crowd from Carlisle attending dedication of new Presbyterian church at Sharpsburg Sunday.

Judge W. P. Ross, of Carlisle, announced as candidate for circuit judge to the constitutional convention.

Vote to be taken May 16 to determine site upon which the new school building in Carlisle will be erected.

Nicholas County Sunday School men meets here with Thomas Owens presiding. Headquarters established as next meeting place.

Rev. H. C. Morrison comes two weeks revival meeting at Methodist church in Carlisle. Many accessions.

Father Flynn, of Newport, assigned as pastor of St. John's Catholic church here.

Residence of George H. Wilson near Brambleit destroyed by fire with loss of $2,000.

Dr. G. W. Gregory, A. L. Tilton, W. S. Dudley, H. N. Rankin and Frank Kennedy leave for excursion to Washington, D. C. Dr. Gregory, H. P. Henry, Harry Kennedy, J. C. Taylor, U. M. Swinebroad, Dr. Wm. Bell, Dr. Rankin, Mrs. Eda S. Taylor and Miss Lida Gardner.

John N. Ross, Calvin Darnall and G. B. Keller received two trees of Carlisle graded school with

Ratliff Bros. purchase from Harry Kennedy lot between Sharpsburg road and L. & N. Railroad and will erect large tobacco warehouse, which they have leased to Continental Tobacco Co.

Died—Henry J. Adamson, 25, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Adamson, of Carlisle, died in Philippine Islands on April 28 while serving with 20th Infantry, of which organization he had been a member for six years.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, May 6, 1920

Married—Miss Anna Tune and Mr. E. L. Poplin, both of Carlisle, on April 29th.

Eggs selling at 35 cents per dozen and hens at 25 cents per pound on local market.

212 pupils attend Sunday school at Carlisle Christian church Sunday, state go to Sunday school day.

Dr. James W. Haine, of Berea College, to deliver commencement address to graduating class of Nicholas County High school.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Mann, on Ellisville, on April 25th, a daughter—To Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woodall, of the county, on April 29th, a daughter.

Died—Mrs. Georgia Secrest Judy, 25, at her home in Carlisle on the 23rd—Mrs. Willie Wood, 50, at her home in Carlisle on the 23rd—Mrs. Willie Rogers, 18, at her home near Ellisville on April 25th—Mrs. J. A. Fryman, 25, of this county, at a hospital in Paris on the 29th.

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