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Roll Call Nearing End.

The Red Cross roll call in Nicholas county thus far has been more or less disappointing. With but two more days of the scheduled time for raising the quota of $500, almost half of the amount allotted to the county remains to be reported.

The quota for the county was increased this year because of the tremendous demand being placed upon the national headquarters. Not only is the Red Cross called upon to assist the British and the Chinese who are suffering as a result of the war, but in our own land the organization is called upon to aid in disasters caused by flood, tornado, fire or other catastrophes.

Surely the citizens of Nicholas county will not fall down on this appeal. Many of the solicitors have not made a final report and it is hoped that when all of the reports have been received the goal will have been attained.

Don't wait for a solicitor to visit you. Mail your check to Roger Womack, roll call chairman, or leave your contribution at any of the banks and it will be turned over to the chairman.

Will We Have a Christmas Tree?

With Christmas less than a month away, it is time to think about the community Christmas tree for the underprivileged children of the city and county. For the past several years the tree has been sponsored and financed by the local post of the American Legion and Auxiliary. So far no announcement has been made by these organizations concerning the tree.

For hundreds of children in the county this is the only Christmas they have. Not to provide this treat which brings so much happiness to so many little unfortunates would be little short of tragic and it is to be hoped that the Legion and Auxiliary will again provide this treat.

The Boy Scouts last year gathered a large number of discarded toys and distributed them among the children who came to the Christmas tree and it is probable that the Scouts will again perform this service this year.

Registrants Are Commended.

The spirit in which Nicholas county young men registered for selective service are filling out their questionnaires and returning them to the local board is most commendable, a member of the board stated to The Mercury. Few instances have been noted of claims for deferment or exemption where there is not ample cause, the board member stated. While actual classification and physical examination has not started, the board anticipates little difficulty in performing this duty.

The only concern of most of the registrants with whom we have talked is that there will be no favoritism shown and that everyone eligible will be taken in the order in which the drawing was conducted. The local board is composed of citizens of high calibre and we have no doubt that all will be treated fairly and equally.

Why Wives Work.

A pamphlet issued by the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs has as its topic a study on the much debated question, Should married women hold jobs outside their homes? The pamphlet was prepared by Dr. Ruth Schallcross. In it three phases of the question are discussed:

Why are more married women seeking work?
Are they taking employment from men?
Is employment of married women detrimental to the home?

Most married women, the report concludes, work because their families need the money they earn. Few will continue in employment when the family income from other sources becomes adequate.

Competition with men is found not to be serious as a cause of unemployment, since women are not employed in the fields of industry most seriously hit by the depression.

As to the effect on the home, the conclusion is reached after lengthy discussion that, in view of the causes which impel women to seek outside work, the home may more often benefit than suffer. "Often the advantages gained from a wife's employment mean a better home for both husband and children."

The study seems to prove that any attempt arbitrarily to prevent employment of women would work great injustice to many dependent persons and would cause a loss of efficiency due to the valuable experience and training of women now employed.

Two Venerable Citizens Die.

The Grim Reaper last week claimed two venerable Nicholas county men, both of whom were for many years active in the affairs of the county.

Mr. David W. Booth served for more than two decades as Magistrate from his district and served several months as County Judge to fill out the unexpired term of the late Paul D. Darnall. A life-long resident of the county, he was one of the most progressive farmers of the county and was active in conducting the affairs of his farm until his death, which followed a heart attack.

Mr. Granville P. Ross served many years as a member of the county board of supervisors. He, too, was a farmer until ill health several years ago forced him to retire. Although he took an active interest in Democratic politics, he never sought public office but preferred to "work" for his friends.

Both lived to a ripe old age and were honored and respected by their fellow men.

Christmas Seals Now On Sale.

The annual sale of Christmas Seals was started here Monday with the Carlisle Parent-Teacher Association in charge of the sales. The sale of Christmas Seals furnishes the fund used in the campaign against tuberculosis in about 50 other countries, as well as in the United States. How to prevent tuberculosis is a part of the campaign financed by the annual sale of the seals.

Tuberculosis is still the first cause of death during the age period from 15 to 45, although it has been reduced to seventh in importance as a cause of death in the entire population. Your pennies which purchase the seals aid materially in eradicating the disease.

Make your Christmas packages attractive by placing the Christmas Seals on them. At the same time you will be aiding a most worthy cause. A part of the proceeds of the sale go to the local health department.

Foster In Hall Of Fame.

Stephen Collins Foster, writer of American folk songs, is the first musician ever to be elected to the Hall of Fame for Great Americans. Foster has just been chosen from among 141 distinguished men and women by 108 selectors in every state in the Union.

The election, the ninth quinquennial one since the founding of the Hall of Fame in 1900, marked the first time that only one nominee had been selected. The previous low number was three in 1935, when 101 electors named William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania; Simon Newcome, astronomer who catalogued the stars and the planets, and Grover Cleveland, twenty-second President of the United States.

A commemorative bust and tablet to Foster will be placed in the Colonnade of the Hall of Fame next spring and will bring the number of historical figures honored there to seventy-three. The oval-shaped stone and marble structure is situated on the Heights campus of New York University in the Bronx, New York City.

Foster received eighty-six votes, which was considerably more than the minimum of sixty-five required for election. His closest competitors were Walter Reed, scientist, who had sixty-three; Sidney Lanier, poet, and Henry David Thoreau, author of "Walden," each with sixty, and Booker T. Washington, Negro educator, fifty-seven.

The name of Foster, greatest of American folk song writers and for years a great favorite of the American people, was first submitted to the Hall of Fame electors in 1930, but he received only seven votes. In 1935 he drew twenty-five votes and was thus automatically nominated for this year's election. Any nominee receiving at least twenty votes in any election is included in the next election.

Few of the millions of Americans who have enjoyed Foster's songs are familiar with his life story. Foster was born in Pittsburgh on July 4, 1826, and died in the charity ward of a New York hopital on January 13, 1964. Among the 200 songs he wrote are such favorites as "Old Black Joe," "Old Folks at Home," also known as "Swanee River," "Jeannie With the Light Brown Hair," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Camptown Races," "Open Thy Lattice, Love," "Louisiana Belle," "O Susanna," "Uncle Ned," "Away Down South," "Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground" and "Old Dog Tray."

Foster's earliest known work, "Tioga Waltz," was written in 1840 and was performed publicly for the first time at his graduation from Athens Academy, near Towanda, Pa., in the spring of 1841. He entered Jefferson College, near Pittsburgh, the same year, but soon revealed a dislike for formal education and returned home to continue his education under private tutors.

Foster's greatest success was achieved before 1860, yet during this period he had to drive himself to write, and several times was on the verge of quitting. In 1860, with publication of "Old Black Joe," his career was at its peak. After that he went to New York, began composing prolifically and in one year turned out forty-eight mediocre works. His decline as a composer combined with marital troubles drove Foster to drink and at the time of his death he was penniless and obscure.

Although most of Foster's songs are of the South, he never lived in that section and there is no record that he ever visited south of the Mason-Dixon line.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

By Drew Pearson & Robert Allen

Washington, D. C.

MUSSOLINI NEEDS VICTORY IN GREECE

Upon the outcome of the war in Greece depend several things besides the question whether Hitler pushes on to Suez. Probably the most important is the war's effect upon the Italian people—especially in case of set-back or defeat.

For a long time, U. S. intelligence reports have indicated that Italy was the Achilles heel of the Axis and that the Italian people were none too enthusiastic about their partnership with Germany. Basically, the Italians always have sided more with Britain than with Germany. For years they had distrusted Germany, and for an equal number of years had done business with Great Britain.

Furthermore, the war has put a severe economic pinch on the Italian people. In return they have had no great victories and conquered no important territory. Hitler has been able to show new conquests to arouse the enthusiasm of the German people, but Mussolini has had nothing to show except Albania and British Somaliland.

Even the much-heralded advance of Marshal Graziani in Egypt now has bogged down on the sands of Sahara. So Mussolini needs a Greek victory and needs it badly. And if he doesn't get it, observers in Italy believe that dissatisfaction among the Italian people might become so great as to lead to a new dictator in Rome.

Note—Because of her vastly superior air force and more modern army, the odds are very much in favor of an Italian victory. Outcome of the war, however, depends on how much aid Greece can get from Britain, which cannot risk taking too many troops away from its Egyptian defenses; also whether Jugoslavia and Turkey come in.

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HULL'S WORRIES

Deep absorption in the Greco-Italian war caused Secretary Cordell Hull to muff his lines in delivering his speech on foreign affairs for the newsreels.

Hull was supposed to speak three "takes," with a pause between the second and third. Instead he stopped after the first and began staring into space.

Recalled to the business at hand by the cameraman, he snapped his finger and exclaimed, "Sorry, I guess I've ruined everything for you boys. Would you mind starting over again?"

"Not at all, Mr. Secretary," grinned Tony Muto, Fox Movietone lens-shark. "But you sure had something on your mind."

"It's that situation in Greece," explained Hull. "I've been so concerned with it all day that I forgot for a moment that you boys were taking my picture. I promise to do better next time."

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MAIL BAG

S.G.C., New Albany, Ind.—Roosevelt's speeches during the last part of the recent campaign were written by Judge Rosenman of New York, Irving Brant, and Robert Sherwood, famous playwright. However, Roosevelt's speeches, after being written in rough draft by others, are rewritten by himself. The Philadelphia speech was largely his own.

E.P., Springfield, Mass.—Secretary of State Hull did not attack John L. Lewis in his speech before the Press club, though it is true that a criticism of Lewis was contained in the original draft of the speech. When Frank Waltman, G.O.P. publicity chief, protested Mr. Hull's right to address the Press club, the secretary of state removed all political references from his text and merely discussed foreign affairs.

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MERRY-GO-ROUND

The plan still is in the discussion stage, but top-rung New Deal economists are seriously proposing that the WPA be abolished and replaced with a large-scale public works program for national defense.

The army is preparing for any eventuality no matter where it happens. It has quietly purchased over 7,100,000 yards of mosquito netting. Areas chiefly plagued by mosquitos are Alaska, Newfoundland, Greenland and Latin America.

Senator Charles McNary is one of the nattiest dressers in congress, also the best bean baker. The Oregonian loves to bake beans over an open fire, using bacon, molasses, sherry and 11 hours of simmering.

Out-going Vice President Jack Garner is the only man in history to have his picture hung at both ends of the Capitol. An oil painting of the former speaker hangs in the house lobby, and another portrait, by Howard Chandler Christie, has just been put up in the senate lobby.

Friends are kidding Henry Wallace about being disqualified for the job of vice president because, unlike Jack Garner, he does not "strike a blow for liberty." After eight years in Washington, Wallace does not drink.

At luncheon together the other day were Charlie Chaplin, Walter Winchell, Ernest Cuneo and Assistant Secretary of State Adolf Berle. Remarked Cuneo afterward: "I was a mere ego in a whirlwind of superegos. I practically had to blow a to insert one word in the conon."

Say you saw it in The Mercury

50 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 4, 1890

Alex McIlvaine returns from Indiana, where he purchased 100 head of mules.

George W. Bramblett leaves for New York with 100 head of fat cattle for the eastern markets.

S. W. Howe and Dunlap Howe sell their interest in grocery store of Ratliff, Howe & Co. to W. B. Ratliff.

While hunting near Myers Station Thanksgiving Day, Wallace Blair accidentally shot by Dick Duncan, but was not seriously injured.

Died—Mrs. Fannie Hurst, formerly of this county, at her home in Wichita, Kansas.—Mrs. Charles W. Sharpe, at his home near Headquarters.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Buntin, of the county, on Nov. 18th, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ross, of the county, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ockerman, of the county, on Nov. 16th, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Thompson, of the county, on Nov. 30th a daughter.

40 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 6, 1900

R. P. Parks purchases interest of J. A. L. Wilson in Peoples Drug Store.

J. H. Frey & Sons making extensive improvements in the interior of their store on Main street.

Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Hollar celebrate their golden wedding anniversary at their home near Barterville on the 5th.

Mutual Burial Association organized here with H. M. Taylor president, T. H. Pickrell vice president, J. D. McRohan secretary and H. M. Potts treasurer.

At annual election of officers of Christian church Sunday, Boone Ingles and L. T. Potts were elected elders and John I. Williamson, H. C. Kimbrough, Clay Henry and Taylor Mathers were elected deacons.

Died—Miss Emma V. Stafford, 16, at her home near Jackstown on the 2nd.—Mr. Nelson George, 85, at his home in Carlisle on the 1st.—Miss Eva Lee Sapp, 24, at her home near Myers on the 2nd.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. John M. Donnell, of the county, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. John D. Allen, of Carlisle, on the 3rd, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Price, of Ellisville, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette Blake, of the county, a son.

Married—Miss Ida B. Murray, of Nicholas, and Mr. Daniel B. Wallingford, of Fleming, on Nov. 28th.—Miss Nora Belle Young and Mr. Benjamin F. Dalzell, both of the county.—Mrs. Nancy Claypool and Mr. Wilford Fryman, both of the county, on the 6th.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 2, 1920

Students of Carlisle high school organizing basket ball team and will schedule games with other teams in this section.

Rev. Clyde Darsie, of Mt. Sterling, closes two weeks revival meeting at the Christian church here, during which there were 35 additions to the church.

Thieves steal 56 chickens from Walker Hollar near Carlisle and bloodhounds brought here from Lexington. Warrant issued for Bud Thomas, negro, charging him with theft.

New City Council, composed of R. N. Brock, Mayor, and George W. Taylor, A. S. Kimbrough, D. M. Curry, O. H. Brayfield, Perry McClanahan and W. M. Roberts to take office Monday.

James Hazelrigg, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hazelrigg, of near Miranda, seriously injured when he was struck by an automobile driven by Forrest Thompson.

Married—Miss Frankie Crouch, of Little Rock, and Mr. Elmer Fleming, of Paris, on Nov. 25th.—Miss Carlie Lawrence and Mr. Frank Huddleson, both of Carlisle, on Nov. 25th.—Miss Iva Lynam and Mr. Bruce Frederick, both of the county.

Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore

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GRAVY

This article will make no pretense to give advice to cooks or housewives; its purpose is to chronicle not a passing institution but one that is far less prominent than formerly. There are plenty of wise cracks about gravy on vests; I suspect that few of the radio entertainers know much about gravy as we old-timers knew it.

To raise a large family meant wise planning of food. Children have finicky appetites or else can eat everything in sight. Nothing will fill an aching void early in the day quite so well as gravy made from the grease fried out of bacon or ham. Thickened with flour, this nourishing food becomes doubly inviting. A half dozen biscuits soaked in it ought to keep starvation away until recess time at school or, if school is not in session, until Mother will give us "sompn'd'eat" along about ten o'clock.

Red gravy is equally good. After you have fried ham, just pour a little water in on the grease and, after it has quit frying, douse your biscuits with it. Or, if you prefer, pour it over the fried ham as a sort of sauce, "ham au jus," I suppose.

When chicken is fried, more gravy of a distinctive sort can be made, with milk if you wish. But baked chicken yields my favorite gravy. This with giblets is about as good as any food can be.

It would be unforgivable if I forgot 'possum gravy. It was not intended to be eaten for itself; its natural use is to flavor and grease sweet potatoes. When I recall that both sweet potatoes and 'possum are genuine American products, I wonder why I never heard of Indians' using the two together. Maybe they did, but they failed to make it so distinctively their own as turkey and cranberries. It remained for the Southern Negro to add another great pair to the foods of the world: 'possum and taters, turkey and cranberries, ham and eggs, hog's jowl and turnip greens, chicken and gumbo.

Just what do hungry children eat for breakfast now? Is bacon gravy still doing business at the same old stand? Do you suppose that we can expect ruggedness of health and character from a generation that does not know anything about gravy?

From Other Editorial Pages

BROKE NO PRECEDENT

(Somerset Journal)

President Roosevelt broke no precedent when he moved Thanksgiving Day up a week again this year, following the practice he inaugurated last year.

The President was persuaded to advance the holiday at the behest of retail merchants who had hoped it would automatically advance the Christmas buying season.

But long before President Roosevelt assumed office Thanksgiving was a roving holiday. It has been celebrated in every month of the year except four: March, June, July and October.

Tradition assigns the origin of the observance to the Pilgrims' harvest festival in Plymouth in 1621. The first written record of a Thanksgiving holiday was left by Gov. Bradford in 1633. Other colonies celebrated different Thanksgiving Days.

After the colonies got together on politics and formed the United States, President Washington proclaimed the last Thursday of November a day of general Thanksgiving. The citizens of that day interpreted the proclamation to mean a day of hilarity, parades, and boisterous feasting.

This so displeased Washington that he skipped the holiday for the next five years and then in 1795 he proclaimed a day of Thanksgiving and thoughtfully added "and prayer." That second Thanksgiving Day was celebrated on Feb. 19.

In 1814 President Madison set it for Jan. 12. April was singled out by President John Adams in 1799, by Madison in 1815 and by Lincoln in 1862. In 1798 Adams chose May 9 as the date.

August had its day in 1812 when President Madison recommended the third Thursday. Lincoln had two Thanksgivings in 1863, a warm-up one in August and the second on the last Thursday in November. President Johnson, after Lincoln's death, delayed Thanksgiving until the first Thursday of Dec. 1865. Gen. Grant set Nov. 18 as the day. September had its Thanksgiving Day when Madison set aside the second Thursday of the month in 1813.

Although eight months of the year have had a Thanksgiving Day, the day of the week has been Thursday in almost all cases.

KENTUCKY'S RURAL ROADS

(Lexington Herald)

Following the publication in The Herald of an editorial concerning expenditures on roads, State Commissioner of Rural Highways Cecil T. Williams, of Somerset, has furnished some interesting information concerning the travel on such roads.

The Herald pointed out the value of the most important through thoroughfares of the state because, as revenue producers, they help to maintain all other roads and bridges and other roadbuilding enterprises.

The state of Kentucky now is spending $2,000,000 annually on the improvement of rural roads. These are the "farm-to-market," or school bus or so-called "feeder" roads.

The statewide planning survey on roads regarding traffic use shows that about 10 per cent of all vehicle miles are travelled on the local or county roads. About 59 per cent of all vehicle miles are travelled on state or federal roads. The remainder are travelled on city streets or other thoroughfares. It is notable, however, that 30 per cent of the travel on state and federal roads originates on county or local roads.

Federal census figures reveal that 73 per cent of Kentucky's population reside in rural areas. Of this group only a fourth are served directly by state or federal roads. The remaining three-fourths must depend on local or county roads for access to markets.

To determine the value of the local roads it is necessary to calculate the loss in vehicle miles if the rural highway system were eliminated. This Mr. Williams has done in a most convincing manner. He shows that 10 per cent of all vehicle miles would be eliminated. About 30 per cent of the vehicle miles travelled on the state and federal roads would be eliminated. These put together would represent 17 per cent of the total mileage and 27 per cent of the vehicle miles of the whole road system.

In other words Mr. Williams figures that Kentucky's entire receipts from the gasoline tax were $13,834,000 for 1939 and that of this amount $3,735,000 came directly or indirectly from the rural, farm-to-market, school bus and feeder roads. It is their value as "feeder" roads that he principally emphasizes.

His figures prove, however, that the state is putting up $2,000,000 for rural roads and getting back $3,735,000 for its investment annually, which makes the contribution for the rural highway system a very good business venture.

On the other hand, Mr. Williams also brings out the fact that the through roads are equally necessary to the rural roads, with both of which contentions The Herald heartily agrees. In other words, neither can live at the expense of the other but both can thrive as mutual and co-operative enterprises.

Gems For Your Scrap Book

Heaven

Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.—Luke 17:21.

Heaven must be in me before I can be in heaven.—Charles Stanford.

I would not give one moment of heaven for all the joy and riches of the world, even if it lasted for thousands and thousands of years.—Martin Luther.

Because God is ever present, no boundary of time can separate us from Him and the heaven of His presence; and because God is Life, all Life is eternal.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Heaven means to be one with God.—Confucius.

NEWS OF KENTUCKY

The new court house at Greenup will be formally dedicated Saturday, November 30.

Ernie Howard, 24, WPA worker, shot and killed himself at Ashland Sunday.

Temple Bodley, 88, noted Louisville author and attorney, died at his home in Louisville Saturday.

Louisville Monday celebrated a record of a year in which no child of school age was killed in a traffic accident.

The Perry circuit court opened at Hazard Monday with nine murder charges among the 89 felony cases on the docket.

Eugene M. Dailey, 57, former circuit judge of Jefferson county and Republican leader, died Saturday at his home in Louisville.

The 172 registrants in Kentucky selected for the first quota from Kentucky reported to various training camps Monday.

The Breathitt county grand jury returned an indictment against Sheriff Walter Deaton on a charge of malfeasance in office.

Old-age pension checks totaling $468,014 were mailed out last week to 52,575 residents of Kentucky. The checks averaged $8.90.

Fire Saturday destroyed a building containing the J. J. Newberry store and another store in Glasgow with damage of $100,000.

The Federal Works Agency reported Monday that Kentucky built 233.3 miles of road during the last fiscal year with the aid of federal funds.

Prewitt Harris, 59, prominent Clark county farmer and saddle horse breeder, ended his life with a shotgun at his home near Winchester Monday.

In the Breathitt circuit court Thursday, Mrs. Christine Williams, 38, was acquitted on a charge of fatally shooting her husband last June 2.

Playing their last game of the season, the University of Kentucky Wildcats lost to the University of Tennessee at Knoxville Saturday 33-0.

Mrs. Lillian Bates, about 35, of Montgomery county, was arrested Monday on a charge of illegally possessing about 26 gallons of moonshine whisky.

John L. Shuff, 75, a Scott county farm boy who rose to a position of dominance in the life insurance field, died Friday at his home in Fort Thomas.

The body of an unidentified man, apparently about 60 years old, was found Saturday inside a rural church in Laurel county. Death was due to natural causes.

Robert Lee Stull, 72, retired farmer and native of Mt. Sterling, was burned to death when his clothing caught fire from a heater at his home in Lexington.

A several day search for Ed Morris, 60, bachelor farmer of Knox county, ended Saturday when duck hunters found his body floating in Cumberland river.

Leslie Davis, 20, Mobile, Ala., and A. McDowell, 27, New York, were arrested at Henderson Friday on a charge of stealing a boat after a 20-mile chase down the river.

Marvin Rose, 27, of near Campton, father of three small children, was struck and killed by a hit-and-run driver as he walked along a road near his home Monday.

W. F. Grigsby, who served more than a year on the Kentucky court of appeals by appointment of Gov. Flem Sampson, died Thursday at his home at Springfield.

Dr. W. T. Pennington, of Louisville, has been replaced as manager of the Louisville branch of the state industrial relations commission by Jack Walsh of Covington.

Frank Lebus, president of the Central Kentucky Wool Growers Cooperative Association, announced Monday that checks totaling $94,833.83 would be mailed this week to 1,500 members. This represents an average of $40.33 a hundred pounds for wool sold last year.

Business of the Robertson circuit court for the term was completed in one day last week. No indictments were returned and there are no cases on the criminal docket.

During the five and a half years of its operation, only four prisoners have escaped from the U. S. Public Health Service hospital near Lexington and all have been captured.

Heze Harris, widely known Cynthiana stock dealer, was arrested last week on warrants charging him with passing worthless checks in Pendleton and Grant counties.

Harry Gregg, 19, Lexington truck driver, was killed Friday night when the truck in which he was riding alone ran off the road and overturned near the Franklin-Shelby line.

Junior Hanson, 8, of Brooksville, was shot and critically injured by a playmate of the same age while the boys were hunting with a .22 calibre rifle in Bracken county Saturday.

President Roosevelt's majority in Kentucky over Wendell L. Willkie in November 5 election was 146,838, according to official returns compiled in the office of the Secretary of State Monday.

Bruce Ely, 45, was killed and Leroy Estill, 60, Montgomery county farmer, died of a fractured skull when the truck in which they were riding collided with another truck near Mt. Sterling Friday.

Carl Gilbert, 18, of Maysville, became Mason county's first hunting victim Monday when he suffered the loss of a thumb and finger as his shotgun accidentally discharged as he was climbing a fence.

G. J. McGruder, drainage engineer for the State Highway Department and son-in-law of the late Senator Allie W. Young, was released from his post last week. He was formerly district engineer in this district.

Mary Sue Dixon, 13, was electrocuted Thursday when an automobile struck and broke a utility pole, causing a high tension wire to fall on and charge a wire fence on which the child was sitting in Laurel county.

Herbert Hargrove, 27, of Marion, was killed and two other men were injured Friday when a loaded dump truck at a quarry near Marion tripped itself and poured more than a ton of crushed rock on the three men.

The 38th Division Tank Company at Harrodsburg was called Monday to Fort Knox for a year of training. The first National Guard unit from the state to be called. All Kentucky units are expected to be called in January.

The National Youth Administration said Sunday its program for aiding students was enabling 150,000 graduates and undergraduates to continue their studies in colleges and universities, including 1,385 in Kentucky.

Without firing a shot, two Louisville patrolmen interrupted the holdup of an A. & P. store in Louisville before dawn Sunday and arrested two men who were holding the manager of the store at the point of a pistol.

Congressman and Mrs. Joe B. Bates, of Greenup, have filed suit against the C. & O. Railroad asking damages of $13,000 alleged to have been caused to their property by reason of the construction of a railroad overpass.

Fritz Kraehenbuehl, 79, retired gardner of the C. V. Whitney farm, died at his home in Lexington Sunday of injuries sustained Saturday when he was struck by an automobile driven by Hanley Hillard, 20, at Lexington.

R. O. Cook, circuit court clerk of Wayne county and captain in the Kentucky National Guard, has filed suit in the Wayne circuit court to prevent his office being declared vacant and a successor appointed when he is called into service early in January.

Cynthiana officials are making an effort to increase from $500 to $1,000 the reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person who brutally murdered Reynolds Herrington, young Buena Vista farmer, while visiting relatives in Pendleton county on the night of October 22.

Death Toll Is 60 On Thanksgiving Day

Sixteen states still look forward to Thanksgiving today, but families in the rest of the nation celebrated last Thursday.

The festival passed quietly, for the most part, in the 32 states which adhered to President Roosevelt's proclamation setting the holiday a week in advance of the last Thursday-in-November date which was observed generally until last year.

Traffic fatalities were held to 60, compared with the 90 highway deaths which the National Safety Council said normally might be expected on an average November Thursday.

Thanksgiving will be celebrated officially Thursday in all the New England states, and in Tennessee, Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Iowa, South Dakota, Pennsylvania and Nevada.

Besides the 61 traffic fatalities, 30 other persons met violent death by guns, in fires, or through other accidents.

Pre-Marriage Exams After First Of Year

The descent of out-of-state prospective brides and bridegrooms upon Kentucky, which has been going along at a merry rate for several months because of martial restrictions in nearby states, is expected to cease January 1.

By December 15, in fact, the state board of health will have taken its last step toward introduction of physical examinations of all marriage license applicants, whether they live in Kentucky or elsewhere. By that date each of Kentucky's 2,600 licensed physicians and all health officers will have been sent a final list of "approved" laboratories qualified to examine blood specimens.

Approximately 40 laboratories will have been approved on that day said Dr. A. T. McCormack, state health commissioner. It was the knotty problem of approving laboratories that caused the law's effective date to be postponed from March 1, 1940, to January 1, 1941.

Under this law, all persons applying for a marriage license must submit a certificate from a licensed physician certifying each is free from syphilis. The decision is based on the physician's diagnosis, plus blood examination. When a couple passes the test, they must be married within 15 days.

There will be no set fee charged by physicians, said Dr. McCormack, because a ruling by the state medical association prevents fee-fixing. However, he stated, the cost will be approximately $2 a person.

Whether it has been due to conditions presaging war, compulsory examinations or overtime work by "Li'l Dan Cupid," marriages of out-of-state couples have been heavy. Ministers especially have felt the unsolicited influx and several have expressed privately their opposition to "hit-and-run" ceremonies.

Answering the question, "If a person is found to have syphilis, what can he do?" Dr. Fred W. Caudill, head of the division of communicable diseases, replied, "That has been the circual question all along. When such a person is found, he must receive the minimum treatment, based on the findings of the American Medical association and the U. S. Public Health Service."

This treatment consists of at least 20 arm injections of arsenicals and 20 hip injections of bismuth, or other heavy metals, taken weekly. More may be necessary, he cautioned.

Childish Minds Blamed For Unhappy Marriage

Combination of a mature body and a childish and immature mind is "one of the worst handicaps to a successful marriage," according to Dr. R. F. Galbreath, president of Westminster College.

Dr. Galbreath listed seven qualities pointing to childishness: uncontrollable temper, uncompromising stubbornness, thoughtlessness in speech, being "thin-skinned" and easily hurt; indecision in making judgments, irresponsibility, and fears.

"To be mature," he said, "a people must replace highly emotional tempers with reasoning; stubbornness with a compromising attitude; thoughtlessness in speech with consideration for others' feelings; irresponsibility with thoroughness and accuracy, especially in one's vocation and fears with courage to follow one's conviction."

More persons lose their jobs and married happiness through irresponsibility and inability to get along with others than for any other reason, Dr. Galbreath asserted.

Hunting Season In State Started Sunday

The open season for hunting rabbits and quail started Sunday and reports from game officials and sportsmen all over the state indicate an unusual abundance of both rabbits and of the bob-white.

Small game should be abundant in Kentucky, and every effort has been made by the State Game and Fish Department in Frankfort to line up the support of hunters all over the state and to require the strictest observance of the hunting laws.

The daily bag limit on quail is 12 and the possession limit is two times the bag limit or 24. The daily bag limit on rabbits is eight with possession limit of 16.

This year the hunter must wear his hunting license in the form of a badge, on the outside of his clothing and in plain view, so as to avoid any controversies about the license required for hunting.

Careful observance of the limits, together with all safely precautions and compliance with the game laws, will make hunting more of a pleasure and worthy pastime in this state which once was a choice hunting ground and should be again.

Farmers Now Own Larger Share Of Credit Co-Op

Farmers in Nicholas county and neighboring counties this week took over a large share of the ownership of the local production credit association as $12,000 of its capital was repaid to the Production Credit Corporation of Louisville and thence to the Federal Treasury.

The association's board of directors, of which C. C. Crockett of Carlisle is a member, pointed out that the Corporation still has $68,000 invested in the non-voting capital stock of the association, and in addition farmers own more than $17,975 of voting stock.

When the association was organized in 1934 all of the capital was provided by Congress through the Production Credit Corporation, but local farmers who obtained loans purchased small amounts of voting stock until the total now owned by them aggregates more than $18,315. The association, which has its headquarters at Flemingsburg is financing the farming operations of about 550 farmers. Serving farmers in this county is Howe Blount, local representative with offices at Carlisle.

Livestock Outlook Good For Next Year

The market outlook for livestock and poultry in 1941 is good, according to Dr. H. B. Price, head of the department of markets and rural finance in the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. He notes that the purchasing power of consumers is expected to be greater than in 1940, and supplies of meats and dairy and poultry products will be reasonable, in view of the probable demand for them.

The tempo of general business has been rising for several months and it is now at a high level; payrolls are correspondingly better; and the demand for livestock, poultry and their products is improving. The continuation of this improvement is of course contingent on many factors. It may, for example be acccelerated or retarded by unforseen changes in the national defense program or the world situation, two forces that have contributed in an important way to the present high rate of business activity. Nevertheless, the present best indications are that the purchasing power of American consumers will be greater in 1941 than in the year that is now closing.

Supplies of these farm products will also probably be not excessive for normal marketing in view of the demand for them. The number of cattle, sheep and lambs to be slaughtered is expected to be approximately the same in 1941 as in 1940. Pork and egg production will be smaller than in 1940. Production of dairy products will likely be larger if there are normal pastures in 1941, but the larger volume is expected to be offset, at least in part, by larger exports of canned milk and by reduced imports of cheese.

One woman was killed and a man was wounded critically in two shootings near Pikeville Sunday.

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SALTWELL

Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Tanner and family spent Thursday with relatives at Florence.

Mrs. Hisel Hollar, Miss Mary Hester Mattox and Mrs. Gladys Gates spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and children.

Mrs. Annie E. Gaunce, who has been ill, is better.

Cray M. Gaunce, of Camden, N. J., Miss Ruth Baker and Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Smith, of Greenville, Ohio, spent Thursday with Mrs. Annie E. Gaunce and daughter.

Billy Burns Barlow, of Paris, spent Thursday with Floyd Barlow and family.

Little Janice Marie Kendall returned home Sunday after visiting her grandparents here.

Theodore Ritchie, of Smithfield, was a visitor in our community Sunday.

Calvert Sosby, Mrs. Reynolds Gaunce and R. H. Taylor went to Lexington Saturday to see Mrs. Electra Feeback, who is a patient at St. Joseph's hospital.

C. F. Barlow, of Headquarters, spent Sunday with Floyd Barlow and family.

Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Caswell, of Paris, spent Sunday with Lee Hollar and family.

Rev. C. C. Tanner filled his appointment at Rose Hill Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Fryman and son, Johnnie, and Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie and daughter, Leotta, of Hooktown, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John G. Allison and family.

Robert Kenney and family, Jay Kenney and family and Strawder Feeback and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Myrtle Kenney and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and children spent Sunday with U. G. Mattox and family.

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