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DEMOCRATIC TICKET

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For U. S. Senator ..... Albert B. Chandler
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Kentucky Democrats Are Happy.

Last summer, in the heat of the primary campaign, they were told that if Keen Johnson should be nominated and elected Governor, there would be an immediate healing of old party wounds, with resultant harmony such like of which Democrats of this state had not known in a generation.

And the prediction came true.

The evidence of this is piling up at State Democratic headquarters in Louisville, where the "heat but allout campaign" planned by state leaders soon after the President was renominated, is now moving along like a well-greased army tank, apparently destined to sweep into the polling places November 5th the greatest number of Democratic votes Kentucky has ever sent to the polls.

All elements of the party are working in perfect harmony, not to say high glee, toward this end and no party leader is holding back anything from a full effort for the whole Democratic ticket, if what stalwarts from many counties visiting state headquarters are telling State Campaign Chairman W. B. Ardery is true.

Headquarters, while sharing the joy of a party united, reflects the air of enthusiastic confidence in victory which is seen on every side. Following publication of the Gallup and Fortune polls recently, sentiment which had been slow in crystalizing, pending active campaign work in Kentucky, swept the state; and the confidence and optimism of Kentucky Democrats has boosted to a new high more recently, by the undisguised pessimism expressed by columnists of the great metropolitan newspapers.

For, while virtually all of the big town press, controlled by capitalists who want Willkie, has endorsed the former Democrat, who is now trying to act (in spots) like a Republican while he hears that party's standard, no political expert of any reputation, has dared predict the Hoosier utilities magnate will win, can win or has any chance to win.

True, many of the nation's leading periodicals still are seeking to sway voters by keeping up the made-to-order ballyhoo for Willkie; but it is falling flat now, since Mr. Willkie has tangled himself up so frequently, taken so much bad advice from old-line Republicans, die-hards, isolationists and amateurs as to make the great voting public wonder what in the world the G. O. P. big shots ever saw in him, in the first place.

Starting at Elwood, Ind., with his acceptance speech, Willkie has gone along with the President on nearly everything. He endorsed the draft, the trade of destroyers to Britain for airports, the AAA, the CCC, and nearly everything else the New Deal has done or tried to do—contenting himself with declaring he could do the same things much better than Mr. Roosevelt has.

Apparently the people do not believe Mr. Willkie; and certainly when he made this Presidential contest a battle of personalities, he took another losing ticket on himself, that the people won't help him cash on election day.

And so, while the Democratic campaign in Kentucky this year is not marked by big ballyhoo or large cash expenditures, either at state Headquarters or elsewhere, the party's leaders and its rank and file are enthusiastically at work to assure a vote which will place the stamp of approval, in no uncertain manner, upon the President's program for the Nation and his handling of the gravest world problems in all history.

A Little Advice To The Conscripts.

Yesterday approximately one thousand young men in Nicholas county went to their voting places and registered for possible military service. More than sixteen million other young men in America performed the same service.

Of course all of the men who registered yesterday will not be called for a year of military service. Many of them are physically unfit or have dependents who will exempt them from service. Probably less than half of the number will be called during the next five years.

Doubtless many of the young men who will be required to perform a year of service look upon it as an unpleasant ordeal and dread the day when they will have to go. Others are philosophic and some cheerly accept it.

Speaking as one who went through all of the anxiety in the World War, these boys have our sympathy. We went through the training and helped to train hundreds of others. For almost twenty years we have served as a Reserve Officer or member of the National Guard and have participated in summer field training with both. Before long we expect to be called for a year's service with the National Guard. Therefore, we feel qualified to speak a word or two of encouragement and advice to the prospective conscripts.

Aside from the financial sacrifice which many will be forced to make as a result of the year of service, every young man will be a better citizen at the end of the year. He will be healthier, he will learn the necessity of discipline, how to live and get along with other people; good health habits will be established, and he will have had instilled in him a new respect for his government and a greater love for his flag.

Uncle Sam has made ample provision for the shelter, feeding and well being of the conscripts. Wholesome recreation will be provided, as this is a well-established builder of morale. The hard-boiled officers and non-commissioned officers who struck terror to the hearts of the rookies of 1917-18 no longer have a part in the Army. The present system is much more along the lines of an honor system.

When their year of training is over, we sincerely believe that every one who wore the uniform will be proud of his service.

Feather Fashion.

Fashion, as well as history, repeats. Thirty years ago there was a great to-do over the feather vogue for women's hats. Since then, protection for various birds threatened with extinction by the onslaught of style has served until recently to prevent undue slaughter for the sake of plumage. But once again a fashion calls for feathers, and according to a survey by the National Association of Audubon Societies many species both foreign and domestic are facing their worst threat in years.

Audubon agents have discovered that the feathers of more than forty kinds of wild birds are now being offered for sale illegally in shops of New York and Philadelphia. After three decades, a vogue has loosed an army of pot hunters who make no distinction between protected and unprotected birds. In fact, the greatest demand—such being the perversity of human nature—is for plumage that is contraband.

It is discouraging that in a few months the turn of a fashion can wreck the efforts of thirty years. Although both state and Federal laws in the United States prohibit the sale of plumage of native wild birds, investigation showed plumage in the shape of feathers from the golden eagle, the bald eagle, the great swan, the osprey, the great blue heron, and many others. At the same time the survey revealed that the plumage of many foreign birds is now on sale illegally.

Although the names of the shops offering such feathers for sale have been withheld by the Audubon Society, it is divulged that the shops include many famous establishments. A promise to cooperate in the future has saved them from prosecution. Nevertheless, the lure of profit is so great that there may be frequent violation of the statutes. Until the fashion moguls strike feathers from their stock-in-trade, the threat to American bird life will continue.

Lese Majesty!

Let there be pre-digested foods and vitamin pellets, electric razors and fluid gear-shifts, but no more fantastic and unpopular wheezes, not oh not, a pre-dunked doughnut!

That is the plot the bakers have hatched against man, according to a news report. The monstrosity is described in preliminary blurbs as a fluffy bit of pastry, resembling the old-fashioned model, which has been flavored with coffee in advance. Allegedly, it will eliminate the necessity of dipping the doughnut into a cup of steaming Java and pulling it out all dripping.

The entire philosophy of the pre-dunked doughnut is based on a fallacy. It isn't the flavor that is paramount, although that has its proper place, but the process. There is a stimulating challenge in the technique of dunking that is the prime charm of the ancient sport.

Though table cloths have been ruined, and fingers scalded, famous gourmets, as well as fourmands, have found delight in a dish fit for king or commoner. Even those who profess to dislike dunking oppose it on esthetic rather than gastronomical grounds. Yet often they are not alone in preferring the principles of hydraulics on spaghetti or playing "Yankee Doodle" on an ear of green corn.

There is an encouraging note in the hint that the bakers themselves aren't positive that the pre-dunked product will catch on. Their apprehensions are well founded. There will be rists in the breakfast niches and revolutions in the restaurants. Really, this is too much. Next thing they will be packaging the hole separately in cellophane.

Maybe their friends, the nazis, can tell the Japs how to get their necessary scrap iron and oil by ersatz methods.

A thought is too the names of Lana Turner, Artie Shaw, Gene Markey, Hedy Lamarr et al into a hat, and everybody draw for new partners.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON & ROBERT S. ALLEN

"CONSCRIPT DOCTORS"

Nations Gatekeeper and the new draft army are going to have plenty of medical and dental service. Contract for training of a crop of 12,000 doctors and 2,287 dentists by July 1, 1941, who will be summoned from the Medical and Dental Reserve as the expansion of the army progresses.

At present the army has 1,196 physicians on active duty and expects to add another 2,700 from the Reserve and Retired Guard. The remaining 8,400 will be secured from the Reserve Corps, the draft and volunteers. Dental vacancies will be filled the same way.

The 7,000 nurses needed for the living Corps will be obtained from Army Ir through Red Cross registers. The nurses have warrant officer status and receive $80 a month, plus quarters rhom and laundry. They cannot marry while in the service.

Animal medicine also will not be neglected, with 1,140 veterinarians to be added to horse-drawn units.

The army is strict about the medical and dental qualifications accepting only graduates of Class A colleges. Officer a bill introduced by Rep. John McCormack of Massachusetts, the army would be authorized to give commissions to graduates of Class B colleges, but this is being opposed vigorously.

There are only two such schools in the U. S.: The Middlesex college at Middlesex, Mass., and the Chicago Medical school. Graduates of these can practice only in Massachusetts and Illinois and the army refuses to admit them as physicians. It applies the same ban to chiropractors, osteopaths, naturopaths, christian scientists and others.

The over-all medical ratio of the army is: For every 20,000 men a 1,000-bed hospital, with one 100-bed unit manned by 53 doctors, 120 nurses and 500 non-commissioned officers.

BALKAN MESS

Diplomatic gossiping from the Balkans indicate that Russia is not having a very good time in her dealings with Hitler.

The Russians are worried over the troops rushed by Hitler and Mussolini across her southern border in Rumania. Russia has taken over the Rumanian military system completely, and even plans to conscript Rumanian troops.

This came as a surprise to Moscow, which asked Berlin about it. This was the answer:

1. Nazi troops are needed in Rumania, first to protect the oil fields, since oil is all-important to Germany.

2. Italian and German troops may want to invade Turkey later in the year, and they want 60,000 men who could be sent through Rumania to Istanbul and the Straits.

The Nazis also explained that they were not taking any chances with Stalin's troops, because after Hitler had agreed to Russia having Bessarabia, Russia also seized Bukovina without even consulting Berlin. Therefore, the Germans say they want to make sure that no troops near the Russian boundary to see that it does not happen again.

The Nazis also explained that the Bulgarian and Hungarian armies still were asking for more territory, so Nazi troops have come in to protect the sovereignty of these small Balkan countries.

ARMY UNIFORMS

Young men who want to be officers in the new army are finding that the greatest obstacle is the cost of getting dressed. The army does not provide uniforms for its officers, and the cost at a tailor shop is enough to send them back home as conscientious objectors.

For an officer called in from Reserve, here is the list of minimum requirements. It does not include the "special evening dress," which would add another $125 to the total. Olive drab blouse (coat) with

"pink" slacks	$ 60.00
Overcoat	56.00
Garrison cap	8.50
Campaign cap	3.00
Sam Browne belt	10.50
Puttees	12.50
Field boots	18.50
Six shirts at $3.00	18.00
Breeches	25.00
Total	$212.05

This does not include a $16 saber, which has now been made optional. And it includes only one suit of blouse-and-slacks, whereas three or four actually are required.

The Quartermaster corps of the army estimates that $250 would be required to purchase a "modest outfit" for a young officer.

RATS AND WAR

Rats in America are getting a break as a result of the war in Europe. The Nazis have been interfered with shipment of red squill from the Mediterranean area, and red squill is the most effective rat poison ever discovered.

It is a bulb, like an onion. You buy it in powdered or liquid form, and mix it with raw meat. Rats go for it, but they only go once. Department of agriculture recommends red squill, but supplies are being intercepted by war.

Patronize Mercury Advertisers

50 YEARS AGO

Thursday, October 23, 1890

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Sam K. Veach, of Carlisle, on the 15th, a daughter.

Fletcher Cheatham awarded contract for building foundation for new city school building.

Died—Miss Cynthia Stone, 25, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stone, on the 19th.

John Goodman, oldest man in this section, died at the home of his son at Mizer Station at the age of 103 years.

County commissioners make special levy of 30 cents on each $100 worth of property for the erection of a new court house and jail.

Dr. G. W. Grimes retires from the drug firm of Burroughs and Grimes and will devote his energies to the practice of his profession.

Married—Miss Annie L. Mattox and Mr. Jacob Wagoner, both of this county, on the 22nd.

—Miss Mollie Link and Mr. William Abner, both of the county.

—Miss Mary T. Parker and Mr. William T. Nelson, both of the county, on the 22nd.

40 YEARS AGO

Thursday, October 23, 1890

Miss Frankie Ellington and Mr. Peter Harris, both of the county, on the 22nd.

Dunlap House purchases Blackett Stone from Mrs. M. Kee and takes charge of the business.

Mrs. Pickett Scott preparing to build modern residence on the corner of Chestnut and Maple streets.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morris, of Shakerag, on the 10th, a son—To Mr. and Mrs. James Anderson, of Oakland Mills, on the 10th, a son.

Court of appeals upholds game law passed at recent session of the legislature and Louisville firm is fined $18,000 for selling quail during the closed season.

Died—Infant of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Routt at their home in the county on the 22nd—Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hilland, at their home near Blue Licks on the 22nd.

George Blake returns to his home in Carlisle after being given a disability discharge from the U. S. Army in the Philippine Islands. Mr. Blake almost lost his eyesight and his health in the tropics.

20 YEARS AGO

Thursday, October 21, 1900

Fiscal court votes to construct new bridge across Strub Grass creek at Myers Station to replace bridge washed out several weeks ago.

Died—Mrs. Martha Terrell, 89, at her home near East Bend, on the 18th—Mr. Charles L. Watson, 60, formerly of Carlisle, at his home in Chicago.

Married—Miss Edna Roberts and Dr. T. T. Cowan, both of Carlisle, on the 14th—Miss Bettie Mae Fulton, of the county, and Mr. W. A. Johnson, of Frankfort, on the 20th.

I. B. Ross, Democratic campaign chairman, announces the whirlwind campaign will be made next week in which speaking will be heard at schoolhouses in every section of the county.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Metcalfe, of Carlisle, on the 20th, a son—To Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, of Carlisle, on the 3rd, a daughter—To Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen, of Myers, on the 6th, a son.

Following persons are candidates for members of the board of education: C. M. Poisal, John G. Allison, Robert L. Smith, Mrs. Nannie F. Buchanan, W. W. Swartz, W. S. Gaunce, O. H. Griffin, J. M. McClary, W. B. Mann and Shell Feeback.

Following local Masons attending Grand Lodge at Louisville this week: Rev. S. B. Lander, Dr. G. B. Spencer, S. K. Veach, F. C. Taylor, W. T. Norton, C. B. Huffstetter, Taylor Mathers, W. M. Roberts, Clay Henry, R. L. Corbin, W. T. Murray, H. C. Galbraith and Lindsay McCracken.

From Other Editorial Pages

THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

(Lexington Herald-Leader)

In the prayer that Jesus offered just after the Passover was eaten with His disciples on the night of His betrayal, He said "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil."

The Church is in the world. It would have no reason for its existence otherwise. It is charged with the duty of evangelizing the world. It is the salt of the earth, the light which is like a city set on a hill.

What the world is like at any time especially illustrates the Church truly is the "body of Christ"—upon its fidelity to its mission. Because that mission has not been adequately fulfilled the world of today, a world in revolution, torn asunder, poisoned by hate, ravaged by war, is the world that it is.

The crisis of the time goes far deeper than economic, social and political problems. The crisis, in a sense, is spiritual. Morality and religion have been neglected, and, in a great degree, abandoned. Terrible as is of destruction have been wrought, mankind has not yet failed to keep alive and bright its burning the altar fires of faith, of reverence, of love of humanity.

As one able writer has pointed out, "The beliefs the ideals, the institutions which make sustained man heretofore have crashed in his face, and he has been crushed by the ruins of the edifice he had built through the centuries. Religious faith has disintegrated. Man has lost faith in the universe, in government, in faith itself.

The struggle today is not among peoples, between races, or nations, governments, or systems, or ideologies. The conflict is one between materialism and genuine humanity, between the forces which seek to exalt man—material man—and those which seek to spiritualize the race. "We fight," said Paul, "not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

How could language better describe the warfare which is being waged today between the forces of good and evil? Back in 1923 Woodrow Wilson, then in retirement and close to death, wrote his last published article. In that he said that the world was plunged into darkness, and that "the road that leads away from revolution is clearly marked, for it is defined by the nature of man and society.

Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is saved spiritually. It can be saved only by becoming permeated with the spirit of Christ and being made free and happy by the practices which spring out of that spirit. . . . Here is the final challenge to our churches, to our political organizations, and to our capitalists—to every one who fears God and loves his country."

The mission of the church must be faithfully carried out if civilization and savagery will triumph and man will return to the jungle. Arise, O men of God!

THOMAS TALBOT

(Lexington Herald-Leader)

The death of Thomas B. Talbot will bring regret to many Kentuckians. For years as a home mission superintendent, as a distinguished Rotarian and partner of the Kentucky-Tennessee district, as raconteur, as genial, warm-hearted, helpful friend, as a devout Christian, as a leader in Christian work, as a product of a higher civilization based upon love of God and brothers, Mr. Talbot went about the state exerting an atmosphere of hope, good will, and good relations between all classes and all denominations.

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NEWS OF KENUCKY

Work has been started on a new sewage disposal plant at Danville to cost $120,000.

Dr. B. F. Tye, 61, County Judge of Owsley county, died at his home of a heart attack.

J. B. Poindexter, 80, head of one of the oldest business firms in Cynthiana, died at his home in that place Sunday.

S. W. Wyatt, 70, retired Falmouth business man, shot and killed himself at his home Thursday.

The annual Harrison county tobacco festival opened at Cynthiana Wednesday and will end Saturday night.

DeMolay Commandery Knights Templar, Louisville, celebrated its 100th anniversary Saturday.

Herman Stacy, 16, was placed in jail at Hazard Sunday on a charge of shooting to death Elijah Johns, 28, on Troublesome Creek.

Charley Miracle, 30, was shot to death and three men were wounded in an argument over a pistol at a tavern near Pineville Sunday.

The annual convention of the Democratic Women's Clubs of Kentucky will be held at the Kentucky Hotel in Louisville Friday and Saturday.

J. C. Farmer resigned as Fayette county Commonwealth's detective after being jailed and charged, eighty-five convicted in part as charged, eighty-five acquitted, 153 nolle prossed or discontinued and thirteen quashed or dismissed. The disposition of the remaining forty-one cases was not learned.

Indications were that the number called then would be increased materially and now offs-lists estimated that possibly four or five times 1,000 drafees would be in the service by June 1, compared with earlier estimates of 600,000.

Spokesmen for the selective service examining boards said their machinery would be in readiness to begin furnishing men to the army by Nov. 1 but it was pointed out that because of the burdens imposed on the army by mobilization of the National guard and by the continued expansion of the regular army through voluntary enlistments, it would not have the facilities for more than 100,000 trainees before the first of the year. By the terms of the conscription act, the number of trainees inducted is limited by the availability of "adequate housing and medical facilities."

Montgomery Pupils Lose Bus Service

The Montgomery county board of education Thursday rescinded its resolution of September 20 extending free bus transportation to all high and elementary pupils living within two miles or more from their respective schools.

The action was taken after immediate resignation of three board members had been demanded in a petition presented at a stormy session of the board in the crowded courtroom of the county seat.

The three mentioned in the petition, Mrs. W. G. Marshall, Mrs. Lindsey Hamilton and Frank P. Boyd, voted for the motion to rescind the September 20 resolution, while Mrs. M. T. Ginter voted against it. Chairman Woodson Jacobs did not vote.

The courtroom session was attended by more than sixty persons, chiefly from the Spencer Ridge farmers who have seen their high school pupils were injured Monday when the cattle truck serving them as a private school bus was in an accident.

In petition, bearing more than 150 signatures, blamed the three board members whose resignation is demanded for the board's elimination of free transportation—ordered in principle by the September 20 resolution—for high school pupils in some sections of the county.

Big Feed Tonnage Sold In Kentucky

The total tonnage of commercial feeds sold in Kentucky last year, computed from tax sales reported by the Agricultural Experiment Station, was 349,470. Of this amount, 11.5 per cent was corn feed, 4 per cent cottonseed meal, 14 per cent dairy feed, 3 per cent hog feed, 3 per cent horse feed, 8.5 per cent mixed feed made of wheat by-products with a small per cent of corn bran, 21.3 per cent poultry feed, 25 per cent wheat feed, and other tonnage 9.7 per cent.

In the Shelby circuit court Thursday Acie Harvey, John Hamilton and William Hamilton were sentenced to life imprisonment for the armed robbery of the general store of Maurice B. Clark at Peytona September 23.

Two men awaiting trial on charges of stealing chickens rushed past two women attendants and through an unlocked door to escape from the Knox county jail at Barbourville Friday night.

Rev. J. L. West, 88, retired Methodist minister, was elected president of the Mt. Sterling Octogenarian Club at its annual meeting Friday. Fourteen members, whose ages ranged from 80 to 92, attended the meeting.

The city of Paris has purchased for $1,000 the old Bourbon county jail and the building will be preserved as a landmark. The outside wall of the 128-year-old structure has been torn down.

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Army Service Start May Be November 14

Authoritative sources said Friday that Nov. 14 was the earliest date now contemplated for induction into the army of the first contingent of men under compulsory military service law.

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The 14th annual convention of the Kentucky Masonic Grand Lodge opened at Louisville Tuesday. C. A. Keith was called to succeed Boswell G. Hodgkin, of Winchester, as grand master.

Governor Johnson Monday appointed John Kirtley, of Owensboro, chairman of the Kentucky Public Service Commission to fill a vacancy that has existed since the death of J. C. W. Beckham last winter.

The Knox county court house at Barbourville was condemned as unsafe by the fiscal court Monday and a bond issue of $45,000 for the construction of a new building will be submitted at the November election.

Dr. W. N. Lipscomb, Lexington physician, has been ordered by the War Department to a leader duty to serve as chief medical adviser on the Kentucky Selective Service Committee.

Miss Bessie Scott, 24, teacher in the mountain mission school at Little Breathitt county, died from burns suffered when a dormitory in the school burned, taking the lives of nine little girls.

Consolidation of the women's organizations of the various Methodist churches in the Kentucky Conference was affected at a meeting at the First Methodist church in Lexington Thursday.

Joseph C. Turner, Jr., 26, Louisville attorney, was killed Saturday night when he was struck by an automobile as he was walking along a highway near Bardstown. Joe Bevins, 23, of New Haven, was held for questioning.

Hoover Huff, who will be 36 years old on October 17, is believed to be the only World War veteran in Kentucky who will be subject to registration. Huff explained Monday that he enlisted at Fort Thomas in 1917 when he was but 13 years old.

A resolution asking the legislature for a constitutional amendment to make the state superintendent of public instruction to be appointed by the state board of education, was adopted by the Central Kentucky Education Association meeting at Richmond Friday.

Charging that the present owner of property which contains their family cemetery removed tombstones and raised a crop of tobacco on the plot, heirs of Lewis and Josie Jeff filed suit at Versailles against James Stuart, Woodford county farmer, for $800 damages.

Noted Evangelist To Conduct Revival Here

(Florida Times-Union, Jacksonville, Fla.)

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Legion To Assist In Answering Questions

At the regular monthly meeting of Nicholas Post No. 17, American Legion, Friday night, members voted unanimously to offer their services to young men of the county in filling out conscription forms. One or two men will be at the court house each afternoon to assist men who have registered in filling out the blanks.

The post voted to hold the annual dinner on Armistice Day, November 11. The dinner will be served by the Legion Auxiliary. All members in good standing for the 1939-40 or 1940-41 year will be eligible to attend the dinner.

U. S. Convicts 90 Per Cent Of Defendants

Nine out of ten defendants in criminal cases in the federal courts of Kentucky and Indiana during the fiscal year ended last June 30 were convicted, and most of them went to jail or prison or paid fines. A few were probated.

These figures were disclosed in the annual report of Henry P. Chandler, director of the administrative office of the Federal Courts.

There were 1,288 criminal defendants disposed of in the Eastern Kentucky district and 503 in the west district during the year. Of the total, 2,391, was one of the highest of any state, being approximately 90 per cent of the total of 52,014 for the entire Nation.

Of the total criminal defendants in the two Kentucky districts, 153 were prosecuted on charges of violating the selective service law.

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The three mentioned in the petition, Mrs. W. G. Marshall, Mrs. Lindsey Hamilton and Frank P. Boyd, voted for the motion to rescind the September 20 resolution, while Mrs. M. T. Ginter voted against it. Chairman Woodson Jacobs did not vote.

The courtroom session was attended by more than sixty persons, chiefly from the Spencer Ridge farmers who have seen their high school pupils were injured Monday when the cattle truck serving them as a private school bus was in an accident.

In petition, bearing more than 150 signatures, blamed the three board members whose resignation is demanded for the board's elimination of free transportation—ordered in principle by the September 20 resolution—for high school pupils in some sections of the county.

Big Feed Tonnage Sold In Kentucky

The total tonnage of commercial feeds sold in Kentucky last year, computed from tax sales reported by the Agricultural Experiment Station, was 349,470. Of this amount, 11.5 per cent was corn feed, 4 per cent cottonseed meal, 14 per cent dairy feed, 3 per cent hog feed, 3 per cent horse feed, 8.5 per cent mixed feed made of wheat by-products with a small per cent of corn bran, 21.3 per cent poultry feed, 25 per cent wheat feed, and other tonnage 9.7 per cent.

Tidbits of Kentucky Folklore

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KING'S EX

The abdication of Edward VIII reminded me that for many years I have wanted to write an essay called "King's Ex." When we were children, we played many games in which we wanted to be out of the game for an instant. The rule was violated often, for we would use the words when we were in a very tight place. While we were playing "Wolf over the river" and were about to be caught by the opposing faction, we would feign a sudden nosebleed or a violent fit of coughing or some hidden ache or injury and use the magic formula to get out. Another set of our folk version of it was "Slkinglish." When the one who had caught us or several of the opposing force questioned our having a legal excuse, we burst into tears or else struck out right and left to defend our honor. If the teacher were not around, a first-class free-for-all might ensue, with bloody noses and a generous use of whatever bad words we knew. But I cannot recall that any such experience ever taught us to think twice the next time before we used this method of getting out of the game. In our early times we know of "time out," so those quitters, 153 nolle prossed in athletics. Suppose that phrase is used so often that one suspects it a ruse to stage some kind of new trick, you can imagine how long the referee will last in an average community. Certain boys and girls usually tearful and with whining voices, were the best users of this device, so much so that we sometimes called them "Slkinglish." Today they would be said to have a plentiful stock of alibis, but that word had not leaked into our section when we were young.

If children were the only ones to use this device, how good the old world would be. When we were children, we would all take it on the chin or plop the game or take our medicine or grin and bear it or whatever else symbolizes playing according to rules without cheating.

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