POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Sheriff

We are authorized to announce
WALTER STONE
as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Nicholas County, subject to the action of the voters in the August Primary.

For County Judge

We are authorized to announce
WALTER SHEPHERD
as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Judge, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

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L. B. BARTON
as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Judge, subject to the action of the Democrats of Nicholas county in the August Primary.

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D. M. CURRY
as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for County Judge, subject to the action of the Democrats of Nicholas county in the August Primary.

For County Attorney

We are authorized to announce
WILLIAM H. CONLEY, JR.
as a candidate for Democratic nomination for County Attorney, subject to the action of Nicholas County, subject to the action of the voters, in the August primary.

We are authorized to announce
BRUCE MORFORD
as a candidate for Democratic nomination for County Attorney of Nicholas County, subject to the action of the voters in the August primary.

For Magistrate

We are authorized to announce
WILSON J. (Buster) CLARK
as candidate for Magistrate in the Third Magisterial District subject to the action of voters in that district in he August Primary.

We are authorized to announce
PHILIP SUGG
as candidate for Democratic nomination for Magistrate in the Second Magisterial District subject to the action of voters in that district in the August primary.

We are authorized to announce
J. W. BRYANT
as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Magistrate in the Fifth Magisterial District subject to the action of the voters in that District in the August Primary.

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LUTHER "Pork" FISCH
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GLEN BOOTH
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We are authorized to announce
W. J. CURTIS
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We are authorized to announce
S. C. TILTON
as a candidate for Democratic nomination for State Senator from the Thirtieth Senatorial District subject to the action of the Democrats in the August primary.

We are authorized to announce
D. H. HILDRETH
of Robertson County, as a candidate for State Senator in the Thirtieth Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Bracken, Harrison, Nicholas and Robertson, subject to the action of the Democratic Party at the Primary Election, August 2, 1941.

For Representative

We are authorized to announce
HYLEND WINKLE HUTSELL
as a candidate for Democratic nomination for Representative of the 70th District subject to the action of the Democrats in the August primary.

For Jailer

We are authorized to announce
W. S. OWENS
as candidate for the Democratic nomination for Jailer of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the voters in the August primary.

It Pays To Advertise

We are authorized to announce
MRS. BERTHA C. CAMERON
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Rural Electrification Program Six Years Old

The start of the seventh year of the federal rural electrification program finds approximately 2 million American farm families enjoying central station electric service nearly three times as many as had it in 1935 —the Department of Agriculture reported today. Since establishment of the Rural Electrification Administration on May 11, 1935, REA-financed power lines alone have taken electricity to nearly half a million farms. During the same period, private utilities have stimulated by the REA program, have connected about as many additional farms.

Harry Slattery, REA Administrator, pointed out that during the past year, REA activities have been directed primarily toward measures to strengthen national defense. "REA was instrumental in getting electricity to Camp Shelby, Mississippi, largest Army camp in the United States, in record time and at a substantial saving to the Government," he said. "Other Army camps have been served less dramatically but no less beneficially. Electricity has been made available to hundreds of industries and mines producing essential defense materials—farmrods, gunpowder, nitrates, carbonates, and cinnabar —to mention 1 of more than 100 kinds of industrially established elements on REA lines. Meanwhile, by connecting hundreds of thousands of additional farms and by advising farmers in the selection and operation of productive electrical equipment and by helping to insure them an adequate supply of food and fiber in the event of an all-out defense effort which would draw heavily on farm manpower.

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During its six years of operation, the REA has allotted 367,215,122 to 821 borrowers in 45 States and Alaska. These funds provide for construction of 324,000 miles of lines to serve 1,700,000 farms and other rural consumers. By March 31, 1941, 214 of these systems were actually operating 280,142 miles of line with 258,065 connected consumers. In this connection, the Department points out that the number of electrified farms in the United States is now estimated by the Edison Electric Institute, at 2,421,654.

The Department estimates that about 80 per cent of the additional connections to REA lines are farm families. The rest are scattered among non-farm residences, stores and filling stations, public institutions such as churches and schools, governmental establishments, and decentralized rural industries.

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COMMISSIONER'S SALE

Nicholas Circuit Court.
Mary E. Campbell ..... Plaintiff
vs. Notice of Sale in Equity
Eva Barbee Blount, Defendant
By virtue of a judgment and order of sale rendered in the above styled action at the May 1941 term of the Nicholas Circuit Court, the undersigned Commissioner will on

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1941

at the hour of 2:00 p. m., offer for sale at public auction, to the highest and best bidder on a credit of six and twelve months, the following described property.

Tract one: Certain tracts or parcels of land lying near the City of Carlisle, Nicholas County, Kentucky, more particularly described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Beginning at a post in Fluhrer lane corner to second tract therein; S 78 E 31.80 poles to a stone in Waugh's lane corner to Fluher; thence S 12 E 21.80 poles to a stone in Dick Metcalfs line, corner to Waugh; thence with the same S 78 E 20.25 poles to a stone corner to second tract thence N 84 W 33.00 poles to the beginning, containing 2.50 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: Beginning at a stone on the east margin of a roadway being Northwest corner to Fluhrer's lot; thence S 85 E 33.80 poles to a stone corner to King Bros. in Vaught and Taylors line, thence N 7 1-2 E 15 poles to a stone in Vaught's line, stone in Veach & Taylors line; thence N 84 W 33 poles to a stake on the margin of said roadway; thence with the margin of said roadway S 3-4 W 10 poles to the beginning, containing 2 acres and containing "in all 4.50 acres.

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vs. Advertisement of Sale
Gilba Vice and
Nora Vice, ... Defendants

By virtue of a judgment and order of sale in the Nicholas Circuit Court rendered at the May Term, 1941, in the above cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Court House door in Carlisle, Ky., at public auction on

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at about the hour of 2:00 o'clock p. m. on a credit of six months the following described real estate, a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Nicholas, Kentucky, containing 84 acres, more or less, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a stone in the North margin of the County Road corner to Wm. Conley; thence N 41 3-4 W 8.30 poles; thence N 48 1-4 W 6.00 poles to a stone 4.00 of a pole southwest of a white oak; thence S 41 E 39.25 poles to the center of said road and corner to Conley; thence with the road S 48 1-4 E 18 & 12.30 poles to a stone on the east side of said road and corner to Wm. Thomson; thence leaving the road N 45 E 21.00 poles to a beech and poplar stumps corner to Thomson; thence S 45 E 15 & 129.80 poles to a stone; thence N 45 W 39.40 poles to a stone, in center of water gut; thence N 45 W 5 line and pass the stone 4.00 of a pole southwest of the North John McGinley; thence on line S 77 3-4 W 9.80 poles; S 72 W 21 poles; S 78 1-2 W 35 poles to a sycamore tree; thence N 85 3-4 W 19.20 poles to a stone; thence up a hill N 37 1-2 W 11.50 poles to a stone; thence N 60 W 78.76 poles to the beginning. There was only 19.00 poles to said road; thence with said road S 35 W 25 poles to the beginning, containing 84 acres surface measurement.

For the purchase price, the purchaser will be required to execute his bond with approved surety or sureties, made payable to the undersigned Special Commissioner, bearing legal interest from date of sale until paid, and having the force and effect of a judgment.

A lien shall be retained on the property as additional security to secure the payment of the purchase price.

The amount of debts and interest due this date is $1,061.83. Costs $.....

Bidders will be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

John P. Ross, Special Commissioner Nicholas Circuit Court
Conley & McCartney,
Attorneys for Plaintiff.
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In Pike county, several farmers in every community are keeping egg records.

Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNGER, D. D., Dean of The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.
(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Lesson for June 8

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BEGINNING OF WORLD REDEMPTION

LESSON TEXT—Acts 17:22-31.
GOLDEN TEXT—And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.—Mark 16:15.

Nineteen hundred years of "front line action" for Christ began that day in Antioch when the first missionaries of the cross were sent forth. There is no more thrilling story in all history than that of missionary endeavor. Each day it goes on year after year, and will do so as long as the Church of the harvest continues to send forth workers. The writer of these notes is glad to be associated with a training center which has had a part in it, and which has prepared for service about 2,300 men and women who have been sent to the foreign field by their churches and missionary societies. Approximately 1,600 are still active on the field in spite of "peril, toil and pain," and the decision has been made to "fight the good fight of faith"—1 Tim. 6:12. First we must have

I. The Base of Operations (vv. 22-24).

Every army must have a home base, just as the army of the Lord looks to the home church, the local gathering of God's people. An army could do if there at the base of its action were sailors, or as protected by the planes of the world, or so indifferent to their responsibility, that they would not have a hand in the support of the active army. So the Church of Christian nations cannot go ahead if it has to depend on a few people who are willing to go sailing, indolent, indifferent, and unduly minded.

The church at Antioch prayed and fasted. It ministered the Word of God. It was responsive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and ready to serve Him with the sacrifice of the missionary cause. Is your church that kind of a church? If not, why not?

Observe also that it is from such a church that God calls His workers. Today school teacher, you may have in your class next Sunday one of the missionary leaders of the next generation. See to it that he or she is made from God rejects that heart.

II. God Soldiers at the Cross (vv. 24).

The army does not call for the weak or physically handicapped to serve. Just so, God's service calls for the strong, the spiritual leaders of the church, not the misfits or failures. It is a time for every man to mark. "If I can't get married, I will be a missionary." For service, for God's work, she did get married, but right soon was sent abroad in business think that means the end of the matter.

God wants our best (Deut. 15:2) and He wants the best a church can get. Sometimes we have "left overs" only, but in other ways as well. Note also in verses 2 and 3 that these messengers of the Lord must be constantly fed of the Holy Spirit.

III. The Heat of Battle (vv. 5-10).

Warfare is not a Sunday school picnic. It means conflict with the forces of the enemy. So the mission ary of the cross must be prepared to meet Satanic opposition. Paul and Barnabas met the "son of the devil" (by the way, reader, we have no right to belong to that family) who opposed the work of grace and God began in the heart of the governor (vv. 8-10).

However, there are those who do desire to hear the Word of God, such as did Sergius Paulus. The business of the missionary is to preach to them, but not only to them. The Word of God is not really a matter of the world of that day. It was a grave city of idolatry, vice and immorals. It was ruled by the Roman Empire, a man of noble character and a "man of understanding" (v. 7). But right unto him was Elymas the sorcerer, a wicked and ungodly Jew, a disgrace to his own people and a hindrance to the work of God. The messenger of God rejoices in the opportunity to minister the Word, whether to Roman, Jew, or Greek, both of high or low estate, wicked or good, interested or antagonistic. They all need God's Word.

IV. Victory for Christ (vv. 11, 12). The army goes into battle with the purpose of winning a victory, or it is defeated before it starts. The Lord's army is on a victorious march, certain of success, because He that is in us is "greater than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). In dealing with the sorcerer, Paul brought down the drastic judgment of God. Note that was not done because Elymas opposed Paul, or because he had some different belief, but because he in his wickedness opposed God. Those who fight against God are in a losing battle, the victory is always on His side.

There was another kind of victory here, and the soldiers of the cross are for should not be for more interested in that type of victory; namely, the surrender of a sinner at the foot of the cross. God won a victory in the heart of Sergius Paulus.

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Historic Scenes In Nicholas County

MAYSVILLE ROAD, U. S. 68

Editors Note: This article is based upon one entitled "The Old Maysville Road," written by Miss Robert A. Cochran of Maysville. Much of it remains as he wrote it, some we have changed, and some we have added to it.

When Boone and others, after adventures in the wilds, returned blissfully ground," went back to North Carolina and Virginia and told of the wonderful country they had found in Kentucky they made a great rush for the land that held such promise.

They made the journey by two routes.

Some came by land through Cumberland Gap and the old Wilderness Road, the other came by way of the Ohio river. Those that came by the river made Limestone (now Maysville) their landing and left boats, landing at two places on the river, one at the harvest ing there or pushing on into the interior of the State. After these landing places was at the mouth of Limestone creek, the other at the mouth of Beargrass creek, afterwards, respectively Maysville and Louisville. The first definite settlement in Maysville was in 1784.

There were no Indians living in Kentucky, it was their hunting ground over which they came, running over what is now the Maysville Road, but they had left this district from the north came to hunt buffalo, deer, elk and other game. This was their land of plenty, a land where they hunted and roamed, but they never came to live. The trails from the north to the south, from the interior of Kentucky, crossed one and the same road at Maysville. The salt springs, Blue Licks, Lower Blue Licks, Licking river and Lawrence river all within south of Maysville, was the favorite hunting ground of the Indians. From time immemorial the buffaloes crossed the Ohio river at Maysville, going to and from their feeding grounds in the wide path known as "Buffalo Trace." This was through the present Maysville, Mayslick, Lake.

The Indians and buffaloes took the shortest and best routes, and the white man came after him to build roads along the trails made by the animals and Indians in Kentucky, using for the most part the same routes. Such as the country grew and commerce increased greater facilities were needed for travel.

Many years later when railroads came they changed the line of travel in a great many cases, but the Maysville road remained the same route, and in the automobile and hard-surfaced roads, the old Indian trails and pioneer roads again pointed the way.

Before the railroads however, merchandise for the interior of the State was brought to Maysville and from there distributed over the Maysville road. In route had, by 1787, become a famous road of travel. Over it came all that was worthy or less a thing to take for granted, a road upon which there was a jel in fast motor cars, but miles the rich history and adventure behind it.

There is a greater romance and history behind the road than appears on the surface. Even the hall of Congress will be the scene of debate about it and the brilliant Henry Clay, a great orator of the United States had harsh words about it.

The argument started in 1828. The people of Maysville, seeing the need of a good road to Lexington as the shortest route to the interior, and as a further means of increasing the city's commercial value, organized a company and had a survey made of the road. In 1828 the company began building the first macadamized road west of the Allegheny mountains, and one of the first in the United States. Fortunately they were able to get the State of Kentucky to take some stock in it and with what stock they sold in Maysville they built the road for a cost of over $300,000.

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But Clay had not reckoned with all of his obstacles. Andrew Jackson was President of the United States at the time and vetoed the bill—you can imagine what effect this veto had on the Henry Clay Whigs of Kentucky. Congress rocked with the arguments and Henry Clay, whom today we call the statesman was also the politician. He did not forget the veto of his pet bill.

Hurlbert, in one of his volumes entitled "Historic Roads of America," says "It made the Maysville Road," as it was known famous throughout the United States." He can further say, "The effect of Jackson's veto was far-reaching. It not only put an end to all thought of national aid to such local improvements as the Maysville turnpike but it deterred such eminently national promotions as the Baltimore and Ohio Railway of all hope of national aid."

People going to Washington, D. C., even as far south as New Orleans, used this road. It was one of the greatest traveled roads in the country.

The connection north of the Ohio river was over what was known as Zane's Trace from Aberdeen, Ohio, opposite Maysville, to Zanesville, Ohio, where it made connection with the old National Highway from Columbus to Washington.

Iron mileposts were erected at every mile between Maysville and Lexington some have been preserved and are standing in the Blue Licks museum (the writer has seen them) Zane's old 0. Maysville, Ky., Lexington, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Florence, Ala.

Over this road traveled two Presidents of the United States, Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk, also Henry Clay and John Sherman, both of Ohio and republican leaders, Louis Philippe, citizen King of France, while an exile in this country.

Henry Clay last journey was over this road. He died in Washington having traveled from Lexington to Maysville by stagecoach, staying all night at Maysville and leaving the next day by boat for Wheeling, where he took the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for Washington.

Along this road are points of interest. Historic battlefields, places where events occurred that affected the entire course of events in the United States, at one point an incident occurred that caused the flames of the Civil War higher than any other single event, the capture of Uncle Tom, the main character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," at Washington, Ky. so on. The United States highway No. 68 follows the road for the most part, but much of the romance and history has been lost.

The road went through the county seat of Nicholas county in the early history of the county, it is our life by day. It is not just a road, it is a symbol of the American trail.

"Pike" is a term used by the shopping district as the east of type or a form of type, the combination mixing of letters, words, etc., is called "pie."

Say you saw it in The Mercury.

OUR FLAG GIRDLES THE GLOBE

Old Glory, proud symbol of our country, will celebrate its one hundred and sixty-fourth birthday June 14, 1941. Born (Aug. 11, 1787) was conveyed to the United States, and in 1789 Maysville the first type" happened.

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First Kentucky Lumber Sale Made, Cutting Begun

The Kentucky Division of Forestry, Frankfort, announced recently that the first important timber sale from the Kentucky Ridge Forest has been made and cutting will start within a few days. The Vlall Lumber Co., Barbourville, was the successful bidder for approximately one million board feet of mixed hardwoods in the Bear Creek area. The Bear Creek area covers about 600 acres, and contains 2 1-2 million board feet of merchantable timber. However, only those trees which have stopped growing appreciably, or are defective or diseased will be removed. All healthy trees which are still growing rapidly will be left to restock the area, and in about twenty years another cut of mature timber can be made. Scenic values will be left undisturbed by leaving all trees along roads or trails, and no timber will be cut from areas set aside for recreational purposes.

A timber survey has been completed which shows how much timber of each species is on the entire forest, and how fast it is growing. From these figures a management plan is being prepared to show how much timber can be harvested each year without injury to the forest. No more will be cut than can grow in an average year.

Part of the money received from the sale will be used to build a lake to improve the scenic area after completion of the logging operations. All cutting and removal of timber will be under supervision of a trained forester.

The Kentucky Ridge Forest, situated in Bell county, contains approximately 12500 acres. It is owned by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, which has leased it for 95 years to the Kentucky Department of conservation. In its administration the state is following the multiple use principle. This means that all the various forest resources such as timber, watershed protection, game and fish, and recreation will be so managed as to obtain the maximum benefits from each without detriment to the other.

Citizens Sue To Oust Kenton Clerk

Proceedings were filed in the Court of Appeals late Wednesday by Master Sam Furste, Kenton County Clerk. Charges were made of "swindling" the Commonwealth and the county.

The suit accused him of withholding $11,332.61 he had collected in taxes and fees, of overcharging and making profits on marriage licenses and of keeping Hattie A. Furste and George Furste as deputies for him, when neither of them rendered service.

The case was set for trial Tue-day, June 10.

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Fort Sheridan News

The members of the Carlisle unit and the 103rd Coast Artillery Battalion went on an overnight maneuver to Kankakee, Illinois, which is about seventy-five miles from this post, last Friday morning and returned last Saturday morning. This is the first of a series of overnight maneuvers which will be taken by the 103rd in preparation for the big maneuvers which will be held in Texas in August. The maneuver this week has been postponed because we will receive our selectees.

Three new officers were assigned to this battery the 21st of May. They are Second Lieutenants Robert D. Barton, Orlie J. Munson and Clayton C. Shupp.

Two officers and fifteen enlisted men of this battery attended the double-header baseball games between the Cincinnati "Reds" and the Chicago "Cubs" in Cincinnati last Sunday, May 24. Both games were enjoyed by all and we rooted hard for the home team the Cincinnati "Reds." We also have received an invitation to attend ball games played by the Chicago "White Sox" in Comiskey Park on scheduled.

Private First Class Stanley H. Storey received word Sunday that his father was seriously ill in the hospital in Carlisle. He left

School Allotment Of $12.70 Is Predicted

Superintendent of Public Instruction John W. Brooker said Friday that a per capita school allotment of $12.70, highest in the history of the State, is indicated for 1941-42 on the basis of unofficial returns from 95 counties showing a decline of 13,171 pupils.

Thirty-four counties in the state showed losses of over one hundred pupils. Harlan county showed a gain of 597 pupils. Jefferson county also showed a large gain. The net decrease is of 1,195 in the Louisville area.

The per capita will be set officially some time before July 1.

was granted a five day furlough so that he could be with him.

We have no one in the hospital now a private Ervin Class Brooks E. Green and Private William J. Owings were dismissed last week.

We continue to have pretty weather here and contractors are getting good roads built in our area.

For the first time in several weeks we had no visitors from our home town over the week end.

Old age pensions paid in May reached a new peak, it was announced Wednesday. Amount paid to 56,139 persons was $501,-

"Kentucky" Considered Best Trade Name

Kentucky farmers and processors are continually hunting for trade names for their products so that they may be identified as to quality, economy and origin. This they hope will create a preference in the consumer's mind. All sorts of adaptations of the word, "Kentucky," and of historical spots and events have been used, but probably any product identified as made or grown in Kentucky would carry as great a meaning, and increase sales to consumers throughout the United States.

Kentucky enjoys a very enviable reputation as to the quality of her products among her sister states. Citizens of other states are more than willing to pay a premium for Kentucky products. Kentucky should capitalize on her reputation because this reputation has been built by her citizens and her products and these have every right to enjoy the benefits from it.

The Marketing Division of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture is very interested in increasing the use of Kentucky's farm products and is encouraging the formation of cooperatives so as to aid the farmers market their products more efficiently.

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Kentucky's Million Dollar Cumberland Falls State Park Beckons Nature Lovers

—TELLING KENTUCKIANS ABOUT KENTUCKY

(This is one of a series of articles sponsored by the Kentucky Progress Commission to tell Kentuckians about their own state.—Sec-Louis Trabue, Secretary-Commissioner Year.)

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BY ROBT. A. BLAIR

Cumberland Falls, Kentucky's Million Dollar State Park, is indeed the most interesting and beautiful of all our Parks, Shrines or Memorials.

Located in the very heart of the famed Kentucky mountains, near Corbin and Williamsburg, this roaring cataract offers to the public who trek there by the thousands, a place where nature did far more than she expected, then added a final touch in the external surroundings of the Falls; a delicate touch that changes with the four seasons so that Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter finds a new and different picture.

To all who really know Cumberland Falls, this is indeed the one season most pleasing to the true lover of nature. At present, the accurate dogwood area a real picture, with this being the grandest season for the blooming of the dogwoods in the history of the Falls. Even many redbuds are still in bloom, forming a background for the dogwoods. The wahoo trees are beginning to open their magnificent leaves and will soon open in the woods, and scarcely any wahoo flower—a picture worth traveling thousands of miles to see. Then we must not forget the wild honeysuckle that is now adding sweet fragrance to the atmosphere, and which will be followed the last of June by the rose of the hills of Kentucky a real pleasure.

After the Park has been entered, there are miles and miles of well marked trails that lead the hiker or picnic to points of interest. Trained park personnel is in charge of the Park and all its accommodations, and everything possible is being done to present to the public a new Cumberland Falls Park service will make a visit to the park, as said by such a person, "something to remember."

It is interesting to know that more than one million dollars have been spent in the Cumberland Falls Park area, and to the lover of the Falls and this grand section of Kentucky, it is even more pleasing to note that the National Forest Service, through the Cumberland National Forest now owns and controls practically all land around Cumberland Falls, thus making the area as it were a diamond in a platinum setting. Such a program means that forever and ever, we will have the area as it is—millions of trees, shrubs, wildflowers and wild life. A place where the tired public can go for rest—an area that is a paradise for the vacationist—and a section known far and wide for its beauty and friendly people. To those who live near the Falls, nothing is more pleasing than to see our "neighbors" come and go, because we want to share this bit of nature with them—and in this we use more and more to see them return time and time again. For nineteen consecutive years a Cincinnati family has visited Cumberland Falls for their annual vacation—are the Falls not unusually interesting to have such continued attention?

Then we must not forget the World's Largest Sunken Garden that is just a short distance from the Falls—an area owned by the National Forest, and an area that is to be developed into a recreational unit at an early date, but is outstandingly attractive at this time and should be on the "must list" of every lover of the outof-doors.

Cumberland Falls State Park and its points of interest is the gift to Kentucky by the late Senator Coleman T. duPont and family of Wilmington, Delaware, at a cost to them of $400,000.00. While there was no passable road to the Falls many years ago, the Corbin Kiwanis Club sponsored the old "Kiwanis Trail" and with the help of many other Organizations and a multitude of citizens, the first automobile trail was opened to the public on September 22, 1927—almost fourteen years ago.

People from every state in the Union and many foreign countries have stood on the brink of the Falls or viewed the cataract from Lovers Leap—poems have been written about the lace-like curtain as it plunges down the rock above to the whirling gorge below in an endless stream of foaming water, and some of these same poems have been set to music.

Surely Cumberland Falls is a mecca for that person who loves to take to the open road, and when that person enters Southeastern Kentucky, better known as the VALLEY OF PARDS, he thinks ways flow quickly and surely to the very heart of the area, beautiful Cumberland Falls State Park.

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