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It Is Possible—Johnson.

Governor Keen Johnson came forward again this week with an original idea that deserves the praise of every Kentuckian, and, which will when completely carried through, be one of the greatest steps toward improvement of state institutions to be taken in many years. The idea is during in that the Governor has taken it upon himself to show the skeptics what can be done toward renovating old institution buildings.

The plan, as announced by the Governor, is to transfer $50.000 of the Governor's emergency fund to show the possibilities of modernizing and fireproofing antiquated buildings.

Announcing the plan, Governor Johnson said, "The whole idea is new. Three weeks ago I decided to take enough money from the emergency fund to show that it is both possible and practical to modernize and fireproof these old buildings. So I called them all in and asked them to select the slightest worst of the lot and then draw plans to modernize it thoroughly and completely."

The work will be finished by late fall and the modernization unit will be open to members of the 1942 Legislature, the Jefferson County grand jury, and such other groups as may be interested to see just what can be done toward the rehabilitation of the state's hospitals at Lexington, Lakeland and Hopkinsville and the Institute for the Feeble-Minded at Frankfort.

Governor Johnson proves again that he is a progressive executive, interested in the welfare of the state maintained institutions, and, at the risk of lowering his own prestige, will take steps which he believes will improve existing conditions in Kentucky. It has been a long time since the state has had such a far sighted Governor.

In the next few weeks there will undoubtedly be much criticism from the administration opponents over this step. However, when the work is finished and the building is opened for inspection this fall, Kentuckians will realize how extremely fortunate they are to have a progressive chief executive. Kentuckians can also look forward to the near future when state maintained institutions will be as modern and efficient as any in the country.

A Symbol Of Freedom.

June 14 has become a day of historical importance a day that has taken its place in the course of human events; a day that will, when the history of the world is written, be remembered as the birthday of the greatest symbol of human liberty and justice and equality.

June 14 is the birthday of the Stars and Stripes, the flag of The United States of America, the stronghold of democracy in a world of fear and hate and war.

A well known, respected gentleman, came into the Mercury office this week and asked of the Editor, "Why don't you do something about that flag on the court house dome?" To which the Editor replied, "I have tried, once, but nothing was done—no one helped made. But I will try again."

For our friend who came in and asked that something be said about that flag floating over the Court House dome, for the citizens of Carlisle, we offer again the editorial in the March 13th issue of the Mercury. It read:

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"Liberty, justice, equality—three American rights earned by sacrifice; three rights of which Americans are proud; three rights that enable Americans to hold their heads a little higher than their fellow men upon the earth, is symbolized by the flag of the United States. And we pause too little to think about that symbol or the wonderful magic of those words.

"For instance, the flag on the court house dome. It was put there during the World War I, to stand gallantly above the community, a proud, now, shining symbol over this little corner of the world. Today it is rusty; today there is no sparkle to it; today it is scarred as if it was tired of upholding the rights of men. It is a little sad to look up there high on the dome, pictured against the gray sky, and see those stars that sparkled so bravely, now tarnished by rust and smoke and dirt. It is rad to think of it and the countries in other parts of the world where the same thing happened.

"The time has come to take it down. Yes, take it down or repair it. Men will not stand naked in the world and expose their sorrows or the rust upon their souls, nor should man expose the rust upon their flag. It should be made to shine again, to sparkle, so that the children upon the streets can see and know its value. Or, it should be taken down and hidden in some deep, dark cellar. We are showing more than just the rust upon our flag."

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Also in the same issue of the Mercury was an editorial that read:

A truly great American actor was reading several months ago over the radio on the Flag of the United States. It was from the editorial page of a great American newspaper; it was inspired writing; it was read magnificently. Then came the thought of what the Flag means, in our small corner of the world, our small corner here in Kentucky, our small corner with its gently sloping lands of infinitive abundance and peace and beauty.

What does it stand for here in our community? It stands for summer nights, warm and fragrant and lazy, town folks drifting down the street, a mellow call of "hello," stars above, a sweet wind bringing the scent of earth, a soft "good night," and so to rest. It stands for summer afternoons, hot, sticky, dust rising in little spirels and scattering and becoming invisible, fat cattle standing patiently in the shade of a tree or in the shallow water of low creeks, swimming, lemonade, ice cream, straw hats, a lovers' stroll into the woods, wild flowers, peace and man at his task of living.

It stands for fall, golden, ripe, the harvest with the working men drifting across the fields, taking from the good earth the reward of sweat and labor, children laughing among piles of dried leaves, school, the tearful goodbye of a mother sending a child to school for the first time, books, papers, clothes, the first fire, the smell of honey, a full moon with colder stars sprinkled above.

It stands for winter, cold, hot fires, soup, the earth covered in virgin whiteness, sleighrides, front like grandmother's lace upon the window panes, covers, hot biscuits and jams, apples from the cellar, the warmth of a room when filled with those you love, evil winds, children laughing in the snow, death, sorrow, pain, the smell of fresh coffee on a cold morning, facing the world of cold with determination and new vigor.

It stands for spring, the awakening of the world to new life, the awakening of man to new hope, the first leaf upon your maple, soft dawn, the coming of robins, the hobble dancing daffodils, violets, fragrant lilacs, the pale blushing of the primrose, love, marriage, the home, the coming of children, radishes and green onions, radishes, ice cream, the whistle of a bob white, a man going happily to work, a world beckoning to him with wife open arms.

Ah, it stands for God, the dignity of man; it stands for you and me, it stands for all that is good, it stands for the right to live, everyday living, with peace and hope. Here, in our little corner of the world, it is symbolized in the small things of man's living day by day. Above all, it waves over our town, as our guarantee of freedom and justice and the rights of the common man.

Younger Draftees.

On July 1 approximately 1,000.000 young men who will have reached the age of 21 since the first draft registration, last October 16, will register for selective service. There has been a suggestion that these men be placed at the bottom of the list so that they will be called only after the first registration list is exhausted.

The draft administration has failed in several respects, notably in not completing the Army examination before taking men from their jobs. This has been improved, but nothing was done about it until thousands of men had lost their jobs and made other sacrifices that could easily have been avoided.

But the policy is being steered toward young or men. It is likely that few of the older men now registered will be called. Today's warfare demands the hardihood, adaptability, and stamina of youth. This does not mean that boys from 18 to 21 will be called for combat.

Father Has A Day.

This year's advance reports on Father's Day indicate that Father is on the way up. In fact it may not be long until Mother will have to look to her laurels as the most important member of the household.

Merchants report an increase in Father's Day purchases. He will receive presents of an astounding variety from cigarettes to household, from shoes to hats. Telegraph companies expect an increase in Father's Day messages this year.

A nice point about Father is that he never seems to people being funny about his day. The sanctity of motherhood somehow takes the humor out of Mother's Day. In fact, it is suspected that a sentimentalist thought up a day for Mother. But Father's Day individually was the work of a humorist. The fact that it has turned out to have a magnificent sales appeal merely attests to the practicality of the American mind.

But Father, humorous or not, is at least learning that he counts for something with his family. A little appreciation will not hurt him a bit. Never before have fathers enjoyed such prestige. And it is about time.

Paragraphs.

Going bareheaded may be hard on the hair, as an expert contends, but it's positively ruinous to the hat business.

Something new under the sun is a parity wheat price that is both floor and ceiling.

It's an ill wind that blows no good, and volunteering reduction of Sunday motoring to conserve gasoline and oil will also conserve lives.

"Aviation Training Courses Proposed In Grade Schools," says a headline. More accuracy in paperwad shooting may be expected.

And now it seems that A Woman's Face is not only her fortune but the title of a movie.

Closing the Bund camp as a nuisance shows new sense in New Jersey.

Ships sunk near Labrador are sunk too close to Uncle Sam's door.

Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

By DREW PEARSON & ROBERT ALLEN

Washington, D. C.

NEW TYPE CONVOYS

Behind all the guessing and speculation over convoys aroused by the President's fireside chat is this one strategic fact. The old-fashioned form of convoy already is outmoded, and, as Roosevelt indicated at a recent press conference, it will not be used. But the new-fashioned form of convoy already is in use and will be intensified.

This is convoy by airplane patrol, using airplanes carriers and nearby islands for bases. The destruction of the Bismarck showed how effective this airplane convoy could be.

Airplanes flying above the water can sight the submarine below the water miles away, whereas a surface vessel cannot sight a submarine more than a mile or so away. Therefore you can expect to see a network of United States airplanes in reinforcement back and forth across the north Atlantic, assisted in part by surface warships, but extending all the way to Ireland.

Large Sea Fleet.

With this settled, the most important strategic problem being dealt with by backstage navy circles is that of bringing the mighty French fleet from the east ocean and the Atlantic to prevent Nazi seizure of the fleet from Hitler's armistice terms, or for other major eventualities.

Every possible connection with such a shift has been discussed, while the navy has been split by hot behind-the-scenes arguments, one side lining up upon which the admirals agree is that the fleet must be kept together. To split it up to protect the east coast and each of them to the Atlantic, in their opinion would be foolhardy. Everything must have their accompanying destroyers, escorts, etc., and they cannot be divided.

Even with the idea of the fleet withdrawing from the Pacific is enough to raise this issue. It is not the best position on the West coast. However, the navy has worked out a plan by which it is believed that the West coast would be in no real danger.

The plan is extremely important, because it illustrates the new type of warfare made possible by the long distance bomber. Also it gives the key to Roosevelt's convoy plans. Finally it illustrates what the Nazis could do to the United States if the plan were reversed in the Atlantic. Key to the plan is Hawaii and the Aleutian islands. The admirals are reasonably confident that long distance patrol planes ranging out from Hawaii in the mid-Pacific and from the Aleutians in the north Pacific would be sufficient to spot any Japanese ship approaching American waters. And air torpedoes of the type which crippled the Bismarck could do the rest. In fact, the entire Bismarck incident has been a striking demonstration that long-distance bombers plus island bases have revolutionized warfare in both oceans.

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Whoever holds these stepping-stones across the Atlantic can sweep that ocean with naval patrol planes and bombers, just as the U. S. fleet can sweep the Pacific from Hawaii and the Aleutians.

If we hold these Atlantic islands, then we hold the gateway to the Atlantic. If Hitler holds them, he controls the first step toward Brazil —and the rest of the way is easy. These were some of the things Roosevelt studied on the large globe maps of the navy department before he made his broadcast.

Another vital point he studied was not exclusive in his broadcast; because no one is talking publicly about the fact that the British may have to withdraw from Gibraltar, even from the Mediterranean all together. But in case of such a withdrawal, a glance at the map will show that these three sets of islands —the Azores, Canaries and Cape Verdes—could help to replace Gibraltar.

They sit astride the entrance to the Mediterranean, and long-range bombing plans based on those islands could make it hot for any expeditionary force heading out of the Mediterranean for the Atlantic.

All of these are reasons why you can expect vital action regarding the Atlantic islands.

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CAPITAL CHAFF

Every year Homer Cummings holds "The Attorney General's Golf Tournament" at Pinehurst, N. C., an event started when he was running the justice department. Chief wife, he's never invited again."

Herr Hans Thomsen, head of the German embassy in Washington, is taking vitamin pills. He quotes Milo Perkins as saying vitamins are necessary to offset lack of nourishing elements in the depleted soil of America.

Classified Ads Get Results.

50 YEARS AGO

Thursday, June 18, 1891

Died—Mrs. Margaret Brady, 80, at her home near Ellisville on the 11.—Mr. Austin Barden, 23, at his home near Headquarters on the 13th.—Mr. Charles H. Robertson, 28, at his home in the county on the 13th.

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Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Ishmael, on the 11th, a boy, and girl.—To Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gillespie, of Dorsey, Ill., on the 10th, a son.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barnaw, of Cincinnati, formerly of this city, a son, on the 11th.

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Married—James Smith, of Cincinnati, formerly of this county, and Miss Anna Matthews, of Cincinnati, at the home of the bride.—Miss Wallace and Mr. William Pryor, both of the 13, both of this neighborhood on the 11th.

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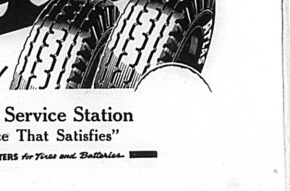

Smith's Service Station
"Service That Satisfies"

HEADQUARTERS for Tires and Batteries

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(Courier-Journal)

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HAWTHORNE DIDN'T KNOW

Christian Science Monitor)

When President Lincoln decided to risk war to save the Union, the now loved Hawthorne wrote: "I don't quite understand what we are fighting for, or what definite results can be expected." Those Americans who today are fully aware of the "definite results" may well wonder at Hawthorne's remark.

But some Americans now are as vague about the reasons for American opposition to Nazism as was Hawthorne on the issue that underlay the War Between the States. Those who are convinced that they know why the United States must help to beat Nazism, and who are aware of the alternative to resistance against the "new order," may wish to think of Hawthorne when inclined to be impatient of doubters.

Perhaps a man of Hawthorne's intellectual power found it hard to see through the mists of 1861. In 1941 the mist does not prevent practically the whole face of the earth. Today's issue, however, is no less definite. The longrange threat of derision or indecision may be no less important to the United States.

THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

(Lexington Herald)

When the New York World's Fair burst on a breathless people with its theme of "The World of Tomorrow" the whole world stared at the hardihood of shipping such a theme to America from the battlefront.

Now it is happening. The future of Tomorrow. A third of the buses have shattered windows, and the grounds are already in use for planting orders between army camps and handling receipts of structural steel used to build the World Fair are going as scrap into the national defense program. The New York Fair complete have been bought by a steel company to be melted into armor plate.

Thus Today has already swallowed Yesterday's Tomorrow.

HOW MUCH?

(Christian Science Monitor)

"How much land does a man need?" The question receives new answer in Count Leo Tolstoy's story about a land-greedy man whose ambition destroyed him, reducing his needs to a few square feet.

How much territory does a conqueror need? Wilhelm II, Kaiser of Imperial Germany, had just passed on at Doorn, in the Netherlands, where a small estate suffices for his woodchopping, and a small circle of friends, relatives and servants provided human background for simple ceremonies, barely echoing the pomp of Potsdam.

Attempts to measure individual or collective human needs in solely material terms have usually ended in some such manner as Tolstoy's story, or in some such place as Doorn. Napoleon won an empire—on the way to St. Helena. What an old story the conquerors in 1941 are writing.

ELEMENTS OF HAPPINESS

Happiness is the legitimate fruitage of love and service—Mary S. Hardy.

See happiness for its own sake and you will not find it; seek for duty, and happiness will follow as the shadow comes with the sunshine.—Tryon Edwards.

If the principles of contentment are not within us, the height of station and the worthy grandeur will as soon add a cubit to a man's stature as to his happiness.—Sterne.

NEWS OF KENTUCKY

The Garrard Fiscal Court Wednesday approved a $5,000 budget for 1941-42 and set the tax levy at the same amount as last year.

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Meredith Cook, 13, Mount Eden, was wounded in the chest Monday when he was accidentally shot by his brother.

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George Sanders, 86, and Clyde Hill, 25, were killed by trains in separate accidents at Vance burg Monday.

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The mid-summer meeting of the Kentucky Press Association will be held at Mammoth Cave, Ky., Friday and Saturday.

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Albin Julius, Stein, 81 for many years one of Lewis county's leading citizens died Wednesday after an illness of several weeks.

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The Carrollton Coal and Sand Company of Carrollton has paid $1,228.79 in back wages to forty-three employes, it was announced Wednesday.

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Luther Webb, 22, of the Curtis pike, Richmond, was in a critical condition Monday from injuries received when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver.

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Whirlaway, Warren Wright's great Kentucky colt, won the Belmont Stakes Sunday, beating his competitors by two lengths in the time of 2:30 1-5.

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More than $10.000 has been raised in the Boone County Red Cross campaign for $100'000 with which to retire its indebtedness, officials reported Friday.

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Miss Doris Branch, Fulton high school senior, was chosen queen of the Kentucky Derby strawberry festival which gets under way Thursday.

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The Owingsville baseball club held on to first place in the Blue Grass league by shutting Paris 7-2 in 11 innings in the Paris Sunday afternoon.

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Two persons were injured Monday when two automobiles collided head on on U. S. 25 about two miles north of Berea.

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Joe Utley, 28, and Willard Truman, 17, were killed Saturday when their automobile crashed into a deep ditch near Hartford, Kentucky.

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Ora Henderson, 12, Olive Hill, was killed Sunday after he fell from a gate on which he was swinging and rolled under the car street in the path of an automobile.

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Perry county officers were searching early today for a man wanted in connection with the knife-murder late Saturday of Herbert Campbell, 19, of Leatherwood.

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A total of 68 sheep were missing Wednesday from the farm of T. A. Shropshire on the Lemon Mill road, near Lexington. A reward was offered for their return.

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Farmers who have been getting free water for their livestock from the city of Paris are henceforth to pay for the water consumer rates, it was announced last week.

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Joe Betts has been named editor of the Owensboro Citizen, Paris newspaper, replacing Captain Lawrence Geoghegan, who was called to Army service, last month.

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Oscar Hatton, tenant farmer shot and instantly wounded Wednesday when he and other men took his own life with the same pistol at his home in Montgomery county Thursday morning.

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Frederic M. Sackett, former United States Senator and ambassador to Germany, left an estate of approximately $50,000, it was announced Wednesday in Jefferson county court showed Friday.

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At a special session of the Shelby County Board of Education a $17,000 bond issue for construction of a gymnasium at Bethel Woman's College in Hopkinsville.

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Glenn Scalf, 27, policeman at Corbin, died at a hospital there Tuesday night of three bullet wounds suffered in a gun battle April 27 with Bill Amburn who was slain.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Gaither, of Minerva were killed Sunday in a collision five miles east of Liberty, Indiana. Also killed was Mrs. Robert Coe, sister of Mrs. Gaither.

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A heart attack suffered while making a business call was fatal Thursday to Frank D. Smith, 70, former Nicholasville police judge.

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Harrison County Fiscal Court voted last week to adopt daylight-saving time.

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George Skinner, Lexington attorney and reserve First Lieutenant, was notified by the War Department Monday that he would be assigned to Chanute Field, Ill., July 7.

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Robert Donovan, 50, was shot and killed at his home at Chatham, six miles southeast of Augusta Thursday night, Sheriff W. R. Boughner reported Friday.

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The State Court of Appeals, in two rulings Friday, held that the maximum legal salary of Harold F. Brighton and John B. Lindsay, cannot legally receive more than $7,000.

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Mrs. Bessie Smith, 50, accused of killing her husband with an ax as he lay in bed at their farm home near Boone last July 13, was adjudged insane at a hearing before Circuit Judge W. J. Baxter Monday.

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Louisville gasoline retailers Monday said a price increase of one-half cent a gallon over the state was due to tightening of supplies, crude oil and refinery prices, and increasing labor costs.

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Group Six of the Kentucky Bankers Association will hold its summer convention Thursday and Friday at the Georgetown College campus, it was announced Monday.

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A two-year sentence given Cuba Amburgey, convicted of slaying a participant in the Corbin gasoline and handling regulations ceremony, was upheld by the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

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Plans for inauguration in Lexington of a non-profit hospital service plan to enable the public to pay for hospitalization in advance, known as the "Blue Cross Plan," was announced Monday by Dr. Frank Boyarsky, chairman and St. Joseph's hospital.

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Selection of a jury to try the tobacco industry's three biggest companies on charges of criminal monopoly and price-fixing was completed in Federal Court Friday after five days of questioning prospects.

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All water available in the vicinity of Avon, where the Government plans to erect a $2,500,000 Signal Corps Depot, has been found to be unsafe, County Health Officer Charles D. Carter said Monday.

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To determine whether Kentucky faces an electric power shortage due to defense expansion, utilities operating in the state have been requested to furnish information on their capacity and demand.

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Major W. H. Drane Lester, 41 formerly of second in the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was killed and five other persons injured in a head-on auto collision near Elizabethtown Wednesday.

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The body of Oscar P. Bond, 37-year-old attorney, was found in his office by a relative Monday at Prestonsburg, and coroner Elliott Prater said after an inquest that he had died of a self inflicted bullet wound.

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A full-time, health unit for Christian County appeared virtually assured last week as a result of the action of the Fiscal Court in approving an appropriation of $2,400 for the coming year.

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Mrs. Myrtle Hatton, 50, died at the Mayo Clinic hospital in Mt. Sterling Saturday of wounds received when she was shot by her husband during a family quarrel last Thursday morning. Her husband committed suicide.

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Forty churches in the Logan, Princeton and Louisville Presbyteries will be represented Monday when the annual Western Kentucky Presbyterian Young People's Conference opens at Bethel Women's College at Hopkinsville.

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Kentucky Selective Service headquarters announced Monday that advance estimates of the state's draft quota for the month of July indicate that more han 3,000 men will be inducted into military service on that call.

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Plans are being made to formally open the Paris Airport Sunday, but arrangements have not been completed as yet, and if there is too much rainy weather between now and the end of the week the opening will have to be postponed until the following Sunday, Doug Wilson announced this week.

This Week In The National Defense Program

Dispelling The Fog

By Charles Michelson Director of Publicity, Democratic National Committee

There is no use repining over past neglect or error but the country remains that had we gone ahead with the Lakes-to-Ocean waterway this country would now be in vastly better shape to meet the emergency that confronts it.

When President Roosevelt asked the Senate to ratify a treaty with Canada providing for the joint construction and equipment of a deep water St. Lawrence canal, he probably had in mind particularly the new building of the Western section of our country, by affording a direct outlet to the sea.

As Governor of New York, he had studied this problem. He had been given the figures to show that the difference in freight rates that would result if the water from the Northwest could go to the world market direct, with no transshipment by the Army will be released, if required in key civilian employers, at the request of former employers, Sidney Hillman, OPM Associate Director General, again appealed

ments on the seashore. Moreover, it would take much of the pressure off the shipyards that are now crowded beyond capacity; and the demand for ships now is an acute element in the national emergency. Every friend we have among the nations is clamoring for transportation to intake up for the vessels detained from commerce by the demands of the war abroad. Even if the canal were not the establishments must be monopolized, practically, by the vast naval expansion—with its goal of a two-ocean Navy. We had the Panama Canal before the British fleet on which we relied. Now, from the standpoint of ocean carriers by the German raiders, submarines and bombing planes, which are taking more than half a million tons of shipping a year.

It is estimated that by this time the Navy will have been made richer by approximately one hundred escort vessels, tenders, and smaller vessels—if 3 few Senators had voted the other way seventeen years ago.

That the vote stood forty-six to forty-two was due to a lot of priority of counter arguments and a lot of influence exercised from the railroad and power lobbies. Some of the arguments had a plausible appeal. For example, it was say to understand that the big seaport communities did not wish to lose the business of transferring the great cargoes of Western products from freight trains to ocean liners. Likewise, the points on the Mississippi, clear down to New Orleans, feared that any diversion of the traffic via the Great Lakes would take away some of their business—barges and the like.

It was in vain that the supporters of the St. Lawrence project looked to the growth of the West—the new industries that would be established and the increase in population out there—would more than make up for the trade losses to the seaports that were suggested.

It was the same sort of thing that held up the Panama Canal for decades. The railroads held that the competing traffic through the Canal would destroy them, whereas it turned out that they did more business because of the Canal, on account of the general increase in commerce and industry. Just that did before.

Naturally the St. Lawrence project is meeting the same opposition that greeted the various things now powerful enterprises followed by the Government—Tennessee Valley, Boulder Dam, and the rest of them. This was all brought out in the senatorial precedent to the treaty vote long ago. There were, in addition, some weak suggestions, as for example, that the St. Lawrence waterway constituted a danger to America because British warships could penetrate to the heart of America, and bombard Chicago.

The big advantage, as far as national defense is concerned, lies in the facilities for ship construction. If this country is ever beleaguered the shipyards a thousand miles inland obviously would be in less danger of bombing than the establish-

to all unemployed, all persons not in defense industries, and all persons who can do more highly skilled work than required by their present job, to register at local public employment offices so they may be trained and placed in defense work.

Prices

Bureau of Labor Statistics reported food prices increased for the sixth consecutive month and are now about 6.5 per cent above last November. Prices of all foods moved upward but the latest increase resulted from advances in prices for dairy products, fresh fruits, vegetables, pork and lamb, the Bureau said.

The Department of Justice announced Federal Grand Juries in San Francisco, New York, Philadelphia, Hartford, Denver, Dubuque and Washington have indicted 200 firms and individuals in a nation-wide drive to prevent unwarranted increases in food costs.

Agriculture

Agriculture Secretary Wickard asked for a one-third increase in Cheddar cheese production and a one-fourth increase in evaporated milk. He said an increase in total milk production, asked several weeks ago, had been made, but the milk supply must increase in areas surrounding cheese and evaporated milk plants. He said prices would be supported by Government purchases for lease lend activities.

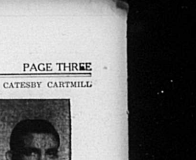
Priorities

The OPM added copper, cork and steel to vital defense materials given priority control to give defense needs and essential civilian needs first call on the materials.

Rep. Edward Scriven, Assistant Priorities Director, speaking in Chicago, said "you can walk around Dallas, Texas, the President told his press conference rumors of German fleets were discussions were Nazi-inspired and not true.

There is little pleasure in the world that is sincere and true beside that of doing our duty and doing good. No other is comparable to this.—Tillotson.

JAMES CATESBY CARTMILL



Mr. James Catesby Cartmill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Catesby Cartmill, Carlisle, received the degree of B. S. in Education at the sixty-second commencement exercises held at Union College at Barbourville, Tuesday, June 3rd.

Mr. Cartmill has been prominent in athletics at Union College since matriculating and has served at various posts in his class. He has accepted a position at Cumberland, Ky., high school as assistant coach and will assume his duties next fall.

Three New Air Schools To Train 1,000

Facilities for training more than 1,000 flying cadets are to be provided at three new flying schools, sites for which have just been selected at Sumter, S. C.; Moultrie, Ga., and Lake Charles, La., the War Department has announced. All three will be under the Air Corps 30,000-pilot training program.

Zinc Pool Raised For June 22 Percent April Output

The zinc pool quota of which the Priorities Division allocates to meet emergency needs will be raised this month to 22 per cent of April production, it has been announced by Director E. R. Stettinius, Jr.

The 22 per cent pool for June will approximate 15,000 tons.

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Maj. Edward Duncan, 76, formerly of Lexington, died Monday in Tampa, Fla.