

LITTLE ROCK

Miss Dawson Banta, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Banta, a recent graduate in the WAVES, awaiting her call to report for training at Hunter College, New York City.

ELLISVILLE

Alberta Gilbert was chosen to represent the Ellisville school in the annual spelling contest at Carlisle. She is a pupil of the eighth grade.

UTILITIES MAN GIVES BETONGA FULL CREDIT

He Felt So Badly Run Down He Could Hardly Stay On His Job Slates Mr. Mason Can Eat at Anything Now.

LETTON DIRECTOR LIVESTOCK ASSOCIATION

Mr. H. T. Letton, this city, has been elected director of the Cincinnati Producers Livestock Association for a term of three years.

THE ATTACK ON THE SENATE

There is no justification whatever for the reflection upon the integrity and intelligence of the Senate members.

THE PROPOSED WEIGHT INCREASE IS NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST

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TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY

THIS communication is a reply to the Courier-Journal's editorial of March 2, entitled "No Velvet Gloves on this Iron Hand".

The purpose of the communication are (1) to refute the implication in the news item of March 1, concerning the failure of the Senate to pass the bill increasing the weight of trucks to 40,000 pounds.

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In 1944, 1939, 1937, 1936 and 1940, the 42 truckers sought to increase the limits, but the Legislature of its own accord, and certainly through no domination of the L. & N., defeated such efforts.

Legislators should resist vigorously the effort to increase the limitation on weight and size of trucks permitted to operate on State roads.

And on January 6, 1934, it denounced the effort to increase the limits, as follows: "To increase these dimensions would be an outrage. . . . For ordinary commercial

traffic, including farmers, manufacturers, merchant trucks, the present law limits are large enough. They might even be reduced."

In reflection of public opinion in the matter of big trucks, just before the 1936 Legislature, the Louisville Times said on November 6, 1935: "There might even be, eventually, public carter highways, or one-way roads, as a result of popular protests against conditions the public now suffers too patiently."

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As to the country roads, considerable 75 per cent of the highways, be said: ". . . no one could reasonably expect that larger or heavier trucks should be permitted on any of them."

As to which he pertinently added: ". . . on a practical matter, it is quite impossible to keep them off any roads if they were allowed on State highways."

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