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## Political views

We think the following views made Tuesday by Keen Johnson, Democratic nominee for United States Senator, while in Carlisle and Nicholas County are worthy of note.

"I want to be your United States Senator so that I may work with a Democratic President in helping to restore job opportunities to this fine but less fortunate region," he told an organizational meeting of Democratic workers.

He said that when modern highways make this section accessible it will be possible to attract industry to this region to make jobs for the unemployed.

"And this the Democrats plan to do," he said.

The former Governor of Kentucky also told the group that federal aid for education "is badly needed."

"In spite of all that the states have done to improve the situation, we need immediately many thousands of classrooms in the nation and Kentucky and we need 150,000 more teachers. This need will be met when we elect a Democratic President, and as a member of the Senate I shall help pass the needed legislation," he said.

We at The Mercury know Mr. Johnson as a thrifty, frugal person, who's record as Kentucky's Chief Executive speaks for itself.

We urge the voters of our circulation area to give his cause their valued consideration and send to the Senate a Democratic leader.

## Two extremes represented in convention proposal

By James Hudson

Two extremes in the 12 subjects that could be considered by a limited constitutional convention are represented in "Official Data" and "The Railroad Commission."

On one end of the extreme, official oaths administered in Kentucky are criticized because the person being sworn in must swear that he hasn't participated in a duel. The oath cost nothing, save the dignity, of the ceremony.

On the other end of the extreme, the Railroad Commission is an unnecessary drain on the Kentucky taxpayers, according to many people. The three elected commissioners are probably the highest paid officials in state government, on a basis of time spent on official duties. The chairman of the Commission draws $2,000, and the other two commissioners draw $1,900. The Commission met 12 times during 1959. Based on the number of days they meet, the chairman drew $200 per day, and the others made $250 per day.

Those two constitutional provisions have several things in common. Both were written into the Constitution during the 19th century to regulate unhealthy practices.

The dueling provision was written into the 1850 Constitution, when dueling was a common practice in Kentucky. It was effective in stopping the code duel. The last duel was fought in Kentucky in 1867. Many people feel the dueling provision detracts from what should be a solemn occasion, as it will usually draw smiles from those witnessing the ceremony.

In 1890, railroads owned one-sixth of all property in the state and were a powerful political force. The legislature created a Railroad Commission to prevent abuse of this power; repeated attempts by the railroads to abolish the Commission led delegates to put it in the Constitution. The relative importance of railroads has declined sharply in this century and most people feel that they could be regulated adequately by the General Assembly, as are other utilities.

## 30 Nicholas youths may be drafted; grand jury adjourns, no indictments

Thursday, September 26, 1940

President Roosevelt put America's first peacetime draft into effect Monday, prescribing minutely detailed rules to guide an army of civilians in handling the conscription of men for the nation's expanding armed forces.

According to War Department calculations, approximately 30 Nicholas county youths may expect to be drafted this year.

E. R. Kendall announces this week as candidate for Nicholas County board of education, first district.

Larry Cameron, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cameron suffers painful injuries when he slides from old automobile seat and is injured by piece of wire springs.

Luther Clay, agent for the heirs of Ora and Dora Jones, sold at public auction Saturday the farm on the Upper Jacks town road to W. A. Donovan at $70.25 per acre.

MARRIED—Mrs. Daisy Purcell Selby and James S. Henry, at the Christian Church parsonage Saturday night.—Miss Betty Lee Alexander and Clarence E. Moss at Helena Sunday evening, Sept. 22nd.

DIED—N. W. Asbury, 75, Wednesday at the home of his brother-in-law, G. T. Shrout in Nicholas county.—Hugh McClellan, 78, at his home in Cynthiana last Tuesday.

Thursday, September 30, 1920

Bricklayers start work on addition to Harper's Garage.

J. J. Fields and family escape with slight injuries when their automobiles leaves the road an overturns near town.

Grand jury adjourns after being in session for two days and for the first time in history of the county no indictments were returned.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ruddell, of Carlisle, on Sept. 27th, a daughter.—To Mr. and Mrs. James Archdeacon, of Paris, formerly of Carlisle, a son.—To Rev. and Mrs. Linna Tripp, of near Little Rock, on September 26th, twin daughters.

DIED—Virgil Clark, 5-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, of Amarillo, Texas, on the 20th.—Mrs. America Dimmitt, 66, at her home at Millersburg.—Elmer Grover Throckmorton, 8-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Throckmorton, at their home at Pleasant Valley.

### A LITTLE YAPPIN'

By Nellie Crump

**Baltimore Minister Holds Service**

Dr. Harold A. Harris was guest speaker at the Carlisle Methodist Church Sunday morning. Now minister at Emanuel Church in Baltimore, Md., he will be transferred to London, Eng., this coming year.

—Yap—

**. . . and the rains came.**

Did you ever see rain come harder or faster than it did the last Saturday of the Kentucky State Fair? One of our close neighbors had planned to go and had engaged Bessie to take care of the little three-year-old girl for the day. Morning came and with it a hard rain. We doubted the family starting, but Bessie charged forth under her new umbrella and the appointed time, just in case. They started. Clouds grew darker and rain came faster and harder. Bessie decided to go home for lunch and then see what the weather would do. Lunch over, Bessie started for the car, but the rain came down in torrents. Bessie decided to wait a little longer. Finally she made a dash