

## CIRCUIT COURT TO RE-OPEN ON SATURDAY MORN

Judge Kindrick S. Alcorn Delivers Address To Jurors, Cites Two Law Violations.

SESSION ADJOURNED TIL SATURDAY MORNING

Bad Weather Makes Holding Court Inconvenient For Persons Concerned; Jurors Are Accepted.

After holding one day, Judge Kindrick S. Alcorn, of Stanford, adjourned the Mercer Circuit Court to reconvene on Saturday. The sub-zero weather the first of the week, hampered the opening of court Monday morning. Judge Alcorn had difficulty in getting to Harrodsburg, and a number of men summoned for jury service had to be excused, owing to frozen cars, or inability to travel the country roads because of snow and ice. The docket for this term is light.

In his address to the jurors, Judge Alcorn referred to the unusual prevalence of crime, especially that of theft and burglary. He declared that the courts should strive to mete out punishment severe enough to be adequate and should utilize time so as to make each trial as speedy as possible. He stated that the families are largely to blame for their children turning to criminal ways and that they are not only doing their children a great wrong by neglecting to train them correctly but also bringing injustice to the public as well.

Also a primary reason for so much disregard for the law is the lack of religious faith, Judge Alcorn said, and added that a more widespread and more sincere faith on the part of the people as a whole would do more to solve the criminal problem than anything else.

In admonishing the men who were to serve on the grand jury for this term of court, Judge Alcorn said that he had been asked to remind them of two specific laws which are being neglected. First he mentioned the dog law which requires every dog owner to pay a license for his dog in some way. He pointed out that the reason for this law was the fact that dogs cause so much damage to sheep when they are allowed to run at large and that the money derived from the sale of the dog tags is used to repay these sheep losses.

The tax assessor of Mercer county has reported that approximately 1,700 dogs have been reported in the tax lists, but the sheriff's office Monday had sold less than 700 tags. He charged the jurors to investigate this condition and to attempt to bring offenders to justice.

Second, Judge Alcorn reminded the jurors of the law against gambling machines, such as slot machines, punch boards, and similar contrivances. He revealed that the law provides for a fine of from \$250 to \$500 for each offense of operating such gambling machines. The recent circuit court in Boyle county staged a war on gambling machines, said Judge Alcorn, and he admonished the jurors to do their best in ridding Mercer county of such nuisances.

He concluded his remarks with instructions concerning the rules governing the conduct of the grand jury in making investigations, etc., and then dismissed the group.

Men accepted for service on the grand jury were J. W. Desmicks, Roscoe Howard, Albert Tatum, Jack King, Earl Henderson, D. L. Goodlett, Andrew Patterson, G. K. Cox, Jesse L. Bradshaw, Uniford Isham, Kelly Perkins, and Josh Isham, foreman.

Petit jurors accepted included Tom Patterson, W. R. White, H. J. White, Loman Watts, S. T. Leonard, W. D. White, Weldon Florn, Lafon Cole, Joe Stevens, Elmo Robinson, Charley Noel, J. L. Crutcher, C. M. Devine, James T. Gentry, Rayford Poulter, J. E. O'Connor, E. G. Willis, Tom Adkinson, Abe Sharp, H. W. McCroskey, Victor Case, and T. P. Reed.

Only one case was tried Monday, after which Judge Kindrick S. Alcorn adjourned the court until Saturday of this week on account of the cold weather and almost impassable condition of many of the county's roads. A jury of 12 men dismissed Dudley Brown, Negro, charged with being the father of an illegitimate child. The grand jury adjourned until next Monday.

## DUGANSVILLE MAN SHOOT OFF THUMB

Louis Sims, Dugansville, met with a painful accident while cleaning his rifle Saturday afternoon. Getting the small piece of cloth, with which he was cleaning the gun, fastened in the barrel, he first put a little powder in and as this didn't remove the cloth, he next put in a cartridge. When he fired the rifle, the explosion burst the barrel of the gun and shot off his right thumb.

## BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The general meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will be held Tuesday at 2 o'clock. Mrs. P. B. Smalley will give the Bible Study. The program will be in charge of Mrs. Harrison Moore.

## CITY MANAGER COMPLETES CARD INDEXING SYSTEM

City Manager William Gregory has completed a most thorough and comprehensive card index system of the city's business and at a moment's notice he can secure from his files complete figures on any department of the city, the budget for that department, its income and disbursements up-to-date. The card index files represent an immense amount of work, and also continuous additional work to keep them up to the minute, but at a glance any taxpayer or official at any time may tell if a particular department is operating at a profit or a loss, and exactly where the city stands on finances.

These files kept from year to year will be a valuable record for the city. Harrodsburg is one of only three places in Kentucky to own such a complete card indexing system.

## IKE SCOTT MADE LOCAL LOAN HEAD

Other Officials Also Elected For Mercer National Farm Loan Association.

Ike Scott has been elected president of the Mercer National Farm Loan Association; Sheriff Oscar Sanders, vice president, and Mrs. Ruth Menaugh Strader, secretary and treasurer. Loans of over a million dollars on farms in Mercer county since the organization of the Association, is reported by Mrs. Strader. The loan committee which passes on all applications for farm loans and make the appraisements of the properties, is composed of Ike Scott, Oscar Sanders and R. T. Tevis. After being passed by the local committee, the applications are accepted or rejected by the Federal Land Bank at Louisville.

The Mercer National Farm Loan Association is in the Fourth Federal Land Bank district, which is comprised of Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, and Tennessee. Applications for loans are made through Mrs. Strader, the secretary-treasurer, who has an office at the court house. T. W. Bates, of the Federal Land Bank at Louisville, was present at the recent election meeting, and talked on the advantages of securing loans through this medium.

## BURIALS IN SPRING HILL DURING 1935 TOTAL 69

During 1935 there were 69 burials in Spring Hill Cemetery, Harrodsburg, according to a report filed with the board of city commissioners by J. P. Board, who is in charge of the cemetery. He also reported that lots sold amounted to a total of \$956. Lots in Spring Hill sell from \$3 a single grave to \$150 per lot.

Frank Smith, sexton at Maple Grove, the Negro cemetery, has not yet filed his annual report.

## U. S. MAIL THIEF PLEADS GUILTY

U. S. Com. Douglass Curry Holds Danville Man to Federal Court Under \$2,500 Bond.

At his examining trial in Harrodsburg Friday before United States Commissioner Douglass Curry, Ed Cox, 41-year-old Danville man entered a plea of guilty and on failure to furnish \$2,500 bond was returned to the Boyle county jail to await action of the Federal Court which will later convene at Richmond.

Cox was arrested January 18th at Stanford on a charge of stealing three sacks of mail early that day from the L. & N. Railway depot at Stanford. After questioning by Post Inspector Clarence Coleman, Cox also confessed to the theft of two pouches of mail April 18, 1935 from the Stanford depot and to numerous single pouch thefts between December, 1932 and May, 1933 at Junction City.

Cox is married and has several children.

## MERCER YOUTH RATES HIGH AT UNIVERSITY KENTUCKY

Thomas Conder, of Salvisa, was among the honor senior students of the University of Kentucky College of Education, whose names were announced at the annual banquet at the Lafayette Hotel, given Thursday night in compliment to the 1936 mid-year and post-graduate students. Conder is one of the men students with the highest four-year averages. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Conder, Louisville road, near Salvisa.

## HARRODSBURG-LAWRENCEBURG GAME IS POSTPONED

The basketball game scheduled to be played in the Harrodsburg high gymnasium last Friday night between the Pioneers and Lawrenceburg high was postponed indefinitely on account of the bad weather. Assistant Pioneer Coach Ralph Cherry stated Monday that the game will be played at a later date, probably during February, but the exact date has not been set.

## Praises Blue Grass



CARLTON G. BALL

## SUB-ZERO WEATHER DOES NOT HALT STANDPIPE WORK

In spite of the extreme cold, men have been almost constantly at work on the city's new standpipe, and it is now practically completed except the cover and some minor details. High on their perches on structure on top of the breezy hill the workmen have gone on steadily, the intense heat used in riveting enabling them to defy the cold. The deadline for the contractors to turn over the structure complete and connected with the water line is February 22, and there is every indication that it will be finished by that date, according to City Manager William Gregory.

## SALVISA GIRL, 7, BURNS TO DEATH

Youngest Daughter Of Will Cunningham Negro, Dies In Fire That Destroys Home Monday.

A seven-year-old girl, Dolly Cunningham, Negro, was burned to death early yesterday morning in a fire that destroyed the home in which she and her parents and brothers and sisters lived at Salvisa.

Will Cunningham and his wife, father and mother of the little victim, were burned badly in attempting to rescue their youngest child from the flames, it was reported.

Other members of the family who escaped from the burning home were two sisters, Pauline and Onabell, and two brothers, William and Robert Lee. A third brother, Clifford, was not at home at the time, it was learned. The ages of the brothers and sisters ranged from approximately 22 to 9 years.

The home was a four room frame residence and was located near Falls' blacksmith shop at Salvisa. The family had arisen for the day but Dolly, the youngest child, was still in bed when the fire broke out. It was not learned how the fire started but it was believed to have originated from a defective fuse.

A Salvisa merchant told this paper that he had been told that the child ran back into the flaming building after being brought almost to safety by its parents. The body was burned and charred beyond recognition.

Will Cunningham and his wife, Willie, suffered serious burns on the head, face and body, but they were given medical attention and were expected to recover barring complications. It was not learned whether the loss to the home was covered by insurance but it was reported that each of the children was protected by insurance.

## New Date Set For County Tournament

Postponed To Feb. 13, 14, 15 At Burgin By Mercer County Athletic Association.

Postponement of the Mercer County High School Basketball Tournament to February 13, 14 and 15 was deemed advisable at a meeting of the Mercer County Athletic Association held Wednesday. The tournament was to have taken place this week—January 30, 31, and February 1—but owing to the extremely cold and uncertain weather, and the fact that the county schools have been closed for two weeks with no opportunity for the teams to practice, it was decided to set another date for the contest, according to the announcement of Everett Cocanougher, athletic coach at the school at Burgin, who is manager of the tournament. The Mercer County Athletic Association is composed of the following high school athletic coaches: President, T. G. Harned, McAfee; Hugh Davis, Rose Hill; Everett Cocanougher, Burgin; Joe Dennis, Fairview; Irnel N. Brown, Salvisa; J. H. Farber, Harrodsburg; Bernice Champion, Cornishville.

## Speaks At Dinner



ACT. GOV. KEEN JOHNSON

## LITTLE CHILD MAKES A NARROW ESCAPE

Kenneth, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burns, North Greenville street, fell with a pair of sharp scissors in his hand Monday evening and cut a severe gash on the right side of his forehead, severing a small vein that leads to the eye. The little fellow, who is nearly three years old, secured the scissors without the knowledge of his parents. Fortunately, the point of the scissors grazed the child's forehead and did not make a deep cut, but he lost considerable blood before the wound could be dressed by a physician. It is thought the injury will heal nicely if there is no infection.

## 4-H CLUB MEET IS POSTPONED

Session Scheduled For Last Saturday Is Postponed Until Feb. 22 Because Of Bad Weather.

An organization meeting of the officers and leaders of the 4H clubs at Salvisa, Cornishville, Fairview, and Burgin was scheduled to be held at the Harrodsburg high school last Saturday but only two of the clubs were represented, the other delegates being inconvenienced by the weather. The meeting has been postponed until February 22.

Twelve officers and leaders from the 4H clubs at Fairview and Salvisa attended the session Saturday morning and the group had a general discussion at a noonday dinner at the Greyhound bus station with County Agent C. F. Park, J. W. Whitehouse, Lexington, state club leader, and Miss Dorothy Threlkeld, former home demonstration agent of Fayette county, were to be at the meeting for talks and advice. Miss Threlkeld was scheduled to discuss the home economics side of 4H club work. They will attend the February meeting, according to present plans.

The purpose of the meeting was to build a county program of work for the year and to set goals of achievement. County Agent Park has been working recently with the clubs and is trying to get clubs organized in all parts of the county. Several similar clubs have been started but have not been organized long enough to show material results.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH GUILD MET TUESDAY

The guild of the Christian church met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. G. L. Johnson at her home on College street. Mrs. Andrew Alexander, the vice president, presided. Mrs. T. Hassell Bowen and Mrs. Alexander were in charge of the program.

## Elwood Sanders Is Named To Annapolis

Appointee of Con. Chapman Has Outstanding Record In High School Football.

Elwood Sanders, son of Sheriff Oscar Sanders and Mrs. Sanders, received an appointment to Annapolis Naval Academy this week through Con. Virgil Chapman. He was notified that the examination would be on April 15 for entrance to Annapolis on July 1.

Sanders, who is 18 years old, is a member of the senior class of the Harrodsburg high school and will be graduated in June. He has not only made a fine scholastic record, but has been outstanding in athletics especially in football, during his years in high school, and his ability in this line has been recognized in Kentucky high school football circles. He has played five years of football, having been sub for center when in the eighth grade. During all four years of high school he was center for the Pioneers. His ability won him the honor of being chosen for two consecutive times—his junior and seniors years—as center on the All-Central Kentucky Conference Football Team.

## DR. CLINGHAM SELECTED AS EPISCOPAL BISHOP

The Rev. Charles Clingman, of Birmingham, Ala., a native of Covington, Ky., was elected Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Kentucky at Louisville, Thursday.

The convention voted against the plan for consolidating the two Episcopal dioceses in Kentucky.

The new bishop was chosen to succeed the Rt. Rev. Charles E. Woodcock, who recently retired because of age. Mr. Clingham is 53 years old, and is rector of the Church of the Advent in Birmingham. He also is a regent of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn., a member of the joint committee of Faith and Order, and has been elected a delegate to the commission's world conference to be held in Lausanne, Switzerland, in 1937. From 1908 to 1913 he was rector of St. Paul's church, Newport, Ky.

## LOCAL GIRL HEADS STATEWIDE GROUP

Pres. Ky. Junior Academy Science In Which High School Chemistry Club Has Membership.

The January issue of the Junior Science Bulletin, published by the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science, has as its initial article a letter, of greeting from Miss Margaret VanArsdale, of the Harrodsburg high school, who is statewide president of the Junior Academy. The same issue also contains an appreciation of the Junior Academy and its inspiration to the Chemistry Club of the Harrodsburg high school. This is contributed by Elwood Sanders and Lyle Bohon. The Chemistry Club is under the direction of Austin S. Durham, who is the chemistry teacher on the Harrodsburg high school faculty.

The local Chemistry Club consists of 40 members, an increase of 100 per cent. The members are arranging for an open meeting with a speaker of national reputation on the program, at some future date. Mr. Durham states that any high school science club in Mercer county wishing to become a member of the Kentucky Junior Academy of Science may communicate with Miss Margaret VanArsdale, the state president, or Mr. Austin Durham, sponsor of the Harrodsburg high school Chemistry club.

## SEN. MILLER, REP. MATHERLY TO GET MERCER PETITIONS

Petitions asking Sen. Edmund Miller and Representative Charles S. Matherly not to vote for the proposed consolidation of the offices of county sheriff and county jailer, are being circulated here and receiving many signatures. It is pointed out that there would be no saving of salaries to the county, as held by the advocates of the plan, because the sheriff would have to assign a deputy to the jail at an adequate salary for the job.

## COUNTY REVENUES TALKED AT MEET

Mercer Officials At Session Of State County Attorneys; 1 Ct. Gas Tax Refund For Roads Asked.

County Judge Charles T. Corn and County Attorney I. C. James attended a specially-called meeting of the Kentucky County Attorneys' Association in Frankfort, Tuesday, to which all county judges were invited. They were accompanied by Mercer County Road Engineer Andrew Fraser, and Commonwealth's Attorney E. V. Furyear, of Danville.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss sources of revenue to replace the sales tax refund to counties, and one of the resolutions adopted asked for one cent of the tax on each gallon of gasoline be returned to the counties to help retire the road and bridge bonds. The association did not go on record as opposing the plan of Gov. Chandler to take over the county roads and maintain them with convict labor. The bill covering this phase of road work has not been drawn and the body preferred to wait until its terms are specifically stated in the bill, before either opposing or approving it, Judge Corn said. J. C. James offered a motion that the association go on record as opposing the road bill, but the motion was tabled as the body desired to see what provisions the bill contained before taking a stand.

## BURGLAR ENTERS GARAGE BUT NOTHING IS MISSED BY FORCE

An attempt at burglary of the Ingram-Bulck garage Saturday night or early Sunday morning was only partly successful, according to reports from that place of business Sunday. A window facing over the pavement on Chiles street was broken out and several keys of the cash register in the office had been depressed but nothing was reported missing. Apparently the entrance was effected while the night force was out on a call, one of the employees stated.

## MORE THAN 500 ATTEND CHAMBER COMMERCE MEET

Acting Governor Keen Johnson Addresses Assembly In Absence Of Gov. A. B. Chandler.

GABRIEL SLAUGHTER BUST IS UNVEILED

Carlton G. Ball, Member Of Lexington Chamber Of Commerce, Talks On Blue Grass Area.

More than 500 persons attended the Mercer Chamber of Commerce banquet Friday night at the Harrodsburg Christian church and took part in the rejuvenation of that organization, which has been dormant for several years, by approving the list of officers submitted by the nominating committee and by signing for membership in the organization.

Rev. G. Whitcomb Eilers, of the Baptist church, opened the banquet with invocation, and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. John W. Carpenter, of the United Presbyterian church.

Lieutenant Governor Keen Johnson, substituting for Governor Chandler who was called out of the state on other business, addressed the banquet and reviewed the brief history of the present administration at Frankfort which, he said, is harmoniously working for the good of the citizens of Kentucky by striving to give them good government.

Referring to the rumor that Governor Chandler has been suggested as a possible candidate for the vice presidency of the United States, Acting Governor Johnson declared that although Governor Chandler has become "a national figure," he did not think the report fundamentally sound because Governor Chandler has a big job on his hands now. "I want to discourage that suggestion because of the spot in which it would leave me," he added.

In apologizing for Governor Chandler's being unable to attend the banquet at which he was previously scheduled to be the principal speaker, Mr. Johnson said, "While there is no doubt in your minds that the governor is loyal above all other obligations to his own state, and would prefer to be here, we must take into consideration the fact that he has become a national figure."

"He looms large on the political horizon of the nation and has attained the proportions of an outstanding personality," he added.

Acting Governor Johnson then lauded the people of Harrodsburg and Mercer county and their plans for the more solid organization of the Chamber of Commerce and enumerated several goals toward which the Chamber of Commerce could work in order to render the most good for the community.

Carlton G. Ball, of the Lexington Board of Commerce, spoke on "The Glorious Blue Grass" and revealed numerous facts, which apparently were unknown to most of his listeners, concerning the reasons for the superiority of the Blue Grass region, its people and products. The address showed study and research.

Musical entertainment was presented at intervals on the program by a group of radio artists from WHAS, the Courier Journal and Louisville Times radio station. The artists included Margaret Sanders, Lois Sanders, Dale Evans, Helen Lee, Helen I. Mitchell, Charles Hurta, and Peter Riccardi.

Following Mr. Ball's discourse Mrs. J. H. Spilman reviewed Harrodsburg and Mercer county's record of having sent three men to the governor's chair and told where the grave of each man is located. The Mercer governor least remembered or honored, Mrs. Spilman declared, is Governor Gabriel Slaughter. She then announced that A. H. D. Build, Lexington sculptor, had made a bust of Governor Slaughter and had donated it to the Commonwealth. The bust was then unveiled by Mrs. D. M. Hutton, secretary of the Harrodsburg Historical Society. Miss Mimi Chapman, daughter of Governor and Mrs. A. B. Chandler, had been asked to unveil the bust but she was unable to attend the banquet.

The Rev. T. Hassell Bowen, pastor of the Harrodsburg Christian church, opened the after dinner program with a short talk on "Our Community Ideals" in which he urged the cooperation of all present in "resurrecting" the Chamber of Commerce from its dormant state. The nominating committee's report was read by Hugh Crozer and the report was accepted without question.

The officers elected were: E. Buford VanArsdale, president; Cecil Brown, vice president; Oran Staggs, treasurer; J. Donald Edwards, secretary, and James L. Isenberg, assistant secretary.

Board of Directors: Lawrence Walker, Joe Sandusky, Davis Bohon, William Morris, Errol Draffen, D. M. Hutton, Richard Corman, C. B. Sullivan, J. K. Powell, J. T. Ingram, Sr., James I. Peters, Willard Gabhart. Chairman Monthly Committees: Henry Adams, Judge Charles T. Corn, Cleo Royalty, Hugh Crozer, B. F. Norfleet, I. S. May, W. C. Gatchel, C. (Continued on Editorial Page)