

Facts and Fancies From Frankfort

The New Capital Hotel, modern, fire-proof and up-to-the-minute in every detail, is the heart of official life when the Legislature is in session, but somehow, it has never had the air of romance, of tragedy, of tradition that seemed to linger as a fragrant aroma within the ancient walls of the old hotel. Something of Frankfort that was gracious and lovely crumbled with the huge wooden pillars, which until that moment were generally supposed to be of stone, when fire in April, 1917, laid it low. Belles of yesteryear are wont to boast to their younger counterparts of the Germans they graced in the famed ballrooms with its floor built on stones. But just as merriment and laughter and gaiety throughout its halls, did tragedy stalk abroad like a fearful guest, leaving in its wake fright, pandemonium, and awful death.

day, reminiscing with Pat Saunders, the day clerk, about the old hotel, he told me a tale that astonished me because I never had heard it before. I have always had a nose for news, and this yarn seems to have been founded more on suspicion than on fact. I still can't understand how it escaped me, and I believed it is interesting enough to bear repeating.

The family which owned and operated the hotel had brought with them from Germany a man of all work, a harmless enough soul thru the years, until we come to the hectic time when America was teetering on the brink of the cauldron in which the rest of the world was already stewing, the unholy broth of war. It's hard to remember now into what a frenzy one could get, but it seems that the workman seethed and frothed over the anti-German propaganda which we natives took so glibly to our hearts as gospel truth, and the breaking point came, for him, when his homewoks flew the Stars and Stripes in front of the hotel. Pat said when he ran out front to turn in the alarm, there was just a little smoke, but flames had developed the entire lobby before he could get back to the desk, and he believes somebody set it on fire. But Pat had already volunteered for army service, and he may have been a little over-patriotic and a little over-prejudiced in his belief.



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THEATRE — DANVILLE

LAST TIME FRIDAY WALLACE BEERY

and

LIONEL BARRYMORE

in

"AH WILDERNESS"

SATURDAY ONLY TWO BIG FEATURES

SUNDAY and MONDAY HERBERT MARSHALL

and

JEAN ARTHUR

in

"IF YOU COULD ONLY COOK"

TUESDAY ONLY "SO RED THE ROSE" RANDOLPH SCOTT

and

MARGARET SULLAVAN

But be that as it may, by far the most exciting, the most ghastly event that ever happened under the roof of this hostelry, the one that incarnadined the spacious lobby into a bloody shambles was the Scott-Colston duel. Pat was telling me all he could remember from hearsay, when up came an old friend in the person of former Governor and former United States Senator, A. O. Stanley, and I tackled him about it. "We were just talking about the Scott-Colston duel. Do you remember it?" "Do I remember it? My Lord! I nearly got shot in it!" And he was under way with a first hand account of that long-ago tragedy.

The stage lost a star of the first magnitude when Owesley Stanley chose to spell-bind juries and political gatherings instead of theatrical audiences, and, with his camera memory and his inimitable style of discourse, he had Pat and me almost dodging bullets and crashing glass while he created for us, out of thin air, the lobby of the old hotel and the principals as they glared at each other over his unknowing shoulder. I wish I could recount it for you as he did for us, his mind reaching back into the past for every little detail like a master hand hooking specific jackstraw out of a tangled heap, but cold type cannot catch the magic infections of his voice, the play of expression across his countenance, nor the irrepressible humor that brought a chuckle into this grim story.

It was drizzling rain, he said, and he had come into the hotel to make use of the room of his brother-in-law, Dr. Tom Welch, of Nicholasville, to change his clothes which had become damp and wrinkled. In the lobby close to the side door, he met up with an old school mate he had not seen in years, and, naturally, stopped to exchange greetings. Mr. Scott was with this friend, and he said they hadn't exchanged a dozen words when he realized neither man was listening to what he was saying, but were staring over his shoulder at someone else. A little offended that his friend took their reunion so unconcernedly, Stanley walked a few feet over to the desk to ask for Dr. Welch's key when, as he put it, "all Hell broke loose." For it was Colston at whom Scott had been staring over his shoulder, Colston with his hands, even then, grasping his pistol. Scott grabbed a man named Demaree and held him before him as a shield until he could draw his own gun and Demaree fell mortally wounded shot through the heart. Bitter feelings had existed between Scott and Colston since they were encamped at Anniston, Alabama, during the Spanish-American War and had finally flared into the open.

Pat said he had heard that terrified guest, wounded in the heel, had fled to his room to hide and had bled to death, but Mr. Stanley did not believe it. Instead of that, he said, it was most likely the traveling salesman from Massachusetts who was sitting peacefully on the high shoe-shining stand reading his paper while a darkey was making mirrors of his foot wear. When the firing started, the horrified drummer, from "Way Down East," gave a leap in the direction of any place except where he was, and landed about ten feet down some steps. Moans, interrupted with cries of "I'm killed! I'm dying I'm shot!" brought the spectators hurrying to him after the principals were out of the way. Scott dead, and Colston shot all to pieces. They tore away his clothing, expecting to find a bloody hole through some vital spot, but careful examination revealed only a sprained ankle. Shaking as if with buck ague, he ordered a porter to get up to his room in a hurry and pack his belongings while he paid his bill and prepared to catch the first train out of these uncivilized parts forever.

—EMMA MAE FRANK.

UNUSUALLY FINE RECORD FOR LAMBS

An unusual record for lambs this season is made by Mrs. T. C. Woods and son, Curtis Woods. They had 24 ewes to bring 45 lambs, and 44 of them are living and thriving. Six of the ewes brought 18 lambs all of which are in fine condition. Mr. Woods is a sole owner and breeder of registered Southdown sheep and has some beauties on his farm on Rural Route 5.

Hand. The Herald \$1.50.

May Exposition In Frankfort

To Bring Together The State's Many Natural Resources.

The technical and scientific efforts of the scientists and specialists of the University of Kentucky in developing products and ideas of products that can be manufactured by small industries for sale in Ky., will be revealed in a display to be made in Frankfort, in connection with the Ky. Products Exposition, for two days in May, according to an announcement by University of Kentucky officials Saturday.

From the department of geology will come samples of Kentucky clays. Maps will accompany the display showing where deposits of such clays exist, and the finished potteries made from these clays may also be seen. Fire resisting clays, suitable for the manufacture of ornamental hearths and fireplaces will be a feature of the exhibit. Onyx from Kentucky's caves will be prepared in a manner that local residents can follow, thereby providing illustrations of salable methods of preparing this resource.

The College of Engineering of the University of Kentucky will show numerous examples of what a talented man can do with a lathe. Products to be displayed will include candlesticks, small furniture, smoking sets and other objects. Wrought iron products will also be a part of the College of Engineering exhibit, and it is possible that members of the college staff will demonstrate the methods of manufacturing these objects to those who attend the exhibition.

Ideas for artistically decorating souvenirs, and many objects in general that may be prepared in the average home, will be the contributions of the department of Art.

In the College of Education at the University of Kentucky, classes in crafts have been developed and many interesting and salable types of objects, from plaster of paris plaques to miniature Lincoln cabins have been evolved. All of these will be seen in Frankfort.

From the College of Agriculture will come ideas of food products with the emphasis placed on Kentucky hams.

L. C. Brewer of the College of Agriculture; Col. James H. Graham, dean of the College of Engineering, and E. G. Suizer, director of the University Publicity Bureau, attended the meeting called in Louisville last week to discuss plans and methods of working out the Shakertown Countryside Industries plan, and promised the cooperation of the University of Kentucky. James L. Isenberg, Harrodsburg, is the founder of the plan, and is promoting the Kentucky Products Exposition to be held in Frankfort in May.

Show Youngsters How To Avoid Accidents

(Flemingsburg Times-Democrat)

Among children of school age no disease takes as many lives as accidents. These accidents occur at an age when there has not yet been time for habit to gain ascendancy over conduct. Most educational authorities recognize that a child can be educated to behavior safe for himself and others. Safety education in the elementary schools has made great strides both in development and results.

Three methods, says the education division of the National Safety Council, are being used most successfully in teaching of safety in the schools. "First, the teaching of safety in actual situations where the need for it is apparent. Second, the injection of the subject matter of safety into the regular subjects of the curriculum. This provides opportunity for children to follow interests which lead into the more general aspects of safety, thereby greatly adding to their fund of information. Third, the organization of extra-curricular activities such as junior safety councils, schoolboy patrols and the safety clubs. These activities present an opportunity for the child to apply his knowledge to the benefit of others, thus assuring definite civic responsibilities."

The result of this work is that since 1922 accidental deaths of children have decreased in every category except traffic accidents, while adult deaths have increased sharply. It is estimated that safety education is saving the lives of 8,500 children a year.

A movement to expand this educational program to the incorporation of good driving courses into the curriculums of the high schools has been gaining strength for several years. A number of states have already instituted such courses and a number of others, as well as communities, are ready to inaugurate them.

This movement deserves unqualified backing and encouragement. If our youths can really be made responsible users of the streets and highways, then we can look forward to gradually supplanting the adult motoring population of today which is responsible for the deaths of 36,000 persons annually.

CAMPBELL SELLS POOL BUSINESS TO SANDERS

Owen Campbell has sold his pool room on Main street adjoining the Big Store to Lee Sanders who took possession of it Saturday night. Sanders formerly operated a pool and lunch room in the building on the opposite side of the street owned by Mrs. D. L. Moore, and recently was burned out by a gasoline stove starting a fire that destroyed his furnishings and damaged the interior of the room.

Louisiana is the only state with parishes as subdivisions. Other states call them counties.

Kentucky's Governmental Reform Bill Now Before Special Session

The New Governmental Reorganization Bill advocated by Gov. A. B. Chandler proposes to reorganize the executive and administrative branches of Kentucky's government from top to bottom. It is expected to have final enactment by Saturday:

The bill provides for the consolidation of all administrative agencies of the State into 22 units as follows: Seven Constitutional administrative departments: The Governor; Department of State; Department of Law; Department of Treasury; Department of Agriculture, Labor and Statistics; Department of Military Affairs; Department of Education.

Nine Statutory administrative departments: Finance; Revenue; Highway; Welfare; Health; Industrial Relations; Business Regulation; Conservation; Library and Archives.

Six Independent agencies: Auditor of Public Accounts; Legislative Council; Board of Election Commissioners; Railroad Commission; State Racing Commission; Public Service Commission.

The constitutional administrative departments are headed by the elective officers, as heretofore, with the exception of the Department of Military Affairs, which is continued under the Adjutant General. The statutory administrative departments are headed by commissioners appointed by the Governor and responsible to him. Each of these departments is divided into divisions headed by directors under the control of the commissioners. The Act provides that the Governor appoint trained and experienced persons to all those positions.

The Governor. The Governor continues to be the chief magistrate of the State, vested in fact as well as theory, with the supreme executive power of the Commonwealth.

With the grouping of agencies as enumerated above, the following agencies are unnecessary and are therefore abolished:

State Athletic Board of Control; Budget Commission.

Kentucky Crippled Children's Commission.

George Rogers Clark Memorial Commission.

Board of Trustees of Kentucky Confederate Home.

Board of Trustees of Jefferson Davis Memorial.

State Live Stock Sanitary Board of Kentucky.

My Old Kentucky Home Commission.

Kentucky National Park Commission.

Armory Commission of Kentucky Commissioners of the Perryville Battlefield.

Kentucky Progress Commission.

Board of Visitors for Kentucky School for the Blind.

Board of Commissioners for Kentucky School for the Deaf.

State Planning Board.

State Inspector and Examiner.

Department of Mines and Minerals.

Department of Banks and Securities.

State Highway Commission.

Board of Welfare, and Executive Cabinet provided in Chapter one hundred fifty-five (155) Acts of the General Assembly of 1934.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of our beloved son and brother, Roy Lee McCrosky, who was instantly killed Sept. 12, 1935.

Just five months ago God called my boy to rest, Sweetly now at rest in thy grave so low, For God called to him, come over the line,

It is only a step I am waiting my boy for thee.

Your work on earth now is over, You are free at last from all temptation, Oh, rest now in sweet salvation, On the hills of glory we shall meet our darling Roy.

When the day of life has fled, And in Heaven with joy to greet him, Where no farewell tears are shed.

Sadly missed by mother, sisters and brother.

—Mother.

LOCAL OPTION BILL IS APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

Search and seizure to enforce local prohibition is authorized in the local option bill, approval of which was announced recently by Governor Chandler.

The measure, which provides for the calling of special elections in precincts, municipalities, and counties by petition of 25 per cent of the voters, allows the smallest division of government an opportunity to determine whether it shall prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Under the terms of the bill would be theoretically possible for a citizen to purchase whiskey on one side of a street, walk across to the other side and be placed in jail on a charge of having transported liquor.

CHANDLER TO HAVE EASTER EGG HUNT

There'll be an old fashioned Easter egg rolling on the lawn of the Governor's mansion Easter Sunday if weather permits, and as eager and excited as the hundreds of other children who attend will be Governor A. B. Chandler's own two little boys, Ben, Jr., and Dan.

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