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MERCER CALCITE IN GIANT LENS SAYS PHIL CHINN

Calcite From Chinn's Mineral Mine Used In Reflector To Top Observatory At Mt. Palomar, Calif.

BIGGEST LENS IN WORLD GETTING FINAL POLISH

Makers Of Mirror Bought Calcite From Company That Purchased Stock From The Chinn's.

The calcite used by the Corning Glass Company in the manufacture of the 200-inch reflector which will be erected at the observatory atop Mt. Palomar in California was taken from a mine in Mercer county situated on the Kentucky river one-half mile from Munday's Landing, Col. Phil T. Chinn, former owner of the mine, said yesterday.

Colonel Chinn stated that the mine has not been in production since 1918, but when the Corning company was given the contract for the reflector, calcite for the mirror was purchased from companies who had stocks of the product from the Mercer county mine on hand. "The only other deposits of calcite similar to that mined in Mercer county," Col. Chinn stated, "are in Alaska and China."

The Chinn mine was leased recently to the International Corporation of New York City. The New York concern will build a mill for grinding calcite on the property and will put in a switch for shipment of the material by rail. It is understood that work on the new mill will begin within the next six weeks.

Colonel Chinn said he discovered the calcite deposit when he was playing along the river banks as a child. He persuaded his father to purchase the property and, in 1913, a mill was built. At the height of the mill's production during the World War, more than 12,000 tons of calcite were mined and sold.

The 200-inch reflector now is at the California Institute of Technology for final polishing. The polishing will require approximately four years. As one University of Kentucky professor expressed it—"When the reflector is installed, the first person who uses it will see something that no other person has ever seen before," according to the Lexington Herald.

LOCAL WOMEN INSTALLED IN PRESBYTERIAL POSTS

The annual meeting of the Transylvania Presbyterian, U. S. A., was held last Wednesday at the Presbyterian church, Lancaster, with about 65 delegates representing the ten churches of the district. Mrs. DeWitt Adams, Harrodsburg, presided.

Mrs. DeWitt Adams was installed as president and Mrs. C. E. Rankin, Harrodsburg, was installed as corresponding secretary. Other officers installed were Mrs. F. P. Frisbie, first vice president; Mrs. J. R. Ward, second vice president; Mrs. Powell Cheek, third vice president; Mrs. McBrayer Moore, treasurer; Mrs. R. L. Durham, recording secretary; Mrs. Frank Marksbury, secretary of overseas and missions; Mrs. L. E. Ford, secretary of children, and Mrs. F. P. Frisbie, secretary of spiritual life.

DR. YOUNG IMPROVING

Dr. R. E. Youngman is much improved at his home on Lexington avenue where he is recovering from a serious illness of pneumonia.

Overloaded Trucks Bring Heavy Fines

State Patrolmen John Harbison and John Isom Thursday brought another truck driver before County Judge Charles T. Corn on a charge of operating the vehicle while loaded in excess of the poundage set by the state highway department.

The man, Oliver Peters, driving a truck loaded with new automobile tires which were en route to Nashville from Akron, Ohio, pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined a total of \$29.50. The fine was paid by the truck's owners, the Peters Motor Co., of Akron. The load was reported to have been 23,000 pounds, or 5,000 pounds over the limit.

Two Huber and Huber trucks were stopped during the day by the patrolmen and brought to Harrodsburg to be weighed but they just did come in under the limit.

Friday the state highway officers arrested Neil Wright, driving a Silver Fleet truck with a load of 21,780 pounds, an excess of 3,780 pounds. Wright also pleaded guilty and was fined \$29.50.

HIGH WATER SUBSIDES AT LAKE HERRINGTON

The excessive rains of last week put the water at Herrington Lake up to the gate tops leading into the spillway at Dix Dam for the first time this year. The gates were not opened because the power equipment was in operation and a huge amount of water was passing through the turbines, and this held the level down. As there were no rains for several days the first of the week, the water began falling rapidly.

SCULPTOR BUILD INVITES MORE STUDENTS INTO CLASS

A. D. H. Build, Lexington sculptor, who is conducting a free class in modeling at the State Bank Building, will receive new pupils, and also invites any who are interested in the work of the students to visit the class which receives instruction each Monday and Friday night at 7 p.m. Students may take modeling, sculpture, drawing or painting.

Miss Carroll, instructor in drawing and painting accompanied Mr. Build to Harrodsburg Monday night and met with the class. She has been a student under Mr. Build. Her design for the Boonesboro Marker was unveiled and dedicated at the celebration last year.

EASTER SUNDAY HOLY DAY HERE

Sunrise Service and Special Services In City's Churches Mark Easter Observance.

A sunrise service and special Easter programs in the various churches in Harrodsburg and Mercer county Sunday marked the anniversary of the resurrection of Christ.

The sunrise service was held in Pioneer Memorial park Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock with about 150 persons in attendance. The service was sponsored by the young people's organizations of the Harrodsburg churches. A warm spring sun greeted the worshippers who gathered on the terrace in front of the stockade.

The service was opened with a scripture reading by J. V. Case which was followed by a prayer by George Davenport. Beverly Chancellor sang "The Palms," after which Rev. G. R. Tomlin made a short talk. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. J. W. Carpenter.

Special music and Easter decorations featured the worship program in the Harrodsburg churches, every church reporting a large attendance. A total of approximately 35 memberships, by baptism and letter, was added to the city's church rolls during the day. At the Catholic church a solemn high mass was sung to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, a regular Easter feature but not always observed at the Harrodsburg church because of lack of sufficient choir.

Harrodsburg churches which held special Easter service during the day, and their pastors, were: Methodist, Episcopal, Rev. G. R. Tomlin; Christian, Rev. T. Hassell Bowen; Baptist, Rev. G. Whitcomb Eilers; Presbyterian, Rev. John W. Carpenter; Catholic, Rev. Clarence Myers, and Episcopal, Dr. Franklin Davis.

FIRE HYDRANTS DON SPRING OUTFIT OF NEW PAINT

The city's fire hydrants are donning their spring coats of bright red this week, the first one being given its Easter outfit yesterday, the day Monday by Charles Scroggins. All of the hydrants will be painted, City Manager William Gregory, Jr., said yesterday. None of the hydrants froze during the severe winter weather, he said, due to the fact that only a short time before the cold wave began he had instructed city workmen to pack the hydrants in preparation for winter. This packing has been cleaned out now and the hydrants are being "dressed up" for spring and summer.

TRAIN, MAIL SCHEDULES EFFECTIVE APRIL 17TH

Train No. 1 from Louisville, due at Harrodsburg 8:50 a.m. mail going south should be in post office before 8:30 a.m.
Train No. 23 from Louisville, due at Harrodsburg 11:10 p.m. mail closes 7:30 p.m.
Train No. 2 Danville to Louisville, due at Harrodsburg 5:54 p.m. mail for Louisville and points west should be in post office by 5:15 p.m.

ENSMINGER FAMILY MOVES BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Enslinger and family returned to their home this week after spending the winter in an apartment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cecil, College street.

MARINES "LAND" MOUSE

The Marines reported yesterday they had "the mouse situation" at the Navy department well in hand. They have caught a rodent that for weeks has been nibbling the records of the public relations department in Washington, D. C., and defying efforts of a part of the Navy's high command to trap it.

MRS. RENFRO CLOSES BUS STATION RESTAURANT

Mrs. Charles Renfro has closed her restaurant at the Greyhound bus station. She began operating the business last year and served excellent meals with a good patronage, but felt the work was too heavy to carry on through the summer for the financial gain.

Two New Suits Filed Regarding The Amos McCampbell Estate, Target of Much Litigation

Two new suits regarding the McCampbell estate have just been filed at the office of Circuit Clerk P. B. Smalley to come before the May term of the Mercer circuit court. This estate has been the target for several other litigations since the death of Amos G. McCampbell, Sr., on July 25, 1919. He and his first wife, Sallie B. McCampbell, died intestate.

The present suits concern the claim of Amos G. McCampbell, Jr., who alleges that he was defrauded of part of his inheritance by his brothers and sisters. Records filed with his suit show that Amos G. McCampbell, Jr., on May 23, 1901, was adjudged of unsound mind at a hearing in the Jefferson circuit court, at Louisville, and was ordered confined in the Central Asylum; that he later spent a number of years in South America and Canada, and that he returned to Louisville and on April 3, 1936 was adjudged by the Jefferson circuit court of sound mind and capable of managing his own estate.

The two suits are in regard to the personal property of the McCampbell estate, and the sale of a 198 acre farm on the Lexington road about three miles from Harrodsburg.

The equity suit regarding the personal property was filed by Mrs. Elizabeth R. Meldahl, Louisville, who on March 2, 1936 was appointed by the Mercer county court at the request of the attorney of Amos G. McCampbell, Jr., administratrix de bonis non of the estate of the late Amos G. McCampbell, Sr. Mrs. Meldahl's suit is directed against the heirs of the McCampbell estate. Among other things the suit charges that a seat on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange owned by the late Amos G. McCampbell, Sr., was sold for a total of \$31,750 and divided among the heirs of his first wife, Sallie B. McCampbell, and the second wife, Mrs. Ida McCampbell, received a portion, except Amos G. McCampbell, Jr., who received no share in the proceeds.

The suit further alleges that furniture, silverware, jewelry, pictures, stocks, notes and other personal property belonging to the estate were appropriated by the other heirs and never accounted for in the settlement of the estate and that Amos G. McCampbell, Jr., received no share, and should rightfully have had one-sixth. All the other heirs are called on to make full and complete accounting for all such property.

Those named as defendants in the suit are: Leavelle McCampbell, 320 Broadway, New York City; Mrs. Irene Gibson McCampbell, Mary Jordan McCampbell, a minor, widow and daughter of the late Bryant McCampbell, 182 E. 80th street, New York City; Roberta McCampbell, Cortland Hotel; Georgia McCampbell, Miller, 1452 S. 4th street; Lella McCampbell, Anderson, Mayflower Apartments, all of Louisville, and Amos G. McCampbell, Jr., of Louisville.

The suit for accounting of the proceeds of the sale of the 198 acre farm in Mercer county, was filed by Amos G. McCampbell, Jr. He names as defendants the same heirs as above and also John B. Peter, Washington county, purchaser of the farm; Alta Peter, his wife, and his son, James I. Peter, as trustee, of Harrodsburg.

McCampbell claims in the suit that the farm was sold by agreement of his brothers and sisters and their spouses to John B. Peter for the sum of \$70,000. The plaintiff states that he was then living in Canada, where he had been some years. He charges that his brother-in-law, Francis H. Miller, of Louisville, misrepresented the value of the real estate in a letter to him, which is filed with the suit as "exhibit 3." The plaintiff charges that the misrepresentation was with the knowledge and consent of the other brothers and sisters, and by reason of being misled by false representations, he, the said Amos G. McCampbell, Jr., executed a quit claim deed for his one-sixth share in the undivided interest in the land, to his brother, Bryant McCampbell, now deceased, "for the pitiful sum of \$1,250."

The suit charges also that an attempt was made by the late James F. VanArsdale, then practicing at the Harrodsburg bar, to inform him of the real value of the farm, but that this letter was intercepted and withheld from him and he had no knowledge of it until Nov. 14, 1933. He charges in the suit that the withholding of this letter was part of the fraudulent means employed by the other heirs to defraud him of his rightful share of the proceeds of the land which should have been \$11,666.66.

McCampbell in the suit renounces the quit claim deed he had made to his brother Bryant, both because of incompetency at the time the paper was executed and because of the fraud practiced upon him. He asked that his rightful inheritance be accorded him and also that he receive rental on his portion of land from the purchaser, John B. Peter, at the rate of \$1,000 a year from the time of the purchase, June 26, 1923, until the plaintiff is placed in possession.

NEW DESTROYER NAMED 'JOUETT'

Given Title In Honor Of Rear Admiral James E. Jouett of Harrodsburg Ancestry.

One of the Navy's new destroyers has been assigned the name of a Rear Admiral with Harrodsburg ancestry. "The Jouett" is named in honor of Rear Admiral James E. Jouett, U. S. Navy, who was appointed a midshipman in 1841. He served in the Mexican War and in 1864 he commanded the Metacofet at the Battle of Mobile Bay. He was known in the Navy as "Fighting Jim."

Rear Admiral Jouett was a son of Mathew Jouett, the artist, who was born in Mercer county, and the grandson of Jack Jouett, one of the prominent early settlers here. Jack Jouett owned hundreds of acres of land adjoining that of the Shakers, and later moved to a large tract in the vicinity of the old Providence cemetery, near McAfee. His son Mathew Jouett, became the great Kentucky artist, and his son, Rear Admiral Jouett, was born in Lexington. The destroyer named for him is one of 15 that were assigned names a few days ago at Washington, and are being constructed under authorization of Congress in 1934.

Among kinsmen of the Rear Admiral who reside here are Judge Ben C. Allin Bush W. Allin, Jack Allin, Mrs. K. A. Perkins, Mrs. Abe Sharp, and their families.

MRS. SHIRLEY LIVES IN THIS CITY

The Herald was in error last week in stating that Mr. and Mrs. Will Shirley were in Crown Point, Ind., and had escaped injury in the Southern cyclone, as at first feared by Mr. Shirley's family. Mrs. Shirley called at The Herald office and asked this paper to state that she is living in Harrodsburg and has not been with Mr. Shirley in Crown Point.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The circles of the Women's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will meet Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock. The Business Women and Young Women's Association will meet at 6 o'clock in the church dining hall.

MISS ANN PHILLIPS HONORED AT MIDWAY

Miss Ann Phillips, of Shakertown, has been elected president of the honorary journalistic fraternity of the Junior Kappa Pi Beta at the Kentucky Female Orphan School at Midway. Miss Phillips attends the school on the memorial scholarship for President John Augustus Williams, of Daughters College, formerly at Harrodsburg. She is a niece of Mrs. Smith Perkins, of Burgin, and spends part of her vacations with her and part with her grandmother, at Shakertown. The scholarship is furnished by the Daughters College Alumna Association, and several girls have received educational benefit from it. Miss Phillips is ranking well in her studies at the school.

MERCER FARMERS AGAINST LEVY

Pass Resolutions Opposing Proposed State Tax On Cigarettes As Burden To Growers.

Resolutions opposing the proposed state tax on cigarettes were unanimously adopted by a representative group of about 300 Mercer county farmers and tobacco growers at a meeting Saturday afternoon at the court house. H. T. Soaper acted as chairman of the meeting.

The resolutions offered as reason for objection to the tax, the farmers' belief that the tax would "place an extra burden on the backs of all persons who raise tobacco" and that the tax "will be borne in the final analysis almost wholly by the producer."

In opposing the tax, the assembled farmers unanimously agreed to do "everything fair and reasonable that is within our power" to defeat the measure. It was further ordered that copies of the resolutions be given to the Harrodsburg newspapers and the state press and that copies be sent to Representative Charles S. Matherly and Senator E. B. Miller, to the chairman of the committee now considering the tax bill, and a copy to the secretary of the Kentucky Farm Bureau, Ben S. Kilgore.

The proposed bill would place a tax of two cents on every ten cent package of cigarettes sold in Kentucky and three cents on every fifteen cent package of cigarettes. The bill has caused much discussion and argument throughout the state as to who will finally pay the tax—the consumer, the manufacturer, or the producer. The Mercer county farmers who met Saturday expressed the opinion that the tax would result in the farmer paying by receiving lower prices for his crop.

The resolutions passed at the meeting here Saturday includes the following:

"We, some three hundred farmers and tobacco producers of Mercer County, Kentucky, in a mass meeting held at the county court house this 11th day of April, 1936, at 1:30 p.m., believing that the proposed tax on cigarettes by the Kentucky Legislature now in session would, if passed, place an extra burden on the backs of all persons who raise tobacco and that said tax will be borne in the final analysis almost wholly by the producer, unanimously go on record as opposing said tax in any form and resolve to do everything fair and reasonable that is within our power to defeat such measure."

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Three couples were granted marriage licenses during the weekend by the county clerk's office, two permits being sold Saturday and one Monday.

Saturday, licenses were granted to James Sharp Ransdell, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ransdell, Mercer county, and Eva Mae Ransdell, 19, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ransdell, also of Mercer; James Milton Rush, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rush, New York City, and Marian Innes Johnson, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mercer county. Monday a permit was sold to William Arthur Ransdell, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Ransdell, Mercer county, and Gladys Kyler, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Kyler, also of Mercer.

MRS. CHANDLER FREED ON SPEEDING CHARGE

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, wife of the Governor, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of speeding on the Dixie Highway at Fort Mitchell, Ky., but Magistrate D. F. Lueke dismissed the charge when she explained she was taking her small son to a Cincinnati physician.

When Mrs. Chandler returned to her car and found a tire flat, the arresting officer, Constable H. C. Hoffman, drove her and her son to Cincinnati.

RE-ELECTED PRINCIPAL SHELBYVILLE SCHOOL

Miss Pearl Martin, a former principal of the Harrodsburg graded school, was re-elected principal of the elementary school at Shelbyville this week, a position she has held for some years. Miss Martin has many warm friends in this city.

MISS CHELF WINS FIRST IN LIONS' AMATEUR TEST

Grand Finals Of Amateur Competition Held At Harrodsburg School Friday Night.

ROSE HILL STRING TRIO IS ADJUDGED SECOND BEST

Winners Receive Cash Awards And Radio Audition; Others Asked To Appear For Hearing.

Miss Mary Clarence Chelf, local high school student, Friday night won first prize of \$10 in cash and an audition by Radio Station WHAS in the grand final amateur contest held at the Harrodsburg high school gymnasium. Second prize of \$7.50 and also a radio audition was won by Lazarus and Marvin Powell and Charlie Camden, Rose Hill, with their string trio.

Third prize, \$5.00, went to James Holliday, of Mackville, who played the harmonica and guitar. Miss Mary Nell May won \$2.50 as 4th prize with a reading entitled "China Blue Eyes." Miss Chelf sang "Land of the Sky Blue Water" and "Thunder Over Paradise" while the string trio's selections were "New River Train," "Old Faithful" and "Put My Little Shoes Away." Holliday played "Chinese Breakdown" and "Wreck of the Old 97."

Honorable mention was awarded by the judges to Ernie Peavler, Cornishville, violin; Edna Record, Salvisa, reading, and Wilma Bunnell, Salvisa, vocal solo. Judges were E. G. Sulzer and Frank Burger of the University of Kentucky extension studios of Radio Station WHAS, Louisville. Winners of third and fourth prizes and also honorable mention were invited to appear in Lexington with the top prize winners for an audition by WHAS.

Contestants in Friday night's competition were those persons who had won first, second, and third places in the amateur contests held at the various high schools in Mercer county under the sponsorship of the Harrodsburg Lions club.

Franklin Ransdell acted as master of ceremonies in lieu of a Major Bowes while W. C. Gatchell officiated at the microphone in a role imitative of Graham McNamee. The program was conducted as much as possible like the regular radio amateur contest, a microphone and loudspeakers being donated for the occasion by the Mercer Radio Shop. Several humorous "telegrams" were read during the program to introduce additional levity.

Other contestants who appeared on the program were: James and Miller, Dean and Edward Royalty, of McAfee, string instruments; Trudy Gariott, McAfee, reading; Alvin Monroe, Salvisa, harmonica; Woodrow Rogers, Burgin, tap dance; Resse Bailey and Vetta Bottoms, Rose Hill, vocal duet; Maurice Carpenter and Donald Gash, humorous dialogue; John William Stevens, Duncan, imitation of Lum and Abner; the Doughnut Boys, Burgin, jug band; Patrick Higgins and Hunter Lee Coleman, Burgin, vocal duet; Kathleen Poulter, McAfee, reading; Earl Fowler, Burgin, guitar and vocal solo; Mary Lou and Vera Moore, Harrodsburg, "Yodeling Twins"; William Dean, Harrodsburg, accordion and vocal solo; Florence, Grace, Bernice, and Bruce Champion, Bondville, mixed quartette.

Parker to Superintend Lebanon City Schools

Principal J. H. Parker, of the Harrodsburg high school, received notice Thursday night that he has been elected superintendent of the city schools at Lebanon out of approximately 25 applicants. Mr. and Mrs. Parker will move to Lebanon the first of July when he will take over his new duties.

Mr. Parker will succeed the late Prof. J. R. Sterrett, who served as school superintendent for 26 years until his death recently. Since his death Prof. Sterrett's duties have been taken over by Mrs. H. A. Johnston. Mr. Parker's many friends in Harrodsburg regret to see him and his family leave but wish him the best of success in his new position.

The Harrodsburg high school principal's office, left vacant by Mr. Parker's departure, has not yet been filled.

Mr. Parker completes his seventh consecutive year of splendid service in the Harrodsburg school this year.

TAXES MUST CONTINUE

Before the legislators get through with their tax program, many will regret killing the state sales tax. No tax is popular and Frankfort is filled with people opposing the taxes that will fall heavily upon them. You know, the only tax most of us favor is the tax on the "other fellow." However, we should remember that the state cannot run without money and the money must come from the people. So, get ready to continue paying taxes.—The Danville Messenger.