

Reorganization Bill Is Passed

General Assembly Passes Measure, Orders Investigation Of "Fraudulent" Charges.

Acting at the personal request of Governor Chandler, the Kentucky general assembly Saturday reconsidered, amended, and repassed the state reorganization bill and then ordered an investigation of the so-called "fraudulent" charges in the measure. The assembly then adjourned sine die.

Immediately following the adjournment Governor Chandler issued a call for a second extraordinary session of the assembly to convene at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon for the purpose of considering the state budget.

Reconsideration of the bill was asked Saturday by Governor Chandler after it was learned that certain interlined changes had been made in the measure without the consent or knowledge of members of the assembly.

The changes were in that section of the bill dealing with the department of education, and exempted that department from supervision of the new commissioner of finance.

Senate members amended and repassed the bill without discussion after Senator Ralph Gilbert, majority floor leader, had explained the situation and offered the necessary amendments. The vote was 22 to 2.

Action in the house was less speedy, several members of the Republican bloc opposing the measure and denouncing the bill by saying that "steam roller" methods were used in passing it. The final vote in

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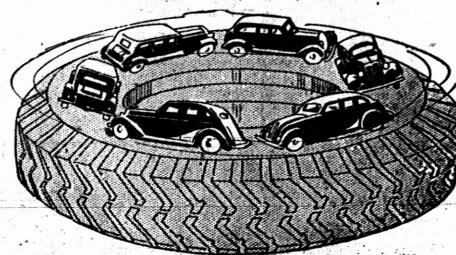
WRECK CAUSES SCULPTOR TO POSTPONE CLASSES

A. D. H. Build, sculptor, who is conducting classes in his art here in Harrodsburg, was in an automobile accident in Tennessee recently and was unable to meet his class here at the last meeting. In a long distance phone call from Mr. Build to Mr. D. M. Hutton, the sculptor said that he would be able to meet his classes again in about a month. It was not learned how badly he was hurt but his condition is not serious.

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FIRST MARBLE GAME SEEN SATURDAY PREDICTS SPRING

One of the most dependable signs of the advent of spring was seen Saturday morning in front of the court house when several small boys, both black and white, indulged in the childhood game of marbles. Squatting and kneeling on the cold damp ground, they merrily went through the game with a spirit that is prompted only by spring weather. Several similar games followed during the day.



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Facts and Fancies From Frankfort

The great stone wall surrounding the Reformatory adds a grim note to the atmosphere of the Capital city. As a child, whenever I read of tortured castles, a picture of the entrance with its twin towers always flashed in my mind, never realizing the dreams and hopes and ambitions that must have been discarded when the "fish," as new inmates are called, stepped through the barred gate to become numbers instead of names.

The eyes of the state have been directed upon conditions at the prison, due to recent happenings there but one needs to be familiar with the musty interior, with the overcrowded cell blocks, with idle men whiling away the hours, to appreciate something of the problem facing the welfare board. As far back as 1900, when Beckham was Governor, the same hue and cry about overcrowding was being raised and the years have brought no solution but only an aggravated condition. Idleness, however, was not then a problem. The pen used to be humming with industry. Shoe factories, shirt factories, broom factories, chair factories, all using their quota of help, but a ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission about shipping convict-made goods across state boundaries suddenly stopped the wheels. In the past few years, automobile license plates have been manufactured inside the walls, thus helping a little in solving the unemployment situation, but it would seem that a penal farm, convict labor on county roads with the consent of the local fiscal courts, and the manufacturing of wearing apparel for the inmates of all the state institutions would be a long step forward, for no truer words were ever penned than those about an idle brain being the devil's workshop. Imagine yourself locked up in a double cell about the size of an ordinary bath room in an old building, reeking with the ever-present odor of disinfectants. It's small wonder the inmates struck the other day for a breath of fresh air.

The Mutual Welfare League is an organization composed of prisoners which operates a commissary and it is this organization which so often furnishes the expense money for a journey to the bedside or the grave side of a loved one. Of course, the expenses of a guard must be paid, too. The prison band is a crack musical organization. The fire department has rendered valiant service, particularly when flames from a nearby office building became a serious threat to the historic old Capital. Good baseball teams flourish within the walls. A chaplain ministers to the spiritual needs of the Protestants. Sisters of Charity from the Good Shepherd High School teach Catechism classes for the Catholics and several times a year, the pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd reads Mass in the Chapel. The Jews are conspicuous by their almost complete absence from the Reformatory. All sorts of souvenirs can be purchased there, ranging from a saucy little monkey carved from a peach seed to a swanky-looking walking stick.

The Female Department, with its entrance on Holmes Street, houses about a hundred women and is presided over by matrons. This being a "co-ed" institution, the matrons are sometimes kept pretty busy intercepting notes tied to small stones and tossed back and forth across the wall which separates them from their neighbors.

But even this grim place has its funny side. There was old Aunt Venie from the mountains. She cussed every mule she saw or heard about because it was a mule that had dropped dead from under her when she was riding hard for the Tennessee border and safety. The fact that she had killed her husband and set him up against the side of the cabin with a pipe in his mouth was only a minor incident, to Aunt Venie's way of thinking. The mule was the real culprit. Well, Aunt Venie was paroled about ten o'clock one morning and as her train did not leave until four o'clock in the afternoon, she was domiciled at a Frankfort boarding house until she was to be taken to the depot, tagged and sent to a small town in the mountains, from which she was to ride mule-back home. She said she didn't know whether to trust another mule or not but thought she "mought" this once. It was in the long-ago days before permanent streets were scarcely dreamed of and a horse-drawn sprinkling cart used to come around, mornings and afternoons, to settle the dust. Aunt Venie was rocking away on the porch for dear life when an unearthly scream brought the boarding-house mistress scurrying to see what could be the matter. Aunt Venie had removed her pipe in absolute amazement and a look of thorough disgust was settling over her placid features. "Look a-yander, Honey," she said, "thar sets the blamed fool losin' ever bit of his wash water. His wife'll beat hell out'n him when he gits home" and, as a satisfied afterthought, "she orter."

Joseph Wendling was perhaps the most troublesome prisoner ever to be confined at Frankfort. His bold, mocking good looks would have set him apart, had not the heinous crime for which he was convicted already made him notorious. He was clever, courteous, ingratiating, and it was not long before he had become a trusty, even though that gave him the privilege of sauntering back and forth before the home of relatives of the child he was accused of having slain. Once, when he was supposed to be doing some electrical work in the basement of the Old Capital under supervision, he had the unsuspecting guard sit at the top of the steps and time him with his own watch to see how long it would take him to complete his task. The joke of it was that he had climbed through a basement window and had gone on a sight-seeing jaunt of the business section of Frankfort and come back to find the guard still "marking

time." During his last escape, he stole a basket of laundry, secreted himself in the cupola of the Old Capital and, garbed as a woman, came forth at night to wander the streets at will. He was captured late one Sunday night, just after he had peered into the window of a policeman's home, and all of Frankfort breathed easier. It was told that he could scale the walls whenever the notion struck him and many a staid Frankfort resident has been scared into a bad case of "fitters" by the sudden appearance of a "veiled lady" who could practically vanish into thin air. At the insistence of relatives of his victim, he was removed to Eddyville. He was pardoned recently on condition that he return to his native France and he was officially escorted to New York and placed aboard the ship that was to carry him home. The papers carried a story the other day to the effect that he planned to see the State of Kentucky for wrongful incarceration but I believe we've heard the last of Joseph Wendling, thank heaven, until we read of his demise.

My earnest message is this. Let every right-minded citizen back up Governor Chandler's welfare board in its effort to solve the problems of our penal institutions before a holocaust holds us up to a horrified nation as having been criminally negligent of the wards of the State.

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EDWARD VAN HART FOUND DEAD IN ROOM IN HOTEL

Edward Van Hart, 60, was found dead in his hotel room in Cincinnati Sunday, a pistol lying by his side and a bullet wound in his head.

Mr. Van Hart formerly lived here after Mrs. Van Hart and her sister, Miss Annie Donoghue, inherited the Main street McMinn property which recently was purchased by J. T. Ingram, Sr.

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Miss Etta Butler, Frankfort, arrived Saturday for the opening of

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DRUNKEN DRIVING CHARGE BRINGS FINE OF \$100, COSTS

Ardie Woods, 21, arrested Sunday on a charge of driving an automobile while intoxicated, was fined \$100 and costs in police court Monday night. Woods entered a plea of guilty and was given the minimum fine for this charge. The maximum fine is \$500.

Six persons were arrested during the weekend on charges of being drunk in a public place and were fined a total of \$65 and costs. They were Steve Marlow, \$15 and costs; Davis Crews, Britton Horton, Sam Thompson, Raymond Dean, and Jess Alford, \$10 and costs each.

Judge Shackelford Dies of Pneumonia

Judge W. Roderick Shackelford, 68 years old, died at his home in Richmond shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday morning from an attack of bronchial pneumonia. He was stricken February 26 while holding court in his home town, Richmond, but remained on the bench the remainder of the day.

He had been circuit judge of the 25th judicial district for the past 20 years and was well known throughout the state for his activities in the Democratic party. He was always opposed in his race for the position of circuit judge but he never failed to carry his home county by majorities ranging from 850 to 2,000 votes.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the residence. Burial followed in the Richmond cemetery.

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Only 11 Named To U. S. High Court

31 Citizens Have Been Presidents Of United States; Less Than Dozen Chief Justices.

It is interesting to note that while 31 citizens of the United States have been elevated to the presidency only 11 have been appointed chief justice since the foundation of our government—Jay, Rutledge, Ellsworth, Marshall, Taney, Chase, Waite, Fuller, White, Taft, and Hughes.

One of these, John Rutledge, was never confirmed by the Senate, as evidences of approaching insanity developed about the time of his appointment by President Washington in 1795, and Ellsworth was named in his stead a few months later.

John Marshall served longer than any other chief justice, 34 years, and died in office at the age of 80. Taney served 28 years until his death at the age of 87. Jay, the first chief justice, was the youngest at the time of his appointment, being only 44. Marshall was appointed at the age of 46.

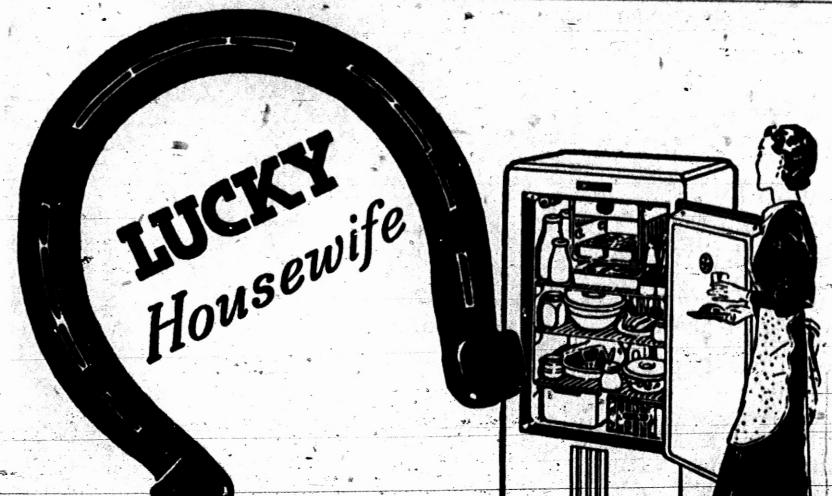
Among former associate justices of the Supreme Court, Joseph Story, appointed at the age of 32, was the youngest, while William Johnson was 33 at the time of his appointment. Associate Justice Brandeis, still in active service at the age of 79, is the oldest member of the present court.

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