

## GOODMAN SENDS FINAL FIGURES ABOUT BRIDGE

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TURNED OVER TO COUNTY WITH NO FUTURE DEBTS

Mercer Gets Lasting Improvements By WPA Aid That County Could Not Handle Alone.

County Judge Charles T. Corn has just received from George Goodman, Kentucky director of WPA, an itemized statement of the cost of construction of the bridge over Salt river at Kirkwood. The bridge was built at a total cost of \$21,172.24 and of this amount Mercer county paid only \$3,130.35. The amount of the county expenditure includes the purchasing of the rights of way for new approaches to the bridge, which Mr. Goodman said after an inspection, is one of the best and most attractive bridges constructed in Kentucky under his department.

Judge Corn was asked if these figures covered the entire cost and if there were no future obligations to meet. "They are final," he said. "The bridge has been carefully gone over by WPA inspectors, the work approved and the bridge turned over to Mercer county with no strings whatever tied to it. It is a magnificent piece of work. The Kirkwood bridge and the other concrete bridges built over Salt river through WPA aid could not have been constructed in years by county funds alone. We are also making splendid improvements at the County Home through WPA aid," he added.

Asked if there were any debts outstanding against Mercer county because of various improvements going on through WPA help, Judge Corn stated that the county owes no note or obligation of any kind, except the road bond issue voted some years ago and a sinking fund to take care of this is amply able to meet all notes and interest as they fall due. In addition a \$60,000 debt carried over from the former fiscal year has been paid off. As the new fiscal year began July 1, the county borrowed a small amount to meet current expenses until the taxes are collected by Sheriff Oscar Sanders. Taking its business as a whole, Judge Corn said, Mercer county is in excellent financial condition, and invites examination of fiscal court books by taxpayers who are interested.

## WAGES OF WPA BOOSTED JULY 1

About 600 in Mercer County Benefit By Slightly Higher Wage Rate Announced By WPA Administrator.

The approximately 600 WPA workers in Mercer county began working fewer hours with slightly increased wages on July 1. Announcement of the change was made by George H. Goodman, Kentucky Works Progress Administrator, Louisville. The new scale of wages will be effective on checks issued for the first half of the month, ending July 15.

Under the new schedule computed in accordance with instructions from Washington, wage rates will range from \$21 to \$22.50 for a 112-hour work month. The former rates range from \$21 to \$25 for a 128-hour month.

## LAWRENCEBURG STORE LOOTED OF MERCHANDISE

Thieves broke into the store of Charles A. Routt on Main in Lawrenceburg, between 11 and 12 p.m. Sunday and took merchandise valued at between \$400 and \$500. Men's suits, traveling bags, underwear, socks and other articles were taken. An expert from the Farnkfort reformatory staff made several photographs of finger prints.

## LOCAL TAX OFFICERS LEARN TO ASSESS INTANGIBLES

County Tax Commissioner Ed Currens and Deputy Commissioner Holly Royalty were in Frankfort Saturday to attend a meeting of the tax commissioners of all the counties with the State Tax Commission. The purpose of the session was to discuss the proper assessment of intangible property.

## VAN HANSFORD ORDERED TO FT. OGLETHORPE, GA.

Van Hansford, a member of the Reserve Officers Corp from Virginia Military Institute has received orders to report at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., in a few days for two weeks at the R. O. T. C. camp.

## PARIS MAN IS NAMED CONSUL TO VENEZUELA

The State Department Saturday announced transfer in the foreign service of Archer Woodford, Paris, Ky., Consul at Berlin, Germany, to be Consul at Maracaibo, Venezuela.

## NEWBERRY STORE MANAGER CHANGED TO CYNTHIANA

G. C. Shay, manager of the Newberry Store, has been moved from this place to the store in Cynthiana, which is a larger place and the change is a promotion for Mr. Shay. He and his family have been popular in Harrodsburg for some years. He was manager of the Marshall Store and was continued in the position after the business was bought by the Newberry Company. Mr. Johnson, Fredericksburg, Va., is expected to arrive today to take charge of the local store.

## FAIR, HORSE SHOW PLANS SHAPE UP

Catalogue Soon Out With Many Varied And Interesting Classes For Exhibitors.

Work on improvements at the fair grounds is being pushed and things will be in tip-top shape when the big show opens July 27th to continue day and night through July 31. The catalogue will soon be out. Much interest in this is being shown by exhibitors. The Woman's Department will contain many new classes, and there will be three beauty classes—prettiest blonde, brunette and red head.

Judging by inquiries coming in there will be more entries than usual in the coon hound and fox hound bench shows and dogs from a wider field will be entered. The poultry and sheep men are busy with their departments and are securing many tempting premiums. Bee's Combined Shows with many different kinds of attractions, will furnish entertainment.

The big features of the horse show will include five stakes—the three and five gaited exhibits; colt show, fine harness and road type horses. The fair association is planning one of the best meetings in its history and expects to give the public a week of splendid educational and entertaining programs.

## SUFFERS LEG INJURY WHEN KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR

Suffering with torn ligaments in his right leg County Tax Commissioner Ed Currens is glad to be limping about instead of being laid up with a broken leg, or worse. He started for his car about 8 o'clock Saturday night, which he had parked on East Office street near the residence of County Attorney I. C. James, when he was struck by a car driven by a young man named Claunch, from Dixville. He grabbed the bumper and held on while the car dragged him about 40 feet before it could be stopped. He said there were five in the one seated car that hit him, which would have run over him had he not held to the bumper.

## EIGHT SMALL HOUSES SOLD IN THE CITY

Eight small houses in the section near the Southern depot were sold this week by Mrs. William Reed thru W. P. Hatchett, real estate man. Prices ranged from \$200 to \$400 each. The buyers were M. M. Davies, five houses; one house each to William Savage, Ed Perkins and Will Clay. Three of the places were bought with bonus funds.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO ENJOY MAMMOTH CAVE TRIP

The Sunday school class of young men and women at the Christian church, taught by C. W. Bell, will enjoy a trip to Mammoth Cave in a few days. The losing ends in an attendance contest are hosts to the winning blues and will give the victors the trip.

## DR. MULLER AND DAUGHTER HAVE DANGEROUS MISHAP

Dr. R. W. Muller and daughter, Miss Barbara, of Berea, received a bad shaking up and bruises Thursday morning on their way to Harrodsburg. Near Danville the car skidded on the wet road and turned over. The car was pretty badly damaged.

## DONOVAN WITH DEDMAN

Jimmie Donovan has accepted a position with Dedman's Drug store to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of William Ransell, who left Monday to take a place with the Cynthiana store of the Bohon Company.

## JAIL SERVICE SUNDAY

Rev. George W. Trout, pastor at Bruner's Chapel, conducted the service Sunday afternoon for the prisoners in the jail, and a number of members from his congregation attended the service.

## EDITORS "SPLIT" PRIZE

Editors George Joplin, Jr., Somerset, and Warren Fisher, Cynthiana, were awarded a split prize, \$7.50 each for the best stories written about the recent meeting of the Kentucky Press Association. Dr. A. E. Porter and Prof. Burrus Munn were the judges.

## BOYLE REPRESENTATIVE IN HARRODSBURG

Hon. John C. Robinson, representative Sunday afternoon for the prison county, was in Harrodsburg Wednesday mixing business and pleasure.

## NAME HUMPHREYS TO HIGHWAY POST

Ben Johnson Offered Advisory Position In New Set-Up Announced By Chandler.

Robert Humphreys, of Mayfield, state campaign chairman for Governor A. B. Chandler, today is Kentucky's new commissioner of highways, replacing Ben Johnson, Bardonia, who served as chairman under the old set-up. Mr. Humphreys was appointed to his position Wednesday during the reorganization of the state administration by the commonwealth's chief executive.

Mr. Johnson, who headed the road department under Governors Fields, Sampson and Laffoon prior to his appointment January 30 by Governor Chandler, was offered one of the fine posts as advisory highway commissioner at a salary of \$3,000 yearly. Acceptance of the offer is a matter of conjecture.

Other appointments included former Attorney General Bailey P. Woodson as director of state parks; Frederick A. Wallis, Paris, as commissioner of welfare, and W. C. Burrow, Louisville, commissioner of industrial relations.

Governor Chandler previously appointed Dr. J. W. Martin, of Lexington, Dr. Charles J. Turck, of Danville, and Emory G. Dent, of Bowling Green, as commissioners in charge of the department of revenue. J. Dan Talbot, of Bardonia, is commissioner of finance, and James W. Cammack, Jr., is commissioner of business regulation in the governor's cabinet.

## COUPLE WED HERE

Felix Nathaniel Phillips and Miss Florence Sagracy, both of Harrodsburg, were married Wednesday night by County Judge Charles T. Corn in his offices in the court house.

## MERCER WHEAT FINE QUALITY

All Crop Of Approximately 125,000 Bushels Grades No. 1 and 2; \$1.00 A Bushel.

With threshing in full swing, wheat deliveries are coming in fast to the grain dealers in this city who report an excellent quality crop. Practically all wheat grades number one and two and there is so little under the latter figure that it is negligible, according to Joe Sandusky, of the Sandusky Milling Company. The wheat crop was well advanced and beyond the stage where the hot dry weather could do much damage, and the cut in production is only from five to six bushels to the acre. On some farms not that much.

It is estimated that Mercer will produce this season approximately 125,000 bushels that is bringing a dollar a bushel. This county, one of the biggest wheat producing counties in Kentucky, is still keeping up its banner in spite of dry weather cut and federal acreage production curtailment. Mr. Sandusky estimated that in 1930 Mercer produced about 250,000 bushels of wheat.

## June Marriages Only One Above Last Year

June, the nuptial month, went out with 20 marriages recorded on the license book at the office of County Clerk Garnett Dean. The oldest couple gave their ages as 40 and 31, and the youngest couple were 19 and 18 years.

Although business is said to have picked up in all lines over that of last year, the advance in the marriage business was slight it was found by a tally of the licenses. In 1935 there were 19 marriages recorded—just one less than in 1936.

## DIRECTORS OF CITY BANKS HOLD SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

The semi-annual meeting of the directors of the State Bank and Trust Company was held Tuesday for the transaction of the regular business that comes before the board at this session.

The Mercer County National Bank directors held their session on June 22 and transacted the semi-annual business of that institution.

Both banks are in excellent condition and the directors were much pleased with their steady growth.

## NEGRO CHURCH GROUP MEETS HERE ON JULY 8

The 51st session of the Frankfort District Conference and Sunday School convention of the African Methodist Episcopal church will be held at St. Peter's A. M. E. church here July 8, 9 and 10 with the Rt. Rev. J. S. Flipper, D. D., Atlanta, as presiding elder.

## LEAVE FOR BOONE CAMP

Stuart Alexander and Richard Johnson left Wednesday for a week's stay at Boone's Camp for boys on Kentucky river.

## OLDEST MERCHANT GIVES UP TRADE

Grant Vivion, 78, Retires From Active Business After Nearly 60 Years Of Public Service.

Grant Vivion, the oldest merchant in Harrodsburg in years and continuous service to the public, has retired at the age of 78 years, following the sale of his well known "Vivion's Rack Store" Saturday to W. C. Gatchel, who also conducts a variety store, Mr. Gatchel will conduct the two stores separately for a few weeks after which he will move all his stock to the Vivion location.

Mr. Vivion entered business in 1879, operating a restaurant with Spennie Norris at the present location of Graves jewelry store. In a short time he sold to his partner and was engaged in business for a time in Winchester, but returned to Harrodsburg and with his brother, Albert Vivion joined David VanArsdale in a high class dry goods store. After some years Mr. VanArsdale sold his interest, and the business became known as Vivion Brothers Store and one of the outstanding firms in Harrodsburg.

This partnership was finally dissolved and Mr. Grant Vivion operated the business until he sold out, and 27 years ago started the variety store, which he operated until selling to Mr. Gatchel. In all the years of his long career Mr. Vivion has been the soul of honor in a business way, conducting himself and his interests on a high plane and his democratic sociability toward everyone, combined with a keen sense of humor, has made him one of the most popular men ever in business here. An ardent member of the Baptist church he has carried his religion into his everyday dealings and success and honor have crowned his days.

## MASONS HOLD FINE SERVICE

About Sixty Masons Hear Rev. H. B. Kuhnle Preach Sermon As St. John's Day Commemorated.

About sixty masons from the lodges of Mercer county held a religious service in commemoration of St. John's Day at the Pioneer Memorial State Park Sunday. W. B. Morris, Harrodsburg, District Key Man, presided at the services. Rev. H. B. Kuhnle, pastor of the First Baptist church, Danville, preached the sermon and Rev. G. R. Tomlin, pastor of the Methodist church here, was the song leader.

The program included: "America," sung by the assembly, invocation, Rev. T. Hassell Bowen, pastor of the Christian church; song, "Faith of Our Fathers;" Scripture reading, Rev. G. Whitcomb Eilers, pastor of the Baptist church. Quartet, Mrs. Arthur Bonta, Mr. Garnett Dean, Miss Margaret Cull, Mr. B. G. Alderson; prayer, Rev. J. W. Carpenter, pastor of the United Presbyterian church; song, "How Firm a Foundation;" sermon, Rev. Kuhnle; song, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds;" benediction, Rev. G. R. Tomlin.

## Fair Dances Too Costly This Year

Chances for dances during the fair look slim. The group of young men who have been sponsoring them for several years state that they will not promote them this year owing to the expense. The city license is \$15 a night; in addition, the new state and federal tax on amusements amounts to 25 cents on each dollar taken in; last year they paid \$20 a night for the use of the warehouse, \$150 for orchestra and the expense of the players while in Harrodsburg, to say nothing of the amount paid for printing tickets and advertising, and for special officers to maintain the high standard of order set for the Harrodsburg fair dances.

At a meeting of the group of promoters this week it was decided not to undertake the financial responsibility. If there are any dances during the fair someone else will sponsor them.

## INJURED HIGH SCHOOL BOY HOME FROM LOUISVILLE

J. C. Murphy, high school senior, who was critically injured in an automobile accident during commencement week, was brought from the hospital in Louisville a few days ago to his home in Shakertown where he continues to improve and his condition is most encouraging.

## MOTOR BOAT UPSETS IN LAKE HERRINGTON

A pleasure seeker was dumped in to Lake Herrington Sunday afternoon when a motor boat dashed by creating waves that upset the boat of the lone occupant. No harm was done as the man proved to be a good swimmer. The accident was near Biggestaff's camp.

## BOY INJURED BY LIMB TORN FROM TREE BY WIND

Oswald Butler, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Arch Butler, escaped serious injury shortly after 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon when a branch, torn from a tree on Litsey avenue by the wind storm, fell to the ground, hitting the youth on the right shoulder and inflicting painful flesh wound.

The jagged limb pierced the boy's shoulder, which was dressed by a surgeon. He escaped being hit on the head by the limb when a passerby cried a warning and he dodged back.

## MERCHANTS APPLY NEW STATE TAXES

Retailers Are Meeting The New Taxes Which Became Effective On July 1.

Six of the tax laws passed by the special revenue session of the legislature went into effect at 1 a.m. Wednesday. These taxes apply to candy, ice cream, chewing gum, nuts, bottled drinks, fountain syrups and cosmetics. Retailers in all of these lines were reminded yesterday about the tax and have been told to make an inventory of all their goods.

James W. Martin, commissioner of revenue, issued a statement that retailers may avoid the necessity of affixing stamps on bottled drinks not made from tax-paid syrups by purchasing only from bonded dealers after July 1.

The total amount of the tax will be distributed by assessing bottled drinks 1 cent on each 5 cents of the selling price; fountain syrup at 76 cents a quart, and proportionately for quantities smaller than a quart; unbottled drinks at 1 cent on each 5 cent serving; chewing gum, 1 cent on each 5 cent quantity; candy, 20 per cent of the retail selling price, and nuts, 20 per cent of the retail selling price.

The tax on cosmetics will bring the state 20 per cent of the total cost of the products. The chain store tax law will go into operation July 1, and the special corporation tax on August 9. It is estimated that the tax program will yield \$12,040,000 revenue. The program provides for levies on utility services, race tracks, liquors, entertainments, and other items.

## 100 FIGHT FIRE AT HERRINGTON LAKE

Fire believed to have originated from a lighted match or cigarette destroyed a threshing machine, 30 shocks of rye, and 25 bushels of wheat at Lakeview farm near Chantilly Bridge in Garrard county beside Lake Herrington, late Monday afternoon.

The thresher belonged to Harry Edwards of Bryansville, and was operated by a tractor which was saved. The flames set fire to the stubble and spread over a 12-acre field but was brought under control after three hours of work by nearly 100 persons, including CCC boys, vacationists from Lake Herrington and Danville residents.

The loss of the thresher was estimated at \$700 with no insurance. A farm wagon was destroyed and one mule badly burned by the blaze.

## BURGIN BANK DECLARES SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND

At the annual business meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Burgin the same board of directors were elected: M. M. Dossett, B. F. Brummette, M. F. Curd and D. W. Thompson. The usual semi-annual dividend of four per cent was declared payable July 1. This splendid bank has not missed a dividend in years.

## SPRINGFIELD AFTER NEW WPA SEWER SYSTEM

The Springfield City Council has employed H. K. Bell, Lexington sanitary engineer, to make a survey and estimate the probable cost of a new sewer system and disposal plant at Springfield. The city may secure a grant from the Works Progress Administration for the project which will permit construction at low cost.

## COUNTY MINISTER ACCEPTS OHIO CHARGE

Rev. C. Marion Randle and family left Cornishville this week for Rushsylvania, Ohio, where he had accepted the pastorate of the Christian church. He recently resigned his joint pastorate of the Christian churches at Cornishville and Mayo. He had been at the former place one year and at Mayo four years.

## TRUCK DRIVER HELD IN DEATH OF BOYLE WOMAN

John Hackett, 30, London truck driver, was detained in Louisville on bail of \$1,500 pending hearing Monday on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Ray Purdom, of Perryville, in a traffic collision last Thursday near Louisville.

## BOHON REVIVAL CLOSING

Rev. Charles Vaughn and Singing Evangelist Smith close an interesting revival tonight at the Christian church at Bohon.

## WELCOME RAINS HALT DRY SPELL AND HEAT WAVE

Last Rainfall Here Of Any Consequence Was On April 9, Says Water Plant Manager.

## CITY WATER SUPPLY HOLDS UP IN SPITE OF DROUGHT

Showers This Week Promise Much Benefit To Crops If Seasonable Weather Continues.

Relief from the prolonged heat and drought that had grown to distressing proportions, was broken early Tuesday with a wind and electric storm and a hard but brief shower of rain. A number of limbs were torn from trees and a few of the trees were uprooted. Intermittent showers since Tuesday have been most beneficial.

Although farm water was scarce in many places there was no danger of a water shortage in Harrodsburg, according to W. H. Johnson, manager of the municipal water plant. Although the last rain that added any rise to Salt river, from which the city's water supply is derived, was on April 9 Mr. Johnson stated, the water in the reservoir is only 13 inches below the top of the dam and sufficient water is impounded to last for 50 days with no curtailment on the part of the citizens.

A number of big springs empty into Salt river above the reservoir and these had been flowing plentifully until very recently. Mr. Johnson said, fed by water from the ground so thoroughly soaked by copious rains in the late winter. Recently the springs began getting low. As a precaution against any shortage the city had prepared to pump water from the deep wells on the Ice and Produce Co., property as was done during the drought of several years ago. Since the rain, these wells will not be needed as the river will receive an additional supply.

County Agent Curtis Park stated that the drought had not hurt Mercer crops as much as had been feared. Corn is not damaged to any great extent. The wheat crop is good as that had developed well before the dry weather set in. Tobacco will come out well as the present rains will be of great benefit. Hay, pastures and home gardens have been hit the hardest, Mr. Park said, but with seasonable weather from now on the late alfalfa will make a good crop, he prophesied.

## NEGROES FINED AFTER WRECK

Four Face Judge Corn In County Court; Woman Is Treated For Injuries.

Four negroes, three of whom formerly lived in Harrodsburg, were fined \$10 and costs each on a charge of drunkenness in a public place before Judge Charles T. Corn in the Mercer County Court Thursday afternoon as the result of an automobile accident at Shakertown Inn.

The negroes, James Reed, Hatton Jones, Eliza Jones, formerly of Harrodsburg, and Lucius Bailey, Lexington, paid their fines. A fifth occupant of the car, Venus Young, Lexington, sustained injuries which necessitated surgical attention at the A. D. Price Memorial Hospital.

The quietest, celebrating a "bonus party," left Lexington at 3 o'clock Thursday morning and made a hilarious pilgrimage to Harrodsburg, featured by two automobile wrecks. Hatton Jones experienced difficulty in meeting his fine when he forgot the name of the Lexington bank where he deposited funds.

## STANFORD TO CELEBRATE 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The 150th anniversary of the founding of Stanford will be celebrated there September 11. Committee chairmen have been appointed to make arrangements for the celebration. Members of the executive committee are: Chairman, Mayor W. P. Grimes; co-chairman, R. M. Blackberry; Miss Esther W. Burch, W. M. Severance, Mrs. W. O. Martin and secretary, C. C. Walton.

## SALVISA BOY HURT IN FALL FROM PONY

Billy Parker, thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Parker, of Salvisa, was brought to the A. D. Price Memorial Hospital Sunday suffering with a badly splintered leg bone, the result of being thrown from a pony he was riding and the animal stepped on him. His leg was put into a plaster cast and he is reported as doing very well.

## JUDGE ALCONTO ACT IN WAYNE CO.

Judge Kendrick S. Alconto, Stanford, judicial head of this district, was named this week to occupy the bench of the Wayne county circuit court in a case which the judge of that district is disqualified to hear.