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A Call to the Young Men of

Harrodsburg To Go Forward

Harrodsburg is lacking in leadership among her young men. That we need young, virile leadership no one will gainsay. That we have young men capable of giving us such leadership we are certain.

We would point out to our young men that the need is a challenge to them. We would urge them with all the vigor we can to step forward and assume that leadership in which the public will rejoice.

Gradually have we seen that once strong civic leadership in which we prided, lessen and lessen, until now it is a mere shadow of the power it once was. It is true there are some of the old reliables left but they cannot serve as they once did. Yet, they are valuable for wisdom's council.

The kind of leadership we have in mind is one that can "dream dreams and see visions." A leadership capable of unselfish thinking and think in terms of the whole community.

In a word, a leadership that would not accept existing things and order as the last word in school administration, city government and our spiritual trend.

We are committed to the youth movement. Youth in its exuberance has given us some of our best leadership at all times. Mistakes they have made, but they have accomplished things. The very best in our religious movement today, may be found with the youth. We have read some history and youth, we have found, played the larger part in the good movements of the world.

Youth is ever inquisitive; takes little for granted. Let them move into the activity of our church, civic and school life more and more. They might find us a better way to do things. We do not wish to be understood that what we mean by leadership as a call to hold office or a job. That might come later through a competency demonstrated in civic service.

Youth might persuade us to furnish the means to improve our schools and give us music and commercial work, the city to widen its present splendid work to that of giving us adequate sewer extension and the churches a greater concern for youths' environment. While these things are impossible to us, "Nothing is impossible to youth."

Problem of Human Souls

(Editor A. A. Bowmar in Woodford Sun)

Several young white boys and their parents were before Judge Bond last Friday. Complaint had been made that the boys, and some girls, had been pilfering grapes and vegetables from private gardens. No warrants had been sworn against them. Judge Bond questioned the boys and gave them an earnest talk, with wholesome, fatherly advice and he also talked to the parents concerning their responsibility.

As The Sun has pointed out before, removals from farms to alleys and colored settlements in Versailles of a number of white families, some the families of men who lost jobs when crop production was curtailed, has made much worse what was already a serious problem. An obligation is placed upon the community. The children of these families are thrown into the streets for their diversion, and are under no restraint. Deprived of wholesome outlet for natural energy, they seek amusement wherever it may be found. Some have become beggars; they are often hungry for food.

Lacking guidance or care, some of the boys and girls in a few years will have become criminals. A few weeks ago, a white youth of 19 from an alley in Versailles, who from childhood lacked a fair chance, was taken to the Frankfort reformatory to serve two years. Officers who took the boy to Frankfort said he showed no emotion, no fear at going to prison. "It will be as much like home for me as any place," he was quoted as saying.

This happened here in the "asparagus bed of the garden spot." The Sun regrets it has no specific remedy to offer. The problem is baffling, but we feel that it should be earnestly studied by our churches, our Christian citizens. Apparently, it is receiving little or no attention. It is an important matter, concerning human souls.

Last winter and spring The Sun urged a public playground for the children of Versailles, particularly for the underprivileged ones. Those who expressed any interest in the matter at all declared it was impracticable, too expensive. Other cities and towns are maintaining playgrounds for the children. We still believe the plan could be worked here, and that it would be worthwhile.

Echoes of Kentucky's Hanging Carnival

It is well enough we are getting the flogging we are for the disgraceful legal fiasco at Owensboro. It may be true a part of the crowd was people of that county, but the disgrace is not alone Owensboro, it is Kentucky's.

Kentucky will suffer long for the episode. The press is severe on us. Let us trust that the flogging will do us good. The Nation magazine takes us to task in this manner:

Down in old Kentucky the natives seem to know what they like and to go in for it in a big way. The other day the inhabitants of Owensboro and surrounding points turned the official hanging of a Negro into a sort of legal lynching bee, and a pleasant time seems to have been had by all—all being so many thousand white, Nordic natives that the crowd, according to the World-Telegram, "spread out from the foot of the gallowas up the slope of a hill as far as the eye could see in the murky dawn light. Men and women stood on the roofs of surrounding buildings. Men and

boys hung from telephone poles. Men and women leaned out of windows, stood on automobiles. There were even some on the roof of the hearse visiting to take the body away. Many of the citizens gave "hanging parties" the night before, and proceeded—not all entirely sober, it would appear—from private to public conviviality. It may or may not be considered a tribute to the delicacy of the police that "good-natured persons heated by drink were permitted to shout their pleasantries, but those who spoke out revengefully against the condemned man were suppressed." At the end there was a rush for the gallows inclosure for ghouls avid of souvenirs. Such a civilization in the commonwealth of Kentucky in this year of our Lord, 1936. And such is the American material ready to the hand of any fascist rabble-rouser. German papers please copy.

Civilized Life Perils Future

Hottentots, Hunter And Warrior Race, Losing Ground As Civilization Hems Them In.

The fate of the former hunter and warrior race of Hottentots, now overwhelmed by civilization, is described in an official report made by a commission appointed to investigate conditions in Southwest Africa.

While most of the natives in this territory were found to be contented, the commission wrote about the Hottentots as follows:

"In the olden days, when the Hottentots could roam as hunters or as warriors over the huge desertlike country which they knew so intimately, they were a power in the land. Now, however, that they have to live and earn their living in that country under civilized conditions, they are out of their element and pathetically helpless."

"Under the present circumstances, unless they have the sympathetic and intelligent help of the white man, they have a dismal future before them."

The commission also described how 5,000 bushmen of southwest Africa, a wild but interesting people with a remarkable primitive culture of their own, have refused to bow to civilization and have retreated into the Kalahari desert to make a living where other races would perish.

Versatile Man Locates In City

J. H. West, expert tonsorial artist with C. E. and Grubbs here, recently went to Westminster, West Va., and returned with his two daughters, Misses Lora Lovess and Frances Ruth West, and father and daughters are now domiciled in an apartment at the home of W. C. Roberts on Cane Run avenue.

Mr. West, who came to Harrodsburg last spring from Frankfort, is one of the most versatile citizens of the city today. Besides being a chitonator of wide experience, he is a violinist of note and also indulges the hobby of oil painting. His painting is not exactly a "hobby," since he finds ready customers for all the canvases he turns out. On several occasions he played his violin at the barber shop, and the interested crowd that quickly gathered bore mute testimony to the fact that he is a master of the bow. He also frequently plays at various churches in the city.

500 STOCK EWES--- One, two, three years old. Oscar Sanders, M. C. Sorrell, C. B. Sullivan.

Explains Lightning

Why certain trees are more apt to be struck by lightning is explained by Dr. W. J. Humphreys in the Kansas City Star. "In general, the trees most likely to be struck are those that have either an extensive root system like the locust, or deep tap-roots like the pine, and this for the very obvious reason that they are the best grounded and therefore, on the whole, offer the least electrical resistance."

Shakespeare Garden

References to the following flowers and shrubs are made in Shakespeare's plays: Primrose, cowslip, oxlip, daffodil, daisies, violet, lady-smock, cuckoo-bud, anemone, hare bell, columbine, broom, rose, lily, crown-imperial, fern, carnation, marigold, larkspur, pansy, poppy, crow-flowers, long-purple, crocus, pomegranate, myrtle, rosemary, lavender, mints, marjoram and thyme.

Life of Grain of Wheat

Stories have appeared from time to time regarding the finding of wheat in Egyptian tombs which had been stored for centuries and which germinated when planted. There is no truth in such stories. The maximum life of a grain of wheat is less than 20 years, and a grain buried for so many years would have absolutely no viability.

Burns Wrote "Auld Lang Syne"

"Auld Lang Syne," was written by Robert Burns, who, in 1788, took a farm at Ellisland on the Nith, settled there, lost his little money, and wrote, among other things, "Auld Lang Syne." Burns authorities mention no special reason for the song.

OPERA HOUSE

Tonight-Friday

Barbara Stanwyck and Gene Raymond in "The Bride Walks Out." Fox News.

Wood Tanks Oldest

Although vats and tanks in industry can be made of many materials, chemical plants rely to some extent on wood tanks, which are among the oldest vessels used by man.

Chinese Fight Foot-Binding

Legal Penalties Face Men Who Marry Girls Reared With Feet Bound To Make Them Small.

"I will not marry a girl with bound feet."

This is the inscription which youths in the progressive province of Tsinan, Shantung, China, which was returned to China by Japan some years ago at the instance of the United States, have agreed to wear in order to discourage the widespread practice of binding girls' feet so as to make them small. Foot-binding is almost as unpopular today in modern China as the wearing of pigtails.

Gen. Han Fu-Chu, the sagacious and progressive Governor of Shantung, has gone a step further than the youths of his province by decreeing that after January 1, 1937, men marrying girls with bound feet will be fined and possibly jailed.

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Years Soften Sorrow

The sure years reveal the deep remedial force that underlies all sorrowful facts. Crushing losses, which at the time seemed nothing but privation, later assume a different aspect. The breaking up of an occupation or a home allows the formation of others more friendly to the true growth of character, constrains the reception of new influences, hitherto untasted; and he or she who would have remained a sunny garden-flower with no room for its roots, and too much sunshine for its head, by the falling of the walls and the neglect of the gardener is made a banyan of the forest, yielding shade and fruit to wide neighborhoods of men.—Emerson.

The "Emerald Buddha"

The "Emerald Buddha" is really cut from clear green jasper and is about 25 inches high. There is little doubt that the statue was carved in Ceylon in the Fourteenth century. Its history from 1436 is well authenticated, and the sacred image played an important role in many wars for its possession. Rama I removed the emerald Buddha to Bangkok, built the temple, and surrounded it with solid gold images of Buddhas, elephants, and sacred idols.

Largest Horse In World Was Bred In Perryville, Report

Magnus Appollo, styled in Collin's History of Kentucky as "the biggest horse in the world" was exhibited in Louisville in 1856.

The horse was 20 hands high and of "extraordinary grandeur and majesty of proportions and appearance" the history says.

The horse was bred in or near Perryville, and Mr. James T. Cook, local historian, is anxious to discover who owned the animal. Anyone knowing of its history should communicate with Mr. Cook in Harrodsburg.

Soft Ball Dope

TUESDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

The Presbyterians defeated the Methodists 20 to 14 in a slugging match which featured the opening game of Tuesday night's doubleheader of Harrodsburg Church League softball play. In the evening's finale the Baptists took a close decision over the Christians 7 to 6.

Hatchett and Chancellor were batteries for the losers in the first game, with Dunn and Gatchell as batteries for the victors.

In the second game, Pierce and J. B. Shewmaker were batteries for the losers with Royalty and Bottoms batteries for the winners.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

The Christians defeated the Methodists 11 to 8 and the Baptists were victors by 6 to 5 in Friday night's games. Batteries were:

Christians—Pierce and J. B. Shewmaker; Methodists—Hatchett and Foster; Presbyterians—Dunn and Gatchell; Baptists—Royalty and Bottoms.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tyler, Deep Creek road, welcomed a fine son on August 17, 1936, whom they have named J. H. Tyler.

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SECRETARY OF WAR

DERN STRICKEN DEAD

According to dispatches from Washington late Thursday afternoon, George H. Dern, secretary of war in the cabinet of President Roosevelt, succumbed to influenza and complications.

Secretary Dern was Governor of Utah for two terms, and under his cabinet administration the army has undergone much development.

Started Shoe-Throwing

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