

## WOMEN'S WORK IN W.P.A.

The Women's Activities under the Works Progress Administration now has over 7,500 women at work in the State.

Of this number 1729 women are at work in Training Work Centers in District 2. In Mercer county 104 women are busy each week on Training Work Centers.

The primary objective of the Training Work Centers is to teach each woman to sew in order that she might be sufficiently skilled to make any type of garment. She will have a knowledge of all types of stitches, seams, finishes and their uses. She will know how to plan, measure, cut, fit and make any ordinary garment that is for every day general use.

Instructions are given in the making of layettes, boys clothes, girls clothes, underwear, night wear, shirts, overalls, smocks, sheets and pillow cases. Definite instructions on the use and care of machines as well as all types of sewing are given by a capable supervisor. Another important objective in this work is to teach better home-making, better house-keeping, civic responsibility and good citizenship.

During this second phase of the training it is planned to stress economical and well planned buying—making the most of ones assets, low cost diets, making over old clothes, patching, darning, renovating rugs and furniture, managing and running a home on a small income and budgeting.

The County Supervisor of Women's Activities who is Mrs. Lillian Edger in Mercer county is responsible for giving this training as well as keeping records and making reports.

She meets each of the four groups in Mercer County once a week for a four-hour instruction period. Group instructions as well as individual instruction is given during this time. A capable foreman for each work room is responsible for carrying out the instructions and training as outlined by the Supervisor. The work rooms are located at Harrodsburg with Mrs.

Tewmeyer as Foreman, at Bohon with Mrs. Eva Trisler at Foreman, and at Burgin with Mrs. Darland as Foreman. Records of progress of each individual is kept with samples of her work—Samples showing improvement from time to time are exhibited.

Discussions are held on textile, fibers, weaves, fabrics and their use, durability, washability, colors, use of color and other important factors in clothing. During the training period emphasis is placed on cleanliness of work room and workers, personal grooming, hygiene and health—all practices which make group work more enjoyable.

When some uniform degrees of proficiency in sewing is obtained—a program of training is planned in household arts and crafts, first aid, home care of the sick or any type of instruction that helps to insure better home makers. In addition, to the training course many useful articles of wearing apparel are produced—rugs, quilts, cushion tops are made to show the use of scraps. Production of garments is determined by suggestions from the Sponsors of the projects as well as by the particular needs of the community. The Training Work Centers in Mercer County have produced school children's clothing, men's underwear, men's work-shirts, overalls and jumpers, Women's dresses—and other articles of wearing apparel which have been distributed to the needy of this county at the suggestion of the County Judge.

Much interest and enthusiasm is manifested among the women in Mercer County. They are responsive to suggestions, willing and anxious to earn. Many of them who have never sewed in their lives are now able to make garments for the families.

The training received in these Training Work Centers will be of valuable assistance to the workers in the management of their household affairs. Quite a few of the women have made extra money by sewing for other people. Among the other fields opened up to women in this county is the Adult Teachers' employing five workers and the Nursery Teachers project employing teacher.

Through the untiring effort of Mr. George F. Shaw, District Director of W. P. A. the quota of women to be assigned to Training Work Centers and other women's projects in the District, District 2 was reached by November 1, 1935—the first District in the State to reach its quota.

Mr. Shaw is just as interested in the Women's Activities as he is in the men's work. In fact, it is his desire to put to work and keep at work every eligible man and woman in his District.

As some projects close, others will be opened up. Duration of the period of work will naturally be based upon appropriations.

### SHOULD SHERIFFS KEEP SMELLING SALTS HANDY?

Honor for the best news story of the week undoubtedly goes to Yazoo City, Mississippi.

A farmer of that community walked into the sheriff's office and asked the official how much he owed in taxes.

After the official had leafed indistinctly through his books, he found the amount and related it in a business-like manner to the would-be taxpayer. Instantly the farmer collapsed in the sheriff's arms. Physicians say he has little chance to recover from a heart attack.

This is just another sample of what taxes are doing to the people of the United States today. The sorry fact is that if the man dies his estate will pay, plus a penalty for delinquency.

## Kodak Gets Local Man Into Trouble

Arrested While Taking Pictures in Mexico, Curd Had To Do Some Tall Explaining To Officers.

Mrs. Gilbert Dean has received an account of an embarrassing situation in which her brother, Mr. Sam Curd, recently found himself in Monterey, Mexico. On his third day in that beautiful city he decided to take some snapshots of the market place and people. The camera had only snapped a few times when a stalwart Mexican approached dressed in that country's regalia. He addressed Mr. Curd in his native tongue. Not being familiar with the Mexican language he thought the stranger was trying to persuade him to take his picture, so he attempted to give the Mexican to understand that he did not want his picture, but might probably take one before he left the city.

After much argument, it dawned on the Harrodsburg man that the stalwart Mexican was an officer of the law, who later escorted him to police headquarters. Here he was addressed in the Mexican language until he made officers comprehend that he did not understand their language. An interpreter was brought into the court room and after an hour of grueling questions and searching of his passport, Mr. Curd was released, but he was impressed with the fact that it was against the law to take pictures of Mexican people and scenes.

The officials were puzzled as to how the American got the kodak through the customs when he crossed the border, as luggage is always checked and cameras are among the articles prohibited. Mr. Curd explained that he was taking pictures while in Texas, and carried the kodak through the customs in an inside pocket, unaware that it was against the law to enter Mexico with a camera.

### WARNING!

All taxes unpaid by the first of March will have 6% added, so please come in and pay at once. Oscar Sanders, Sheriff

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## Facts and Fancies From Frankfort

Editor Herald:

Frankfort shivered and shook and groaned with the rest of the country when snow fell on top of snow and the bottom tumbled out of the thermometer to produce Kentucky's worst winter since 1917-1918. Grey skies might hover forever around the Capitol, but inside there's one spot where sunshine abounds, where cheer and good will and friendliness are handed out to any comer, along with the daily paper, a package of chewing gum, a shiny red apple or a fragrant cigar. As you leave the elevator on the third floor, you see in a turn of the corridor a stand presided over by Blind Lou Palmer, a prince of good fellows, who has never let his handicap get him down. He hands out cigars with an alacrity surprising to the customer, he makes change quickly and easily, his "Thanks, come again" has a ring of sincerity in it never to be doubted.

His gratitude and devotion to Governor Chandler is a beautiful thing. Following an accident eight years ago which blinded him and put a sudden end to a promising career as a featherweight boxer, he sold papers on the streets of Louisville for a livelihood, and the present Governor never passed him without a hearty, "Hello, Lou," and the purchase of a paper, so it was not to be wondered at that Lou became one of Happy's most ardent supporters. After the final primary, when Chandler's election as Governor was assured, Lou was promised the privilege of operating a cigar and news stand in the Capitol. Several days before the inauguration, the Sinking Fund Commission met and leased the exclusive restaurant rights to a Frankfort woman, which rights included the cigar, cigarette, candy and fruit business. Lou was in a "picklement," as Andy says, but his trust in his friend never wavered and his friend didn't let him down. The new Governor said, "My word is out to Lou Palmer and my word is my bond." So Lou has his stand where you can get a varied assortment of candies, fruits, cigarettes, cigars, magazines and maybe he'll show you a letter from Louis McHenry Howe, Secretary to President Roosevelt, or one from his friend, Jack Dempsey, with whom he has boxed. Maybe, too, you'll get a glimpse of his autograph album, containing the signatures of headliners from all over the country, two of them being marked with bits of white felt so he can turn to them without hesitation. One is that of D. W. Griffith of LaGrange, Kentucky's most famous motion picture producer, the other that of his idol, Albert Benjamin Chandler. A much-thumbed and worn envelop contains a Christmas card from the Governor and Mrs. Chandler which he exhibits with touching pride and there is real be-

lief in his prediction that 1949 will see Happy Chandler in the White House. Well, at the speed the young gentleman from Woodford has traveled thus far, there's no telling. Lou may be right.

When you're in Frankfort, stop and say, "Hello" to him. You'll come away with a deep sense of admiration for a man who carries on with a smile and who shares his optimism with others, in spite of what most people would term the toughest break in the world. Everybody seems to take great delight in rendering Lou any little service and he is grateful, but he especially asked me to mention Paul Warford, whose Western Union desk is close by the news stand. Paul it is who changes the big bills for him, helps him arrange his stock, and does dozens of other little services every day.

Lou's birthday is April fifth, when he'll be thirty-one. It's an anniversary of mine, too, and I'll remind you of it in this column again. Don't you think it would be rather nice to give him a shower of birthday cards from all over the State, to let him know what his fellow-Kentuckians think of a very gallant gentleman? Are you with me?

Emma Mae Frank.

### DAIRY INCREASE THIS YEAR, SAYS U. S. DEPT.

Increased production on dairy products is in prospect in view of the improved feed situation and the highest December butter and cheese prices since 1929, according to the bureau of agricultural economics.

Butter and cheese prices have about doubled from the low point of the depression but are not high compared with the general level of commodity prices. Butter prices in December were about the same as pre-war and cheese somewhat above pre-war, but the general average of wholesale commodity prices was 118 per cent of pre-war.

The farm price of butterfat in December was the highest in relation to feed grains since the summer of 1933. Prices of butterfat are also high in relation to prices of by-product feeds and hay. These price relationships are favorable for dairy production.

But farm prices of butterfat are still low in relation to beef cattle and hogs, and this, says the bureau, will tend to restrict dairy production in areas where shifts are most easily made from dairy to beef cattle and hogs.

Milk production per cow on January 1 was about 6 per cent greater than on January 1, 1935, and more than offset a decrease in number of cows. Total milk production was about 3 per cent greater than on the same date last year.

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## Fruits, Crops Are Damaged By Cold

Hillennmeyer, Nurseryman, Says Many Shrubs, Hedges Killed And Berry Crop Questionable.

The long siege of cold weather that has gripped the state since Christmas and before has caused serious damage to Kentucky's fruit crop for this year, in the opinion of Louis E. Hillennmeyer of Hillennmeyer Nurseries, Lexington. Mr. Hillennmeyer expresses belief that all peach and Japanese plum crops, and possibly cherry crops, have been killed by continued sub-zero weather.

There also has been considerable damage to lawn hedges and possible damage to many semi-hardy plants such as magnolias, abellias and nandinas, the nurseryman said, while prospects for blackberries and raspberries still are questionable. Damage to hedges will not be permanent, he added, since they can be cut back to the ground and should be as thick as ever by late in the summer. Although the cold weather came at a time when the buds of plants were best able to stand such conditions, he said, the continuance of such extremely low temperatures was more than they could be expected to endure.

Such fruit and plants as apples, grapes and strawberries have not yet been hurt, Mr. Hillennmeyer said, nor have any of the other hardy plants. He also expressed belief that small grains and grass have not been injured, since they have been covered during most of the coldest weather by a blanket of snow which gave them some protection.

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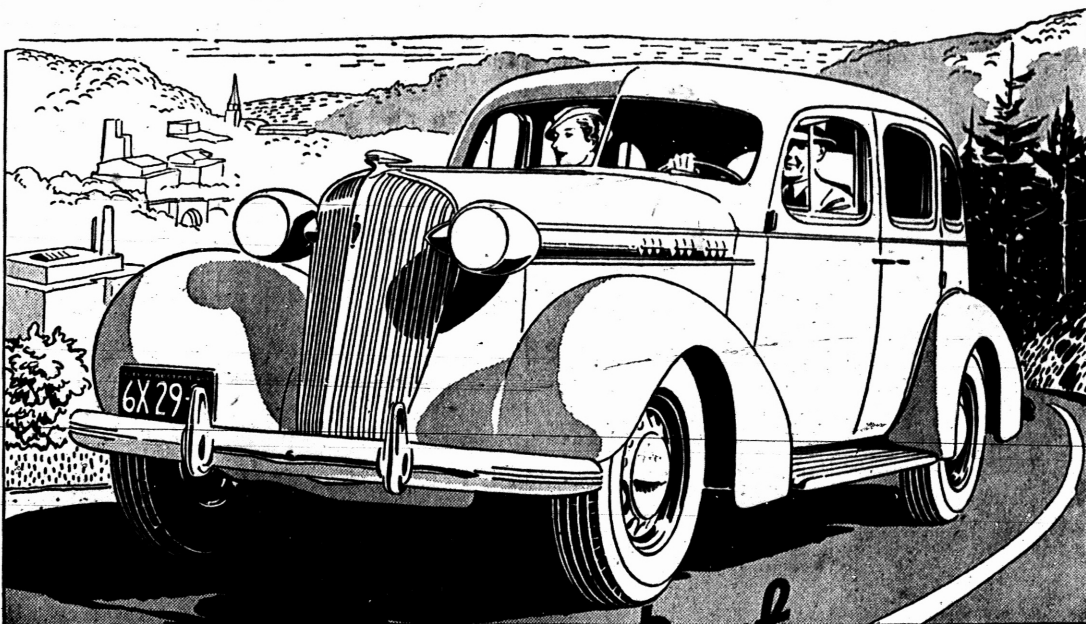


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