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## COUNTRY HOMES LOST BY FLAMES FANNED BY WIND

Walter Kennedy, Vanarsdale, Loses Home by Fire Friday; Lem Carey's Farm Stripped by Flames.

LOSSES ARE NOT FULLY COVERED BY INSURANCE

Both Fires Thought To Have Started From Sparks Falling on Wood Shingle Roof.

Fire continued to take its toll of property in the county last week and descended on two farms in two successive days to leave a path of smoldering ruins in its wake.

Stiff March winds fanned the flames higher and spread them farther, making all human efforts almost entirely fruitless in attempts to check and extinguish the fire.

Friday morning about 10 o'clock the single-story, six-room frame residence owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennedy in the Vanarsdale section was burned to the ground after a small fire started on the wood shingle roof. The fire was thought to have started from sparks from the chimney falling on the dry shingles and then being fanned into flames by the wind.

Only part of the furniture and kitchen equipment was saved, the fire gaining considerable headway before it was discovered. Mr. Kennedy, who is a deputy sheriff of Mercer county, was in Harrodsburg at the time of the fire but he and Sheriff Oscar Sanders rushed to the burning home as soon as he was notified. Workmen who were unloading a car of sand on the railroad tracks nearby first saw the fire and helped carry out furniture and attempted to extinguish the flames. They were successful in saving the outbuildings.

Only \$1,000 insurance was carried on the house. No estimate has yet been made on the total loss but it will greatly exceed the amount of insurance.

Thursday morning at 8:30 fire believed to be of similar origin, starting from sparks fanned to flames on the wood shingle roof, destroyed the residence of Lem Carey on his farm a mile from Rose Hill on the Mackville pike and then swept on to wipe out two barns, leaving his farm stripped of buildings.

One of the barns, an 84-foot tobacco barn, was a new one, having been completed only last year. The other barn was used for stock. No stock was lost in the flames. Some furniture was saved when the house burned but efforts of neighbors to control the flames and save the outbuildings were futile as the wind drove the flames from house to outbuildings. Mr. Carey said that this was the second time in ten years that he had been burned out.

The loss was only partly covered by insurance.

Thursday night Harrodsburg firemen answered an alarm sent in from the house of J. C. Sorrell, Perryville street, where a fire in the chimney had ignited. No damage was reported although it was learned that sparks from the chimney ignited the chicken house but the fire was stopped before damage resulted.

## Hospital Notes

Mr. Fay Bottoms is undergoing treatment at the hospital where his condition is reported as good.

The condition of L. D. Brewer, who is under treatment at the hospital, was reported as fair Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Leonard Shearer, of Shakertown, is recovering nicely from a recent appendectomy.

Mrs. N. J. Embury, of Shakertown, is improving satisfactorily under treatment.

Miss Louise Pendegrist, of Perryville, underwent an appendectomy Wednesday and is recovering satisfactorily.

Mrs. William Alford, Harrodsburg, is much improved after a recent appendectomy.

Mr. Joe Helm is recovering satisfactorily from a major operation.

Mrs. Edgar Galtner underwent a second operation Tuesday morning. Her condition Thursday afternoon was reported as fair.

Mrs. William Crews is under treatment and is improving.

Mrs. Robert Black was dismissed from the hospital March 16 and has returned to her home on the Mackville pike.

## 10,000 SHEEP NEEDED TO STRING ONE MAN'S RACQUETS

It takes 10,000 sheep a year to keep Gregory Mangin in tennis racquets.

Mangin, three times winner of the national indoor tennis championship and seeker after his fourth title, is the game's most prolific racquet consumer.

The Newark, N. J., champion uses an average of 48 racquets a year and usually has each restringed twice. It takes 30 sheep to provide the gut for one string and two strings are required for each tennis ball. That means about 10,000 sheep for one player.

## NEGRO LABORER HURT BY PART OF OLD STANDPIPE

Marion Walker, Negro, about 35 years old, was taken to the A. D. Price Memorial hospital early Wednesday afternoon for treatment for injuries received when he was stuck by a piece of steel while working on the old standpipe. His condition is not serious.

## SMALL FARM SOLD NEAR PROVIDENCE CEMETERY

Garnett Noel has sold his farm of 88½ acres located on the Providence Cemetery Road to George Patterson. Mr. Patterson and family will move to their new home this week. This sale was made by Mrs. Tillie D. Stotts, real estate agent.

## EARTHQUAKE IS FELT BY COUPLE

Osaka, Japan, Disaster Described By S. O. VanArsdale As Terrifying Experience.

A terrifying experience in the recent earthquake at Osaka, Japan, was described by S. O. VanArsdale in a letter just received by his mother, Mrs. James F. VanArsdale, Hotel Harrod. He said his office building began to rock about 10 o'clock in the morning with a roar as of close thunder. He had to hold to his desk to keep from being thrown to the floor. The several hundred employees of the company, all Japanese except six Americans, managed to get out of the swaying building into an open lot and the ground trembled and shook for ten minutes, and buildings collapsed all around, with screams of the injured and dying mingling with the roar.

Mr. VanArsdale stated he was never so frightened in his life and to make matters worse the Japanese in the lot clung together and screamed in hysterical laughter, while the Americans, too frightened to utter a sound, tried to keep their feet, expecting every moment the building they had deserted to fall on them, or the rocking earth to open and swallow them. The building did not fall, however. Mr. VanArsdale said neither he nor Mrs. VanArsdale was hurt, although many were killed or injured.

Mr. VanArsdale, traveling auditor for the General Motors Company, is visiting all the company plants in the Orient. He and Mrs. VanArsdale expect to return to Harrodsburg sometime in April.

## THE CITY BOARD GRANTS PERMITS

Several Citizens Will Erect Homes; Water Supt. Given Leave To Go To Meeting.

At the meeting of the board of city commissioners Tuesday night leave of absence was granted to W. H. Johnson, superintendent of the water plant, to attend the session in Lexington, May 23, 24, and 25 of the Kentucky and Tennessee section of the American Water Works Association. Mr. Johnson is on the program for an address. His subject is to be "The Troubles of a Small Plant Operator."

Building permits were granted to the following: James Hutchins to erect a five-room frame bungalow on his lot on Walnut Hills; J. A. Ingram, Jr., for a brick six-room residence on Beaumont avenue; Mrs. A. J. Frank, three one-story frame bungalows of four rooms, each, on Walnut Hills; J. T. Ingram, Sr., to tear down a barn at his home on North Main street, and build a garage of three or four car capacity; also to J. T. Ingram, Sr., permit to erect a brick metal roof addition to his store room on the East side of Main street now occupied by the Midway Lunch room operated by Mr. Mathews.

## STATE PATROLMEN GET 7 OVERLOADED TRUCKS

The drivers of seven overloaded trucks were arrested here Wednesday by State Patrolmen John Harbison and John Isham, and on pleading guilty before County Judge Chas. T. Corn they were each fined \$15 and costs, totaling \$26.50 each. Six of the trucks were owned by the G. E. C. Express Company of Atlanta, and were taking tires from Dayton, O., to several southern cities. Their loads weighed from 4,000 to 12,000 pounds over the limit of 18,000. The drivers gave their names as W. R. Talent, M. F. Walker, R. T. Melford, Bud Walters, D. Abbott and Harold Thomas.

The seventh truck taken in by the patrolmen belonged to the Kroger Company and was driven by Cecil Downs. His load weighed 24,220, and Judge Corn gave him also \$15 and costs, a total of \$26.50.

Every third person uses the telephone at least once every day, according to statistics. This includes the people who use it all day.

## Mercer Red Cross Asked for \$175 To Help Flood Sufferers In East

Washington, D. C. March 18, 1936

J. L. Isenberg, Chairman  
Mercer County Chapter American Red Cross,  
Harrodsburg, Ky.

Reports received late tonight indicate thirty-eight thousand families in eleven states driven from their homes in flooded areas. This number expected to increase. These people are all looking to Red Cross for immediate relief, including shelter, food, clothing, medical care. Minimum relief fund of three million dollars necessary to provide care for flood victims for indefinite period until they can return to their homes. Please take immediate action; raise your Chapter quota of One Hundred and Seventy-Five dollars in behalf of the disastrous stricken families. Feel confident people in your community will wish to give promptly and generously. Remittances should be forwarded to headquarters as promptly as possible. Report progress at least twice each week.

CARY T. GRAYSON.

On receipt of the above telegram officials of the Mercer County Chapter immediately planned to receive donations for this community's quota of \$175 asked for the relief of flood sufferers. C. E. Rankin, who is disaster chairman of the local organization, urges that all have a part in extending help to the people of the stricken areas. He earnestly urges a quick response to the call of distress that Mercer county may be among the first chapters to send its contribution to the National Red Cross, which has already sent help into the flooded sections in the East, depending on those who escape such terrors and losses to do their part in furnishing the money needed for supplies to carry on.

Contributions may be sent to Mrs. J. Tom Price, treasurer of the Mercer Red Cross, or donations may be made through the church committees. Don't wait to be solicited. Give immediately that the money may be sent on to the flood sufferers who are looking to the Red Cross for succor. Church committees who are working to reach the quota asked of Mercer county are: Presbyterian, Mrs. T. W. Latta, Mrs. B. T. Hume; Baptist, Mrs. Cecil Brown, Mrs. Ernest Prewitt; Episcopal, Mrs. J. H. Farley, Miss Josephine Farley; Christian, Mrs. George Biggartoff and several assistants; Methodist, Mrs. Elmo Robertson, Mrs. C. B. VanArsdale; Catholic, Mrs. Edwards Vivion, Mrs. J. W. McClellan.

The official board of the Mercer Red Cross joins in the plea for donations to the flood sufferers: President, James L. Isenberg; secretary, D. M. Hutton; treasurer, Mrs. J. Tom Price; disaster chairman, C. E. Rankin.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

### Student Here

Miss Georgine Rumrill, student at Transylvania College, Lexington, was the guest during the week end of her mother, Mrs. Maud Rumrill.

### Motoring To California

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cooke left Thursday on a motor trip to Southern California, to be absent several weeks.

### Back From Martinsville

Mr. D. W. Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coleman have returned from a stay at Martinsville, Ind.

### Visited In Frankfort

Mrs. John A. Harrison visited her daughter, Miss Josephine Harrison, in Frankfort, during the week end.

### Pleasant Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ransdell and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Buntun and family, Miss Eva Royalty and Mrs. Kate Goodlett formed a party that has just returned from a visit to the Kentucky Baptist Orphan Children's Home at Gainesville, Ky. While on the trip they attended services at St. Gilead and heard the Rev. J. E. Darter preach, and also visited the Lincoln Memorial.

### Home From New Orleans

Dr. and Mrs. D. Hunter Coleman have returned from a vacation trip to New Orleans and other points in the South.

### Visitors From New Jersey

Mrs. G. E. Lowrey and little son, Michael Eugene, arrived this week from Springfield, N. J., to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lay.

### Surprise Party For Mother

Mrs. Charles Matherly gave a pleasant surprise to her mother, Mrs. A. D. Armstrong last Thursday by inviting a few of her friends to gather at the home on North Main street, where they enjoyed an "art party" and delightful hospitality. Those present were Dr. and Mrs. C. B. VanArsdale, Mr. and Mrs. John C. VanArsdale, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Daugherty, Mr. and Mrs. R. Isham, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Christman and members of the family, Dr. A. D. Armstrong, Mr. Andrew Armstrong and Mr. Charles Matherly.

### At Funeral of Mr. R. M. Hunter

Judge Ben Casey Allin, Mr. Curley Marksbury, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Allin attended the funeral of R. M. Hunter in Nicholasville yesterday.

### Return From Bowling Green

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Adkinson have returned from a motor trip to Bowling Green, where they visited their son, Mr. Clyde Adkinson, a student at the State Teachers College.

They were accompanied by their son Mr. Leroy Adkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Arch Yeast. On the trip they visited Mammoth Cave and Sand Cave.

### Birthday Dinner For Five

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Reed entertained a number of friends at their home Sunday, March 14 celebrating the birthdays of their son, Mr. Byford Reed, and also the birthdays of Mr. R. T. Tevis, Master Elwood Hurst, Mr. Curtis Poulter and Mr. John Tevis. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Tevis, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. Hurst, Bohon; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Poulter and son, Mayo; Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. John Tevis, Harrodsburg; Miss Thelma Toombs, Danville; Miss Gladys Britton, Cornishville; Miss Roberta Hurst, Bohon; Miss Ernestine Reed, Harrodsburg; Miss Imogene Hurst, Bohon; Miss Lelia Torhune, Danville; Mr. Harold Reed, Mr. Horace Reed, Bohon.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Claunch, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stephens and Mrs. Sarah Reed. Mrs. Henry Hilton called in the afternoon.

Five cakes, beautifully lighted and flower decorations were arranged by Mrs. R. T. Tevis, Mrs. V. R. Hurst and Mrs. J. E. Reed.

### At International Relations Dinner

Miss Clara Chappelle, Miss Lillian Edger, members, and Mrs. G. A. Curry, guest, attended the dinner at the Gilcher Hotel Monday night of the Danville Business and Professional Women's Club. The program was given to an instructive talk by Dr. George Sweazy on "International Relations." The table decorations were arranged to represent an ocean with ships.

Mrs. W. T. Durr, of this city, who recently underwent an operation, is improving at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. P. E. Knoderer, Danville.

Mrs. Lloydy Bonta, who has been ill for several weeks at her home on Walnut Hills, is able to be out.

Mrs. Nannie B. Woods, who has been ill, is much improved at her home on South College street.

Mrs. Glave Goddard, Mrs. John Harrison and Miss Anne Dedman were in Lawrenceburg one day this week.

Joe Chatham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Chatham, who has been ill with serious throat trouble, is improving.

Mr. M. F. Chilton, who has been quite sick at his home on East street, is better.

Mrs. Ed Roberts is very ill with pneumonia at her home on the Cornishville road.

Miss Bernyce Scott is able to be out after several days illness with flu.

Mrs. May VanArsdal Saunders and son, Mr. T. U. Saunders, Frankfort, were guests Wednesday of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Vaught.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ruble, of Bryantville, were guests Sunday of Mr. J. E. Scott and family, Cane Run avenue.

## CITY PROPERTY SOLD, ALSO HOUSE AND LOT IN BURGIN

The VanArsdale Realty Company sold this week for George Stophar a nice cottage on East street for \$2,000 and immediate possession, to Mrs. Ethel Gibson, who bought the place for an investment. The same agency also reports that the public sales of Walter Denny and Henry Stophar, a few days ago, drew large crowds and fair prices were realized.

A. L. Voorhies, administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Lizzie Littrel, reports the sale of a house and lot in Burgin to H. T. Ison. The price was private.

## LOCAL MAN FINDS SLAVE IN AFRICA

Former Harrodsburg Slave Implores Missionary In Liberia To Bring Her Back Home.

From Harrodsburg to Liberia, Negro republic on the West Coast of Africa between Sierra Leone and the Ivory Coast, is a far distance, and yet the two are linked together in an interesting story of a slave once owned by Co. William Thompson, former prominent citizen and land owner in Mercer county and the grandfather of J. Hal Grimes, North Main street.

A few months before the death of Mrs. Frank B. Moore in 1894 the doorbell rang at her home, which is now the Mansion Museum at the Pioneer Memorial State Park. A stranger asked for Mrs. Sarah Emily Taylor Moore and introduced himself as the Rev. Strother Cooke of Burgin. He was a missionary to Liberia, home on furlough. Many persons here remember him as a saintly man. He was an uncle of Mrs. T. O. Meredith, Lexington avenue.

Mr. Cooke said that in his missionary work he had contacted in Liberia an old negro woman whose name was Lavenia. She said she had been nurse maid to Ann Eliza Tomlinson, having been hired to that family by Col. William Thompson, who had owned her. Ann Eliza Tomlinson, Sarah Emily Taylor and Bettie Thompson, all cousins and inseparable friends, as children and young girls, each had a maid. Old Lavenia knew and remembered them. The old Negro was wild with joy at seeing him. (Continued on Editorial Page)

## SHEEP GROWERS GROUP LEADING

Mercer Association With 5,258 Sheep Insured Pays All Losses And \$496 Is Left In Treasury.

According to figures released yesterday by Miss Geneva Crews, secretary of the Mercer County Sheep Growers' Association, Mercer is now in the lead of other counties in Kentucky which have recently formed similar protective associations. Miss Crews states that there are now insured in the Mercer Association 5,258 sheep and that there is on hand in the treasury \$496.06.

Recently V. B. Carter, president, stated that he expects 20,000 sheep to be insured in the association this year and from this wonderful start it appears that this goal will easily be reached. Several losses by dogs have been reported recently by owners who were not insured.

In commenting on the activities of the association, County Agent C. F. Park would have it made clear to Mercer county sheep owners that the association is formed, operated and owned by them and that it in no way interferes with those having losses filing their claims also with the county court. It does give added protection, however, in that losses will be paid to association members within the year.

Since the Mercer association was so successful last year, many other counties are using the Mercer county plan in organizing. Mr. Park believes every owner should at least understand the plan being used and also states that he will gladly furnish anyone the desired information upon request.

### HON. CLELL COLEMAN

Hon. Clell Coleman, who has been desperately ill, was reported as resting fairly well when this paper went on the press. Although he passed through a more restful day yesterday his condition remains critical much to the regret of his legions of friends.

### SIXTEEN DEATHS

The Herald regrets that it was called on this week to report sixteen deaths. Some of them were in our midst, and others had connections with this community, either as former citizens or as having local relatives.

## STATE BUDGET BILL IS GIVEN TWO READINGS

First Reading In House: Interlined Corrections Halt The Reading Until Change Made.

SCHOOL PER CAPITA \$12 THE GOVERNOR SAYS

Revised Bill Had Second Readings In Assembly Wednesday; Special Session End Seen Monday.

Administration leaders Wednesday afternoon introduced in both branches of the general assembly a budget bill providing for appropriations for the various state departments, institutions and agencies for the next biennium.

The bill, which Gov. Albert B. Chandler urged the legislators to pass "without any alterations whatever," calls for expenditures totaling \$22,490,526.11 for the fiscal year 1936-1937, and \$22,384,893.61 for the year 1937-1938.

In brief addresses before both the house and the senate, the governor declared that it would be necessary to raise in new revenue the difference between the budget total, and the present state income of \$11,000,300.60, or approximately \$11,000,000 annually.

The measure as introduced in the house by Representative Clarence Evans and in the senate by Senator Clarence E. Nickell carries a provision authorizing the governor to reduce appropriations at any time it becomes necessary to meet the state's income.

As a result, the chief executive declared that the state budget would be balanced for the first time in approximately 25 years.

"There has been some comment on what has been called a waste of time in spending two weeks to consider a budget," the governor declared, "but I think the legislature can very well spend two weeks preparing a budget under which the state can live for two years."

"There also has been some discussion," he continued, "that the budget should have been submitted a few weeks ago. This could not be done until the reorganization was effected. The budget was necessarily delayed until the legislature could determine what was needed under the reorganization act."

Governor Chandler declared that for the first time in his memory the budget was being submitted with the unanimous approval of the house appropriations committee, the approval of the reorganization and of himself. "In the next two or three days," he said, "you will be able to adopt this budget. It does not include all the requests by the departments, but it does include a 12 per cent for the schools, which I promised in my campaign."

After the governor's talk in the house, Dr. B. F. Shields, administration floor leader introduced a resolution providing for an additional appropriation of \$100,000 to pay for the special legislative sessions.

While the Chief Clerk was reading the bill in the House it was discovered that a penciled correction had been inserted in violation of the newly adopted Senate rule.

An examination of the bill revealed that the correction should have been made to eliminate an item of \$32,051.11 in the appropriations for the year 1937-1938 for payment of outstanding indebtedness of the department of military affairs.

It was planned to rewrite the page where the error occurred and to give the bill its first reading in both House and Senate yesterday.

## COP'S PEANUT TRAP NABS OVER-PARKERS

Peanuts are used by Patrolman George Maestress to trap parking violators at San Jose, Calif.

He places a peanut under the rear wheels of automobiles on his beat. An hour later he returns. If the peanut is crushed, he knows the car has been moved. If not, the owner gets a tag.

He said he has caught twenty-five over-parkers with the goobers. Chalking the tires, he says, is useless because motorists erase the marks.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF JOSEPH'S CHAPEL

Mrs. Thompson McCroskey entertained the missionary society of Joseph's Chapel at a pleasant session Tuesday afternoon. Following the program a miscellaneous shower was given to Mrs. Garnett Ashford, who was recently married. Refreshments were served during the social hour.

## DR. AND MRS. CARPENTER RECOVERING FROM FLU

Dr. John W. Carpenter has about recovered from an attack of flu, at the United Presbyterian Manse. Mrs. Carpenter who was stricken with the same disease about a week after Dr. Carpenter was taken sick, is much improved.

The federal budget for 1937 will embrace the biggest pay roll in the world's history.