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When Tragedy Stalked In the Early Sabbath Hours On April 12th

It was past midnight and in the early Sunday morning hours. Some of the eating, gaming and drinking places were still open. The Saturday evening before had seen much drunkenness on the streets. A lot of drunks were left over after midnight. No night in the palmy days of the old saloon was any worse, if as bad. The night was calculated to cast discretion to the wind.

That night four young men got in a car at 2 a. m. and started home. They drove into a freight train spanning a crossing. Two of the young men were killed and two were badly shaken and nerve shattered. The tragedy shook the county, but it was in a sense momentarily. The drinking places are still open. Reckless driving continues in Mercer county. The question is asked: "What, in the name of high heaven, does it take to awaken folks?"

In our neighboring county a hit-and-run driver struck a car this week and gave a horrifying injury to a very estimable lady. Criminal careless driving was the cause.

Statisticians report that more persons have been killed in automobile accidents in the United States in the last fifteen years than died in all the wars of the nation's history. William D. Poe writes of a tragic incident when one man took a chance. It is written with stark realism which we hope will impress our readers in Mercer county.

"Fifteen feet behind us in the middle of the road lay the limp form of the man who had gone through the windshield. We jumped from the car and ran toward him.

"Lying there senseless, he was a pathetic sight, with his nose mashed flat against his face. His head had been battered almost to a pulp when it crashed against the windshield. The flaccid, loose feel of his body and its sag as we picked him up told the story of bones smashed beyond repair. But the slow trickle of blood from his mouth was far more foreboding, indicating badly ruptured internal organs.

"A second bit of humanity was found lying flat on his face 15 feet from the scene of the accident, where he had been flung by the sheer force of the collision. He was moaning horribly.

"But these two were really lucky compared to the poor devil found trying to crawl out from under the mass of wreckage. He was merely a squirming, horribly battered piece of flesh with a quarter-inch gash in his skull that made a grotesque part straight through the middle of his hair. Yellowish brains oozed out of the crack. Somehow he was still hanging on to life.

"For fully five minutes after the wreck, a girl, who had been riding in one of the cars but who was not seriously injured, shrieked and screamed at the top of her voice, adding to the general confusion. She insisted on getting back in the seat with one of the bodies going to the hospital. Though she did not know it, there was no life in the body.

"Someone looking around discovered another almost-man we had not seen. He was lying in a ditch some 20 feet back of the car.

"It didn't take long to clear up the debris from the wreck. The human beings (or what had been human beings) it took some 10 or 15 minutes to gather up and dispatch to the hospital, or morgue; a few minutes later the wrecks of the cars were removed.

"Cars again began to whiz by at 65, 70, 75 miles an hour, unknowing of what had happened a short time before. And not two hours later one of them plunged over an embankment just half a mile above the scene of the first accident.

"They say that man ranks higher than the other animals because he profits from the experience of his fellows. But this saying is a bitter joke when you try to apply it to a Man Behind a Steering Wheel."

An Appeal Goes Out For Homeless Children

The Kentucky Children's Home Society is coming before the citizens of Kentucky with another plea to help maintain its work. Its pleas are always modest, though its needs are great.

The Kentucky Press Association visited the children's home several years ago and partook of a regular noon-day meal served there, and enjoyed a program given by the children.

We left the home holding a genuine pride in what we saw. We saw there, children taken care of as well as in any home in the state, and far better than in the most of homes. Just a look at the children revealed more than what we might have been told by an attendant. They were a happy and contented lot. The place is a miniature city. Children are grouped according to ages. There is a hospital where sick children are cared for in the best manner. The wonder place of the institution is the nursery. No one can enter it without his heart being touched. Here you see children from a few days old to several months old.

You find yourself wondering about the background of this or that child. What the circumstances were that brought the child to the home. Side by side, you see the children of poor features with children of the finest chiseled heads. Here a child with markings of low mentality and there a child with a head shaped for a high intellect. In the interest of the future happiness of the child the tragedy of its background is to remain hidden.

It is being demonstrated by the Society that a child may be changed from an undernourished, dependent, unwanted waif into a sturdy, independent, energetic child that will later become an upright and productive citizen. What more could be accomplished for the betterment of our citizenry?

The homeless child of Kentucky is a problem beyond the control of any group, or the heads of any particular organization. The Society in its appeal assumes that the public has considered it as much a privilege to join in the good work as those actively engaged in it; that its contributors should feel it is a great humanitarian undertaking.

As the demand for service yet to be rendered these little ones is ever increasing, they are making a special appeal to you to be members and to secure another membership from a neighbor, friend or some member of your family. You and they will be the happier thereby, and the need is great. Your gift which identifies you as a member of the Society will permit workers to be the ministering Angel to some little tot, who otherwise would be left alone to struggle in the currents of life with an unequal task.

The Kentucky Children's Home Society at Lyndon, Ky., near Louisville, has been in existence for forty-one years, is non-sectarian, non-political, and state-wide in its activities. It has received over 130 Mercer county children and found homes for them. We want to voluntary the information that you may take out memberships by the year from \$1.00 to \$10.00. Mail the Society your check today in the interest of humanity.

William Allen White Pictures Stupidity of President Roosevelt's Howling Enemies

Having frequently admitted that "This certainly is a funny world," William Allen White, veteran independent Republican editor (and owner of the Emporia Gazette, laid aside his occasionally irksome duties as a booster of his fellow Kansan, Gov. Alf Landon and paid his respects in a sizzling editorial lead in "the God-giving stupidity of Franklin Roosevelt's enemies" as follows:

"The President's recommendation for federal taxes shows again how smart he is. Economists may say, and may possibly be right in saying, that great corporations cannot function through a term of years without heavy cash reserves.

"The answer is, neither can individuals. Moreover the fact is that in the last eight years the cash reserves of 90 per cent of the individuals in this country have been used up for living expenses.

"The further fact remains that in the coffers of many of the great corporations lie hundreds of millions of cash reserves untouched and unattached by any federal agencies.

"Those millions are used to stifle competition and foster uneconomic monopoly.

"It will be difficult to justify a federal tax policy that soaks the average man and leaves these piled up hundreds of millions, in which lies anti-social power, untaxed.

"The average American says, 'All right, look at the Liberty League!' And the Liberty League has identified itself so closely with ill-gotten gains; with what Theodore Roosevelt used to call 'predatory wealth,'

that any charge the League may make against the President in this tax controversy is refuted in advance."

Acreage Control Is Necessary

There can be no satisfactory solution to the farm problem that does not include some form of production control aiming to adjust supply to prospective demand. Both political parties, it should be remembered, are committed to this principle. The Democratic administration is certainly committed to it, and the last Republican national platform emphatically declares:

"The fundamental problem of American agriculture is the control of production to such volume as will balance supply with demand. In the solution of this problem the cooperative organization of farmers to plan production, and the tariff to hold the home market for American farmers, are vital elements. A third element equally as vital is the control of the acreage of land under cultivation as an aid to the efforts of the farmer to balance production."

The great question now is this: Can a satisfactory degree of acreage control be obtained as a by-product of soil conservation? The experience of 1936 will be awaited with interest and concern by farmers everywhere. However, the fact remains if this or some other plan is not tried the farmer is again sunk. The old A.A.A. in the main was right and doing a world of good, but that is blasted out and we turn to soil conservation.

Their Hats Are in the Ring

Landon of KANSAS



Republican Presidential Possibilities

Knox of ILLINOIS



Republican Presidential Possibility

Borah of IDAHO



Republican Presidential Possibilities

Dickinson of IOWA



Republican Presidential Possibility

Hoover of CALIFORNIA



Republican Presidential Possibility

Vandenberg . . . of MICH.



Republican Presidential Possibility

COST OF RELIEF LOWEST IN KY.

88,592 Persons Are Helped in State At \$371 Cost Per Capita, Says Government Report.

Government officials revealed this week that the cost of providing relief for the unemployed in the last nine months varied from \$371 per jobless person in Kentucky to \$1,250 per person in Montana.

Kentucky reported a total of 88,592 on relief with the lowest per capita in the nation.

The wide range in per capita costs was due to various factors, partly distribution of the unemployed and partly difference in type of projects. In Montana, for instance, the largest item was for rivers and harbors flood control.

In addition, however, the total expended took in costs of the W.P.A. program, the more costly public works program and other relief agencies which required varying federal expenditures as well as varying wage scales. New York with 10 per cent of the nation's jobless, 414,018, showed an average per

capita cost of \$839, because of high wage scales and costs.

Statistics on the \$2,515,082,158 distributed by the Treasury up to April 1 disclosed that the most pronounced tendency was toward high cost for relief in States where the number of needy is smallest.

Nevada's relief costs per capita were \$1,188 while the State has only 5,894 persons on relief, or one-tenth of 1 per cent of the total of 3804,208 in the Nation.

Montana's per capita cost was \$1,250 with 26,527 on relief. Vermont's \$1,083 with 9,674 on relief and Wyoming's \$1,060 with 8,718 on relief.

Oklahoma, with 113,348 on relief, required \$403 per person and Pennsylvania, with 318,753 jobless, required \$653.

In Indiana, with 97,431 on relief per capita cost was \$436; in Illinois 228,736 were helped at a per capita cost of \$620.

Stamp Collecting

Stamp collecting is primarily a pleasure, a diversion from the work of the day. To its magic carpet people of all classes have turned in increasing number during the last few years, finding in their albums the open sesame to the distant lands beyond the seas, the passport to world travel while enjoying the comfort of a fireside chair.

Mrs. Jardine Coming To Kentucky



Mrs. John Alexander Jardine, of Fargo, North Dakota, president of the National Federation of Music Clubs, will come to Kentucky to attend the annual state convention which will be held in Louisville at the Brown Hotel, May 6, 7 and 8, with the president, Miss Harriet Meader, Frankfort, presiding. Mrs. Jardine will be present for the second day's meeting and her coming alone assures an unusual convention.

Mrs. Jardine, indefatigable traveler, recently returned from a trip of several thousand miles through Arizona, California and Utah, later going to North Carolina, New York, Maryland, Montana, Idaho and Washington. This week she is attending the state convention of Music Clubs at Walla Walla, Washington where she is scheduled to speak on "American Music in the Realm of Internationalism."

Before coming to Kentucky, Mrs. Jardine will attend a number of other conventions and Choral Festivals, coming to this state from Washington, D. C. where she will attend the National Music Week celebration sponsored by the District of Columbia Federation of Music Clubs.

Wherever Mrs. Jardine travels, she is urging the creation of a Federal Secretaryship of Fine Arts, the secretary to have Cabinet rank. She is also emphasizing opposition of the Federation to any curtailment of school and college music programs as a result of the depression. Mrs. Jardine is urging the fullest cooperation with the Federal Music Project by assistance in the organization of civic orchestras, community opera

Congressman Poet Laureate



WASHINGTON . . . Congressman J. S. McGroarty of California (above), may be given the title of honorary poet laureate of the U. S. . . Representative Monaghan of Mont., introduced the resolution.

400 AT ONWARD KY. LUNCH-EON AT LOUISVILLE

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show as its next step, halted for a while in Louisville Friday afternoon and here received the bravest of endorsements.

"Self-effacing Col. James L. Isenberg, its energetic father, having seen a vision, will not be content until he has given it shape in a helpful, and self-helpful, response. Thus may be lifted up those Kentucky industries which have been suffered to languish. Thus the Old Kentucky Home may be filled with the joy that comes from fruitful, happy labor.

"The purpose is practical as well as noble. The plan has all the promise of one that can and will be carried to success.

"Whatever assistance Louisville can bring cannot fail to assist Louisville."

OPERA HOUSE

Tonight-Friday

Bruce Cabot and Ann Southern in "Don't Gamble on Love." Screen's newest romance team. Fox News.

If you want a bargain buy Vivion's Race-track Store.

Hand the Herald \$1.50.

RESCUE RABBITS, SKUNK AND 'POSSUM IN FLOOD

(The Louisville Times)

The chief casualties of the current flood were C. Twyman Humphrey, whose handsome home on Transylvania Beach is surrounded by water, and Bob Kincaid who helped him row a boat from the nearest dry spot half a mile away to the house. On the way over they were surprised to see a score of rabbits marooned on the island of high ground projecting a few feet out of the water. They pulled up and the rabbits, too frightened by the calamity to try to swim, allowed themselves to be tossed into the boat. As they were about to pull away Kincaid spied a 'possum up a tree and decided to rescue it. Up the tree he shinned and just before reaching the limb to which the 'possum was clinging, he met another animal which was hiding in a hole in the trunk. He wasn't obliged to search, because it met him more than halfway—a full blast from the sac of a skunk. It was too late to retreat and Kincaid rallied to meet the charge. Having exhausted his ammunition, the polecat was helpless to repel the attack. It was hauled from his hiding place and tossed to the ground. Resuming the climb, Kincaid made the 'possum an easy victim. When Mr. Humphrey and his companion got back to the boat they found only four rabbits in it, learning that they hadn't known before, that rabbits could swim. They pulled away with the cargo of rabbits, 'possum, skunk and overpowering scent. At the house they got rid of part of it by tossing the offending clothes far out into the flood waters.

Hospital Notes

Mrs. Cora Wyatt, of Burgin, who underwent a minor operation yesterday, is improving at the A. D. Price Memorial Hospital.

The condition of Miss Marie Salce, Harrodsburg, is satisfactory. She was operated on April 23.

Mrs. Emory Epperson, Dix Dam, is getting along fine after an operation on April 20.

Mrs. B. Johnson, Burgin, is improving after a major operation April 28 at the A. D. Price Memorial hospital.

Mrs. Dan V. Bohon, who was under treatment for several days, has returned home.

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