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Kentucky's Latent Talent

In Huge Display At Frankfort

We have always known there was considerable latent talent in the state. Talent untrained and unused. It is evidenced by those pieces of work which comes to light on rare occasions.

The Onward Kentucky Exposition at Frankfort brought to light in an amazing way the artistic, the ingenious and the patient and tedious handwork from every section. It would take volumes to attempt a description of it fully. We were interested much how such material found at hand was converted into an useful object of household use. Wood, burrs, stone, nuts, bone, fibre, clay, are looked upon by the artist-artizan and in it he sees a vision. In a black walnut a beautiful button or a piece of material for making a miniature turkey as a guest favor. In addition to artistic talent and skill in some pieces of work amazing patience was shown. Especially was this true in a non-marketable exhibit there. An 84-year-old Negro convict made an inlaid table which was much admired. When it is considered that convicts are compelled to do this individual work in their small cell rooms, not lighted and with improvised tools as they are not permitted to use instrument with which they could inflict a vital wound, their skill handicapped, what they do is more enhanced. The aged Negro was seven years making the table. His only tool was a pen-knife with its blade broken off to the harmless length of one inch long. A handsome young mountain man was showing some belt buckles he had hammered out of odd materials and engraved with an ingeniously devised carving tool made of a discarded water faucet and a small piece of steel.

Some of the most creditable pieces of work was made in our state institutions and schools.

Mercer county's exhibit was an outstanding one and always had a crowd. Aside from the preserving, needle work and knitted garments shown, we were much interested in the craftsmanship of Dewey Nichols and Worley Robinson. Dewey's work was mainly in metals, brass, copper, and iron, fireplace and mantel objects; Worley a former graduate of the D. & D., at Danville, once a linotype in the Herald office, offered practical pieces—a giant flytrap, chicken catcher and a milker's stool. All good and well made. The milker's stool was too good to ever find its way to the cow lot as it was good enough to grace the family room.

In most every county could be found articles offered that had possibilities in manufacture. In Green county a new basket of marketable merit was made and offered by an 83-year-old man.

So well was the exposition received that it was urged to make it an annual affair.

That Great Servant In The Home—

Deaf and Sightless But Dumbly Obedient

Every home in Mercer county should have that great servant in the home—electricity. Mercer county furnishes a large portion of the watershed that made Dix Dam power station possible, yet, a very small percentage of the area furnishing the shed is supplied with electrical energy.

It is hoped that in the near future some plan will be worked out whereby every one may have electricity. With Dix Dam in the county and the great Norris Dam to the south of us with its lines starting this way, it is not an idle dream to look into the future to see every home an electrified, home and at a very moderate cost.

We have grown so used to employing electricity for both domestic and industrial purposes that it is easy to lose sight of what a drastic revolution the power industry has caused in its relatively brief history. Today well over 75 per cent of all the homes of America are supplied with electricity. These homes are as different from the homes of forty years ago as night is from day. Back-breaking tasks that once were done by hand, are now done swiftly, easily and cheaply with electric appliances. A snap of a switch brings us light. Electric refrigerators, ranges, radios, sewing machines, cleaning apparatus, air-conditioning equipment—these are boons that are within the reach of millions of citizens today, and give them a standard of living that couldn't be had by millionaire in the 'nineties. Electricity is man's greatest servant.

Equally sweeping change has taken place in industry with the application of power to tasks that once had to be done by manual labor, or with the aid of less efficient and elastic forms of mechanical energy. Electricity has vastly increased the average worker's productivity and earning power. Its efficiency and economy have resulted in a tremendous lessening of the cost of production of a thousand and one commodities—thus bringing them within reach of millions, where once they could be had only by the few. It has immeasurably improved working conditions, and has shortened the working day and working week. And, directly and indirectly, it has created an untold amount of employment.

With the coming of the Onward Kentucky Movement there will come to the different counties numerous enterprises composed of small units, many of which will be in the homes of the people. Many of the homes will find electricity an ever present, faithful and tireless servant through a new found ability to acquire comforts.

If Every Business Man And

Commissioner Could Have Seen It

We wish every person in Harrodsburg interested in the progress and betterment of the city would have seen the W.P.A. exhibit at the Onward Kentucky Exposition. There are those who look on the Federal Work as a whole as a failure. And are for some reason suspicious of such work. The charts and photos displayed there spoke more eloquent in favor of W.P.A. than any speaker could have done. A photo of a scene before work was started and when the job was completed. Bridges, streets, canals and buildings.

We are wondering how much Harrodsburg has lost by failure to take advantage of proffered assistance. Certainly a lot by the man who only has his labor to sell. As a city we could possibly had much needed public improvement. Improvements we shall be unable to make in a long time.

If we had entertained doubts as to the possibilities of W.P.A. doing what its name implies, seeing the results through the camera's eye who have removed them.

It is evident we have made a great blunder in not seeing our opportunity. In this we may be pardoned if we do not fail again. We understand that Kentucky, under the new appropriation, will get another allotment. If so, Harrodsburg should be alert and stand in line for her share. And, why not? Will we not have to pay our share anyway?

Let the commissioners and business men plan early for internal improvement. Projects, several of them, would not be hard to find. City park, Greenville street, town creek, extension of sewage system in eastern part of town in particular are major needs.

Mercer County School Plants—

High School Available To Every One

In the past few years there has been more progress in Mercer county schools than in all the period from Jane Coomes school in the Fort to the present time. The strategic placement of high schools to adequately cover the county and the advent of the school bus has made possible common and high school education to every child. Today we graduate more high school pupils than ever before. The direction of the work is to be heartily commended. There are five county high schools outside of Burgin and Harrodsburg that are managed by separate boards. These five school buildings and their graduating class are presented in this issue. The Harrodsburg high school building and graduate group was published last week. We tried to secure photo of the Burgin graduates but could not get it. We are sorry a photo was not made.

These pictures will show a wide step from the one-room school to the large buildings with spacious auditoriums.

We are especially proud of this advancement in our county schools and the impetus given the young people in the county for further self-cultivation now that they are leaving to class room. Never look on your graduation as "I got by," but as "I have started." Having been given the principles of acquiring knowledge, go on as pioneers into the unknown to you. Then, after you have arrived on the pinnacle you may look back to one of these buildings as did your grandfathers to the little log school house and say, you gave me my start and I am going to try to give those who follow me a still better start.

Democratic Convention Endorses Federal and State Administrations

Federal and state administrations were endorsed at the Mercer county Democratic convention held Saturday at the court house. Delegates were instructed to support Roosevelt as nominee for President; Gov. A. B. Chandler for temporary chairman of the State Convention; Sen. Alben W. Barkley for permanent chairman. Delegates were instructed to vote for Governor Chandler for committee man from Kentucky until released by him. Administration forces led by T. W. Latta organized the convention by electing Judge Charles A. Hardin temporary chairman and D. M. Hutton temporary secretary. The meeting was harmonious, and a good crowd attended.

Delegates named to the state convention were: Judge Hardin, Clell Coleman, E. B. Miller, Charles Matherly, T. W. Latta, George Chinn, D. M. Hutton, Mrs. Ruth Strader, W. T. Woolridge, Ed Currens, Miss Gladys Seay, David Tobin, Douglass Curry, Judge Charles Corn, I. C. James, Oscar Sanders, W. B. Morris, Will Barnett, John S. Buster.

Alternates, J. C. Bonta, T. C. Coleman, M. E. Walker, P. B. Smalley, George Sims, Mrs. Dee Bryant, C. B. Sullivan, B. F. Norfleet, J. T. Ingram, Jr., Dr. W. D. Sparrow, Mrs. Mae Davenport, Goodloe Lawson, H. T. Lyen, Miss Ora Adams, Mrs. Henry Cassell, Bacon R. Moore, Holly Royalty, Ben C. Allin, Dr. J. B. ReBards.

The following were named on the resolutions committee: T. W. Latta, chairman, E. B. Miller, Charley Matherly, J. Hal Grimes and George Chinn. The resolutions proposed by the committee were adopted in full as follows:

RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the world in general, and the United States in particular, was suffering from the effects of an economic depression, the proportions of which had never been experienced by mankind on March 4th, 1933, when Franklin Delano Roosevelt was inaugurated as President of the United States, and

WHEREAS, through his untiring efforts in behalf of all classes of people since March 4th, 1933, the clouds have been lifted and brighter days are now at hand, and

WHEREAS, it is absolutely essential that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt be continued in office in order that he may complete his great humanitarian program and set up safe guards which will guarantee its continuance throughout the coming generations.

WHEREFORE, be it resolved that the Democrats in convention assembled in Mercer County, Kentucky, do hereby endorse the record and achievements of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and bid and instruct their delegates to the State Convention to be held on June 9, 1936 at Louisville to vote for and do everything possible to pledge the delegates of the State of Kentucky to the National Convention to support Franklin Delano Roosevelt as the Democratic nominee for President in 1936, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we express our appreciation to the Kentucky delegation in the National Congress for the aid and support which they have given our great President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, in his program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we do instruct our delegates to elect Governor Albert Benjamin Chandler temporary chairman of the State Convention, and Senator Alben W. Barkley permanent chairman of the State Convention, and we instruct our delegates to vote for Gov. Albert Benjamin Chandler for National Committeeman from Kentucky until released by him, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the delegates of Mercer County, Kentucky, are instructed to vote on all business coming before the State Convention as a unit.

WHEREAS, the voters of the State of Kentucky saw fit to choose as their Governor, Honorable Albert Benjamin Chandler in the 1935 election, and

WHEREAS, this youthful Governor has lent and is lending his entire support to the record and achievements of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, by having passed an old age pension law, a bill reorganizing the State government, repealing the sales tax on bill reorganizing the State government, repealing the sales tax on the necessities of life, balancing the state budget, reducing the state debt, providing for free text books and improving the education system in general, and

WHEREAS, through his sterling integrity and untiring efforts, legislative sessions have accomplished great things and have been terminated with unprecedented rapidity.

WHEREFORE, be it resolved by the Democrats of Mercer County, Kentucky, in convention assembled, that we endorse the record and achievements of our Governor, Honorable Albert Benjamin Chandler, and the members of our legislature who have so ably assisted him in carrying out his program.

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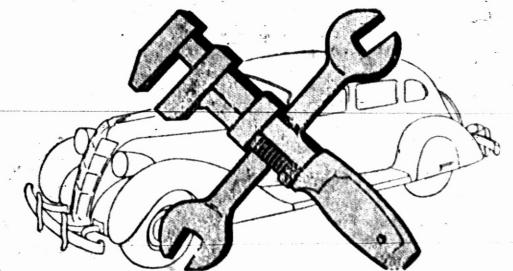
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