

REPUBLICANS OF MERCER CO. START POLITICAL FRAY

Alf Landon Endorsed For President At G. O. P. Convention Held Here On Saturday.

DELEGATES NAMED TO 5TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

Errol Draffen, James Park Named At The District Meet As Delegates To National Convention.

Denouncing the present Democratic national administration and its policies, Mercer County Republicans in a mass meeting at the court house Saturday afternoon prepared for the coming presidential election by endorsing Governor Alf Landon, of Kansas, for President of the United States and elected delegates to the state convention.

Attorney Errol Draffen, Harrodsburg, and James Park, Fayette prosecuting attorney, were elected state delegates to the national convention Monday at the district convention in Lexington. Mr. Draffen is prominent in Republican political circles here and in the state. Mr. Park is a brother of County Agent C. F. Park, of Harrodsburg.

The delegates were instructed to vote for Landon and also to vote for Errol Draffen, Harrodsburg attorney, and James Park, Fayette prosecuting attorney, for delegates from the state to national convention. Other candidates endorsed by the Mercer Republicans were Judge King Swope, of Lexington, for permanent chairman of the state convention; William Wallace for Republican chairman of the 6th district; Dr. John Williams, Bourbon county, and J. E. Folly, Clark county, for alternate delegates to the national convention; George Garner, Casey county, for presidential elector from the 6th district.

Delegates elected to represent Mercer county at the district and state convention are W. N. Brown, J. E. Burton, Henry Harvey, H. K. Yates, Errol Draffen, W. B. Potter, Charles W. Bell, Kelly Perkins, James T. Coker, Mrs. Tillie D. Stotts, and C. B. Snyder. Alternates are Henry Balden, John Hancock, George Moore, James P. Spilman, Rev. R. H. Walker, R. M. Horn, John Hughes Whitteck, Miss Burke Henderson, Lindsey Devine, and Henry McCrystal.

Charles W. Bell was made chairman of the meeting and James P. Spilman served as secretary. The following men and women were elected to serve as precinct chairmen: first precinct, George Davis and Mrs. Weldon Horn; second, Joe Patterson, Mrs. Gladys Patterson; third, Lindsey Devine, Mrs. Kate Russell; fourth, Robert Adkinson, Mrs. Bishop Wash; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Horn; Albert Hall, Mrs. George Gabhart; Ellis Foster, Mrs. H. M. Hale; Edgar Yates, Mrs. H. M. Stratton; C. P. Snyder, Mrs. Wallace Rogers; Ernest Preston, Mrs. Sue Dunn; Isham Lay, Mrs. J. C. Davenport; Ed Burton, Mrs. Marcus Covert; Ralph Caldwell, Mrs. Frank Slama; George VanArsdall, Mrs. Henry Balden; D. D. Lawson, Mrs. Charles Perkins; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reed; J. O. Bishop, Mrs. William Reed; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Robertson; Henry Yates, Mrs. Walter Priest; T. O. Poulter, Miss Burke Henderson; Cecil Brown, Mrs. O. Latham; John H. Whittenack, Mrs. Marion Patterson.

HIGHWAY PATROLMEN NAB UNLICENSED TRUCKS

State Highway Patrolmen John Harbison and John Isham Saturday morning arrested and brought to court Roy B. Moore, secretary-treasurer of the Mason & Dixon truck line, of Kingsport, Tenn., on a charge of operating two trucks without license plates. Moore pleaded guilty to the charge before County Judge Charles T. Corn and was fined a total of \$21.50 on one offense, the defendant agreeing to purchase transit plates for the other truck. The trucks, both new vehicles, each carried a new automobile which Moore said he was taking to Kingsport. The line operates from Atlanta, Ga., to New York, N. Y.

RANKIN TO MAKE REPORT TO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

C. E. Rankin, Harrodsburg Attorney, made a report on the findings of the Law Reform committee, of which he is chairman, at the Thursday morning session of the Kentucky Bar Association this week. The annual convention of the association was held at the Kentucky hotel, Louisville, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and several members of legal circles in Harrodsburg attended a part of the convention.

BOYLE MINISTER MARRIES HIS 4578TH COUPLE

Coroner J. W. Edwards, known as Danville's "marrying parson," united his 4578th couple in marriage at the courthouse in Danville last Saturday night, he reported. Those married were Louis Graves, 32 years old, and Alma Smith, 16 years old, both of Boyle county.

AMATEUR CONTEST DATES ARE FIXED BY SPONSOR

Tonight is the date chosen by the Harrodsburg Lions club for the amateur contest to be held in the Harrodsburg high school auditorium for persons living in the Harrodsburg school district.

The following Tuesday, April 7, a similar contest will be held at Burgin, winding up the preliminary contests in the series. Competition of the winners of all the preliminary contests will be held in the grand final at the Harrodsburg high school auditorium the following Friday night, April 10. At this time the champion amateur of the county will be chosen by the judges. Lesser awards also will be made by the sponsors.

\$236 GIVEN TO FLOOD VICTIMS

Mercer Red Cross Unit Grateful For Generous Response Made By Cash Contributions.

Mrs. J. Tom Price, treasurer of the Mercer county chapter of the Red Cross, said yesterday that the local chapter had received \$236.02 in contributions to aid in the Red Cross work in flood stricken areas of Kentucky and the nation. The entire amount was sent at once to the national headquarters for distribution through the emergency workers.

Mercer county at first was asked to give \$175 to aid flood victims in the eastern states but when the flood waters began causing damage in Kentucky the Mercer chapter was asked for additional funds.

Mrs. Price stated that the results of the Red Cross' plea were most gratifying in this county and she, as spokesman for the Mercer county chapter, extends thanks and appreciation of the chapter for the cooperation given by Mercer citizens. As soon as the appeal for funds became known, she said, contributions of money began coming in. The majority of the cash donations were small but they were gladly received by the chapter.

The Ohio river remained at flood stage at Louisville and in eastern Kentucky during the weekend and its rise or fall depended upon the amount of precipitation within the next few days. The depth was unchanged at Louisville Saturday and Sunday.

HARD HAIL STORM

Thomas F. Hawkins, rural mail carrier, reported that he encountered a hard hail storm Wednesday in the Cornishville section that for a short time was one of the severest he ever saw, with stones so large that he was fearful the windows of his car would be broken.

Interest Grows In Methodist Revival

Dr. Z. T. Johnson, vice president of Asbury College, Wilmore, is making a good impression with his splendid sermons at the revival now in progress at the Methodist church, and is drawing fine congregations. Tonight he will be assisted by a group of singers from Asbury College who will give special music. All are invited to the service at 7:15. Dr. Johnson will continue his services at 2:30 in the afternoon and 7:15 in the evening each day all through next week, the revival ending on Easter Sunday at the night service. At the morning service Easter the new members will be received and there will be a baptism of infants. The pastor, Rev. G. R. Tomlin, is directing the singing, which has been excellent all through the revival.

The Rotary Club enjoyed a fine talk by Dr. Johnson at its weekly luncheon Wednesday at Hotel Harrodsburg. His subject was "The Trend of Rebellion Against Authority."

BECKHAM IS DESIGNATED BUSINESS COMMISSIONER

The first new state agency under the reorganization act was authorized by Governor Chandler Wednesday when he formally designated former Gov. J. C. W. Beckham as commissioner of business regulation. As chairman of the public service commission, Beckham under the reorganization assumes the post without additional compensation. The governor's executive order, however, modified a previous order extending the existing governmental setup.

The department of business regulation was authorized to begin functioning at once, it was explained, to take over duties of the state athletic board of control.

LAYMAN'S LEAGUE ENJOYS ANNUAL DINNER SESSION

About seventy men enjoyed an informal dinner meeting of the Layman's League Tuesday night at the Christian church, and officers for the organization were elected: Bacon R. Moore, president; Judge Charles T. Corn, vice president; Jack Zody, secretary-treasurer. Short talks were made by the pastor, Rev. T. Hassell Bowen, Judge Corn, Charles W. Bell, C. E. Rankin, J. J. Graves, and others.

FIRM FILES PLEA IN BANKRUPTCY

Harrodsburg Hardware & Implement Co. Files Petition; B. F. Norfleet - To Continue Alone.

The business community was shocked Monday when it became known that the Harrodsburg Hardware & Implement Company had filed a petition asking to be adjudged bankrupt and for a liquidation of its business. The petition was filed at Frankfort and in regular course will be referred to Judge Clay Kaufman, the referee, at Lancaster.

It is claimed that inability to realize on accounts and notes and other results from the depression made this action necessary, and that through liquidation a substantial amount will be left for the creditors.

Mr. B. F. Norfleet, president and active manager of the business, informed this paper that, individually, he would be able to supply the farming public with necessary repairs and equipment heretofore sold by the firm, and also to procure new machinery required.

The building on Depot street occupied by the corporation belongs to Mr. Norfleet and he will have an office in a portion of it for the present.

Soil Conservation Program For Mercer Outlined By Agent Park

At the meeting held in Lexington on Monday, March 30, for county agents, County Agent C. F. Park gathered the following information in regard to the Soil Conservation Program which is now being offered to Mercer county farmers:

Goal.—The object of the 1936 Soil Conservation Program is to conserve and improve soil fertility and halt wasteful exploitation of soil resources. The goal set for 1936 is to increase the crop land in soil building and soil conserving crops from the 1930 level of 100,000,000 acres to 130,000,000 acres.

Organization.—The program is to be conducted by farmers through Community County, and State Committees, with the help of the Extension Service and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

Bases.—A base of all soil depleting crops (other than cotton, tobacco and peanuts) for each farm in 1936 will be established from the 1935 crop history with such adjustments as may be necessary to make bases fair and equitable as between growers. Separate base acreage will be established for cotton, tobacco and peanuts, from the bases established under adjustment programs.

Forms.—The first step for farmers who want to participate will be to fill out, with the help of a committee man, a work sheet on 1935 crop history for the farm. Later, applications for grants and statements of performance will be executed. There will be no contracts.

Payments.—Two classes of payments will be made: (1) A SOIL CONSERVING payment for devoting a part of the base acreage of soil depleting crops to soil conserving or soil building crops or practices which will be at the following rates: For each acre of the base acreage of cotton and for each acre of the base acreage of Burley, Maryland, and Blue-cured tobacco devoted to soil conserving or soil building crops and practices: 5 cts. per pound of the base yield per acre established for each crop; for similar use fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco base acreage, 3 1/2 cts. per pound; and for similar use of peanuts base acreage, 1 1/4 cts. per pound; and for similar use of all other soil depleting crop base acreage, an average of approximately \$10 per acre for the United States, varying according to the productivity of land by states, by counties and by individual farms; (2) A SOIL BUILDING payment, for the planting of such soil building crops and the use of such soil building practices, and at such rates, as may be recommended by the State Committee and approved by the Secretary.

Maximum Soil Conserving Payment.—The maximum acreage for which the soil conserving payment will be made for any farm is as follows: For cotton, 35% of the base acreage (not more than 25% of the base acreage for all farms in any county); for tobacco, 30%; for peanuts, 20%; for all other soil depleting crops, 15%. No soil conserving payment will be made with respect to food and feed crops required for use on the farm.

Maximum Soil Building Payment.—The maximum for this payment shall not exceed an amount equal to \$1 for each acre in soil conserving and soil building crops on the farm in 1936, except that in no case will such maximum be less than \$10 for any farm.

Minimum Performances.—No payment will be made unless the total acreage in soil building and soil conserving uses on the farm in 1936 is at least equal to 20% of the soil depleting crop base; except that if a soil conserving payment could not be obtained for as much as 20% of the soil depleting base, the minimum acreage shall equal the acreage for which a soil conserving payment could be obtained.

Division of Payments.—In general, the soil conserving payment will be divided between the tenant and the landlord as they divide the principal crop according to their lease, and the soil building payment will be made to the producer who incurs the expense of planting soil building crops or carrying out such practices.

Time of Payments.—One payment will be made direct to each farmer as soon as possible after actual performance has been certified by the County Committee. Crop Classification.—Crops are divided into three groups: (1) soil depleting; (2) soil conserving; (3) soil building. A few land uses are classified as "neutral."

FARMERS NAMED FOR SOIL SAVING

Temporary Committeemen For Mercer Under Conservation Act Are Announced.

Word was received at the office of County Agent C. F. Park from Dean Thomas Cooper, Director of the Kentucky Experiment Station, that the following named persons have been appointed as temporary committee members under the Soil Conservation Act in Mercer county:

First Community: W. T. Best, Route 2; J. H. Whittenack, Route 3; F. D. Martin, Route 3, Harrodsburg. Second Community: H. M. Whittenack, Bohon Star Route; Z. B. Teater, Route 5; Ralph Mitchell, Harrodsburg.

Third Community: W. H. Cunningham, Salvisa; Lloyd Houchin, Salvisa; S. T. Leonard, Route 5. Fourth Community: H. T. Lyen, Route 5; Harry Davenport, McAfee; John Keller, Route 5, Harrodsburg.

Fifth Community: S. V. Perkins, Burgin; J. I. Peters, Harrodsburg; Herman Watts, Harrodsburg.

Later on permanent committee men will be elected by those persons participating in the Soil Conservation Program.

MERCER MAN ARRESTED, HELD TO ANDERSON GRAND JURY

J. V. Gatton, Mercer county, was arrested in Lawrenceburg Sunday night, March 22, after it is alleged he fired a .32-caliber pistol at his brother, Gene Gatton, and Ross Warren in the latter's restaurant.

Gatton appeared before Judge Wilkes Morgan Wednesday and waived examining trial on charges of shooting with intent to kill, carrying concealed a deadly weapon, and driving an automobile while intoxicated. He was held to the grand jury of the June term of Anderson county court and his bond fixed at \$400. Unable to furnish bond, he was transferred from the city jail to the Anderson county jail.

PERRYVILLE MAN SUED FOR \$10,000

Atlanta, Ga., Woman Asks Damages For Permanent Injuries In Truck-Car Smash

Setting forth that gross carelessness and negligence resulted in permanently injuring her in a motor vehicular accident on August 20, 1935, Katie Hynes, Atlanta, Ga., a minor, is bringing a \$10,000 suit against Fred Devine, merchant and groceryman of Perryville, according to a petition filed with J. S. Baughman, Boyle circuit court clerk, Tuesday.

The petition claims that the defendant was riding in a car on the Perryville-Danville road when a truck owned by the defendant collided with the car, causing her to be thrown against its sides and she suffered broken bones and other injuries. The sum of \$500 is asked for hospital bills and \$10,000 for personal injuries.

LANCASTER COUPLE HURT IN WRECK; GIRL DIES

The body of Ruby Marsee, 19, who was injured fatally in an automobile wreck in Cincinnati Monday night, was brought to Lancaster Wednesday morning.

Burial was in the Lancaster cemetery Thursday afternoon where the services were conducted by the Rev. R. M. Oakes, pastor of the Lancaster Baptist church. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Dixie Marsee, two sisters, Mrs. Joe Ray and Miss Ruby Marsee, both of Lancaster.

Thomas Hatcher, 28, who was driving the car in a critical condition at St. Mary's hospital, Cincinnati. His mother, Mrs. Bess Hatcher, is at his bedside.

Both young people suffered fractured skulls when their car collided with a truck in Cincinnati Monday night. The young people have relatives and friends in Harrodsburg.

Number of Patients At Price Hospital

Mrs. Jack Stopher is improving after a major operation. Mr. Donald Martin, Perryville, who is under treatment, is responding nicely.

The condition of Mrs. Pete Houchin is fair. Miss Geneva Litteral is doing well. The condition of Miss Dorothea Burton is good.

Mrs. Will Crews is better. Mrs. John Freeman is rallying well after a major operation. Miss Frances Ray, Georgetown, is doing splendidly after an appendectomy Sunday.

Mrs. Gorham Brummette underwent a major operation Wednesday, and her condition is reported as good. Mrs. Edgar Gaiter remains about the same.

H. G. Gritton is recovering from a major operation Wednesday. Mrs. Oscar Davis' condition is encouraging after an operation. Mrs. K. A. Perkins is doing fine after a goitre operation Wednesday.

SERVICES AT JAIL SPONSORED BY W. C. T. U.

Service was conducted at the jail last Sunday afternoon by Rev. T. Hassell Bowen, assisted by several members of his congregation. These services are sponsored by the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union. There were seventeen inmates in the jail and all attended the service. Most of them were being held on liquor charges.

NO INSTRUCTIONS ON OLD AGE PENSIONS

Judge Charles T. Corn stated yesterday that he had received no definite instructions regarding the old age pension for persons in Mercer county. He said that since it had become a law he had been expecting a communication from headquarters, and that numerous inquiries had been made of him by persons interested in the operation of the act.

IMPROVEMENTS STARTED ON PERRYVILLE SCHOOL

Work on the \$30,000 improvement on the school building at Perryville has been ordered as soon as the plans are definitely accepted. A gymnasium, auditorium and four class rooms will be erected, and when completed Perryville will have a commodious and modern structure.

GOVERNOR PUTS LIQUOR, AUTO TAX BILLS IN HOPPER

Liquor Measure, First Revenue Plan Considered By House, Approved 95 To 0.

SENATE TO TAKE UP BILLS AFTER HOUSE ACTS ON THEM

Three Per Cent Sales Tax On Cars, Trucks Sold Estimated To Bring State Million Annually.

Without a single vote of opposition, the house of representatives Wednesday passed and sent to the senate Governor A. B. Chandler's first revenue bill and received from the chief executive "administration revenue bill No. 2," calling for a sales tax of 3 per cent on purchases of new and used automobiles in Kentucky.

Five other individual revenue proposals, including one for a general 3 per cent sales tax, accompanied the administration bill into the house hopper after a 95 to 0 vote approved the governor's bill for a sales tax on whiskey, wine and beer.

Governor Chandler personally delivered the automobile sales tax bill to the house and had it presented by Representative Elmer McGlothlen of Frenchburg (D). Thursday, the governor said, he would offer bills calling for payment of a 3 per cent sales tax levy on automobiles purchased outside Kentucky and licensed in the state and for revision of the inheritance tax laws.

The governor estimated the two automobile sales tax bills applicable both to passenger vehicles and trucks, would yield \$1,000,000 annually in revenue, and the inheritance tax revision would bring in from \$500,000 to \$600,000 more each year.

Six amendments were added to the governor's whiskey sales tax bill before the house passed it. Rates prescribed are \$1.04 a gallon on whiskey sales, \$1.50 a barrel on beer sales, and 25 cents a gallon on wine sales. The tax is to be paid by stamps affixed by the manufacturer or wholesaler and ultimately passed on to the consumer. It is estimated to yield the state, \$2,500,000.

HOBOS RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE ALARM FRIDAY NIGHT

Three hobos who built an oversized fire in the stove in a poultry car on the freight siding at the Depot here Friday night, resulting in the fire department being called out, were located by Chief of Police S. K. Daugherty early Saturday morning and given ten minutes to get out of town. Chief Daugherty said that they left promptly.

The fire alarm was turned in at 8:30 by John Butler who told Fire Chief Phillips that he saw flames shooting from the top of the car. It was learned that the hobos had stuffed oily rags and waste into the stove and the flames roared up through the chimney. No damage resulted, although the fire department's run cost the city \$13, Chief Phillips said. The hobos escaped when the alarm was sounded and were not seen again until Chief Daugherty apprehended them and suggested their immediate departure.

SCULPTOR TO RESUME GLASS FRIDAY NIGHT

The class in modeling under Sculptor A. L. H. Build, of Lexington, will be resumed tonight, April 3, at the room in the State Bank building at 7 o'clock. Mr. Build announces he will be there to meet his pupils and will conduct lessons regularly every Monday and Friday evening of each week.

Mr. Build was recently injured in an automobile wreck in Nashville where he went to join his wife who was ill at the home of her parents there. He was in a hospital for some weeks and since their return to Lexington he has been unable to resume his class instruction until this week. In making the announcement that he will be here Friday night he urges that members of the class will be prompt.

GREYHOUND TO OPERATE DAILY LOUISVILLE BUS

Starting tomorrow, April 1, the Southeastern Greyhound lines will operate a bus daily from Danville to Louisville via Harrodsburg and Lawrenceburg. On the new schedule a bus will leave Harrodsburg daily at 7:50 in the morning for Louisville and will return to Harrodsburg in the evening, arriving here at 6:40 p. m. The Greyhound bus replaces the Fleenor line.

LAW VIOLATORS ASSESSED TO AID RED CROSS DRIVE

Judge E. H. Wrenn, of Reidsville, N. C., conceived a new plan for helping the Red Cross raise flood relief funds. He added \$1 to the fine of each convicted prisoner, and collected \$6 the first day.

TO ATTEND STATE DENTAL MEET IN LOUISVILLE

Dr. P. H. Conover will attend the meeting of the State Dental Association which convenes in Louisville next Monday and Tuesday.

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