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REPUBLICANS OF MERCER CO. START POLITICAL FRAY

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

DELEGATES NAMED TO 6TH 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 Alf Landon, 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. B. Polly, 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. Cooke, Mrs. Tillie D. Stotts, and C. B. Snyder. Alternates are Henry Baldwin, John Halcott, George Moore, James P. Spelman, Rev. R. H. Walker, R. M. Horn, John Hughes Whitenack, Miss Burke, Henderson, Lindsey Devine, and Henry McCrory.

Charles W. Bell was made chairman of the meeting and James P. Spelman 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; Eddie Foster, Mrs. Foster Hale; Edgar Yates, Mrs. H. M. Stratton; C. P. Snyder, Mrs. Wallace Rogers; Ernest Preston, Mrs. John Preston; John Dunn, Mrs. Sue Dunn; Isham Lay, Mrs. J. C. Davenport; Ed Burton, Mrs. Marcus Covert; Ralph Caldwell, Mrs. Frank Slama; George Van Arsdall, Mrs. Henry Baldwin; D. D. Lawson, Mrs. Charles Perkins; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Reed; J. O. Bishop, Mrs. William Reed; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Robert; Henry Yates, Mrs. Walter Priest; T. O. Poulter, Miss Burke Henderson; Cecil Brown, Mrs. O. Laetham; John H. Whitenack, 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 4,578 COUPLE

Coroner J. W. Edwards, known as Danville's "marrying parson," united his 4,578 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 that 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.

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 community committeemen under the Soil Conservation Act in Mercer county:

First Community: W. T. Best, Route 2; J. H. Whitenack, Route 3; F. D. Martin, Route 3, Harrodsburg.

Second Community: H. M. Whitenack, Bohon Star Route; Z. B. Teeter, 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, Burgh; J. I. Peters, Harrodsburg; Herman Watts, Harrodsburg.

Later on permanent committeemen 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 a deadly automobile while intoxicated. He was held to the grand jury of the June term of Anderson circuit 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 \$10,500 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. Gabbert, pastor of the Lancaster Baptist church. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Dixie Marsee, two sisters, Mrs. Joe Ray and Miss Mistie Marsee, both of Lancaster.

Thomas Hatcher, 23, who was driving the car is in a critical condition at St. Mary's hospital, Cincinnati.

His mother, Mrs. Bebe 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.

HOBOES RESPONSIBLE FOR FIRE ALARM FRIDAY NIGHT

Three hoboes 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 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 hoboes 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 hoboes 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. H. Build, of Lexington, will be resumed tonight, April 3, at the room in the State Bank building at 7 o'clock. Mr. Build announced 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.

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 ac-

reage 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."

The major purpose of the new farm program is to encourage wiser use of our national soil resources. Few persons are aware of the serious decline in soil fertility and the loss of soil itself resulting from erosion. Since these losses are largely the result of over-cropping with soil depleting crops, it is obvious that one of the solutions is to increase our acreage of crops that will provide a protective cover for the valuable topsoil layer and furnish an abundance of organic matter.

The extent to which soil-conserving and soil-building crops can increase the erosion-resisting capacity of the soil has been shown by experiments. For example, on a moderately steep slope of 8 percent, it was shown that plots kept continuously in corn lost by immediate runoff an average of more than 25 percent of the annual rainfall; they also lost an average of 67 tons of soil per acre each year. On the same slope, a plot kept continuously in alfalfa lost by runoff an average of less than 4 percent of the total rainfall per year and only a few hundred pounds of soil per acre. Continuous corn land lost eight times more rain water by immediate runoff and about 320 times more soil than did the alfalfa plot.

When clover was included in a rotation with wheat and corn, the average runoff following a rain was less than one-half that for land kept continuously in corn and the soil loss per acre was only one-seventy as large.

The 1936 Soil Conservation Program enables the individual farmer to maintain or improve the fertility and productiveness of his soil which he has long desired but could not afford to do because of the necessity of making both ends meet.

A start in the direction of wise land use was made under the Agricultural Adjustment Programs in 1933 to 1935 when large acreages were shifted from soil depleting to soil conserving and erosion-preventing uses.

The new program gives the farmer much leeway in his farming practices. Only certain minimum and maximum conditions are set forth. The farmer is free to plan his farming operations in line with these conditions; if he so desires, and receive grants for the soil improvement he carries out.

In its entirety, the new farm program is directed to the improvement of soil resources, the assurance of an adequate food supply for present and future generations, and the establishment of a balanced agriculture.

"I believe that farmers will find the new program is in the national interest, and in their own individual interest, too. Every farmer takes pride in the productivity of his soil. Every farmer wants to hand on his farm to his children in better shape than he found it. The conservation

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