

NYA ASSISTS MERCER YOUTHS IN NEW SET-UP

Organization Will Be County-Wide In Scope, Giving Assistance To Boys And Girls.

WOMAN'S CLUB CO-SPONSOR OF WORK IN THIS COUNTY

Project Just Completed Results In Beautification And Construction Of Playground.

Students in Mercer county schools are being given assistance through a new project announced by the National Youth Administration, which opened July 24 and will continue thru the ensuing six months. The program, which is co-sponsored by the Woman's Club of Harrodsburg and other civic organizations, including the American Legion, will provide an average of \$9.60 a month for 46 working hours. This is in contrast to the old wage scale of \$7 for a 44-hour month.

The new project will emphasize recreational activities, improvement of public property and public service. Officials of the NYA have stressed that all the county high schools can take advantage of the opportunity presented by the program, by beautifying school grounds, building playgrounds, and other similar work. This work will be done by the students enrolled in the NYA movement, and the only cost will be material. An organization such as the Parent-Teacher association in each of the school could be co-sponsor on such a project.

The former project, set up in Mercer county last March has just been successfully concluded under the supervision of Miss Margaret Smith, NYA supervisor for Mercer county. Approximately 60 boys and girls have been given employment, averaging \$7 monthly for a 44-hour month.

Boys under the NYA have beautified the 13-acre playground at the Harrodsburg high school by removal of brush and weeds; planting of bulbs and flowers; construction of a 150-foot retaining wall to prevent erosion of soil; construction of two baseball diamonds and two tennis courts; the building of 12 teeter-boards or see-saws; four swings and an air-rider. The boys also sowed the acre plot of ground about the Mercer court house. All these activities have been under the supervision of Roscoe Howard, who has assisted Miss Smith in the work among the boys.

Meantime, at training centers held in Harrodsburg and Burgin, Miss Smith has supervised activities among the girls. Approximately 30 girls have been given instructions in sewing and designing garments; renovation of all garments; the weaving of rugs, and instructions in physical fitness and home economics. The garments made by the girls are distributed among the needy through other agencies.

The Woman's Club of Harrodsburg has ably assisted in this work by being co-sponsor, and others have helped in the financial end by such means as local business men making donations, and by a benefit game played by the local softball league.

Purpose of the National Youth Administration, of which Frank Peterson, Louisville, is state administrator, is to give financial assistance to boys and girls, enabling them to remain in schools, thereby completing their education. They are given suitable employment, and at the same time a program of instruction in health and home economics is also given them.

HOME TODAY FROM STATE 4-H CAMP

Mercer Boys and Girls Have Enjoyable Week at Club Gathering at Junction City.

Mercer 4-H club members who went to Junction City Monday for the district 4-H club camp were Ernestine Ballard, Gwendolyn Sanders, Betty Jane Sanders, Janice Lively, Margaret L. McCutlin, I. P. Hulet, and Charles Patrick. These club members will remain until today, when the camp closes.

Mrs. Cecil Wilder went as a leader in 4-H club work in Mercer county. The camp supervisor was M. S. Garside, assistant director of Kentucky 4-H clubs.

Present from Boyle, Garrard, Mercer, Wayne, Casey, Jessamine, Pulaski, Clinton and Russell counties approximately one hundred and fifty club members. These boys and girls receive beneficial instruction and also have an enjoyable week in social activities.

Each day's program opened with classes in handicraft for boys and girls in the morning, in which the making of "useful" articles for farm and home were taught. At sunrise, vesper services conducted by local ministers. At night, the 4-H club members enjoyed games, singing, and stunt programs. Also on the recreational program were motion pictures.

Mr. Isenberg Suffers A Serious Relapse

General concern is felt here over the grave illness of Mr. James L. Isenberg, who after seven weeks of illness became worse Saturday and was moved to Norton Infirmary, Louisville, from the home of his mother. His condition was reported as serious as The Herald went to press.

Since his appointment as State Fair Director Mr. Isenberg has attempted to carry on his duties from his bedside in Louisville. In spite of the work and strain he was thought to be making headway toward convalescence, until the new trouble developed Saturday and since being removed to the hospital he has had two blood transfusions with little good reaction from either of them, and his physicians feel that his condition is critical.

Deep regret over his illness is felt throughout this community where he is a leading citizen and has been foremost in every progressive movement.

CHECKERS BEGIN WORK ON FIELDS

Measuring All Projects In Mercer Which Are Under 1936 Agricultural Program.

Committeemen, supervisors and helpers started work checking compliance for the 1936 Agricultural Conservation Program, on Monday, August 10.

All farms in Mercer county on which a work sheet has been executed will be visited by these committeemen and supervisors and where necessary tobacco, corn and wheat acreage will be measured. Also grass land, permanent pasture, waste land etc., will be either measured or estimated.

Previous to this visit, all farm owners or operators have been requested to have on hand a general outline made of their farm, showing the different fields and crops thereon in order to assist in arriving at the 1936 farm practices.

After the completion of this compliance work, which is expected to be finished during the month of August, those persons, including producers, farm owners and tenants who are eligible for grants under the program will be required to call at the county agent's office to make application for such grants.

Only one payment will be made to a farmer during the course of the year. Under the old AAA program, several payments were made.

Farm practices such as seeding of legumes, spreading of lime etc., will also be checked by these supervisors.

The following named persons were selected by the community and county committeemen as supervisors:

First District, Edwin Whitenack and James Mattingly; second district, Horace Royalty and Bernice Champion; third district, T. D. Champion, Howard Cunningham and J. V. Case; fourth district, Earl Dean and A. E. Sharp fifth district, Frank Carpenter, Wilson Kent and Ezra T. Jones.

Mr. J. W. VanArsdall, Jr., was also selected as county supervisor and Mr. Imel Brown as comptroller.

RESERVOIR FOR MERCER CO.

Mr. C. E. Redmon, of the Soil Conservation Service, is here to make a survey of Mercer county. His acceptance of work in a district of seven counties. His operations will be under the W. P. A. It is proposed to give employment to men put out of work through the drought's severity. Work is underway in Boyle, Washington, Hardin and Green counties. About 30 men will be ready for duty in Mercer.

It is proposed to erect earth filled reservoirs. A foreman will be placed over each county and the reservoirs will be on private farms. The land will be permanently the owners of the land. The only stipulation is that in case of severe drought he will allow those in the community to get water there. He can stock the pool with fish if he likes. It is hoped the pool will never be used for drought water. This work will be in co-operation with Farm Agent Park.

Given Surprise On Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vaught, Sr. who reached the Golden Anniversary of their marriage Wednesday were given a surprise by their daughter, Mrs. E. M. Brummette, and Dr. Brummette and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Brown, all of Lexington, who served a lovely six o'clock dinner at the Vaught home in this city. Yellow and white were used in the table decorations and throughout the dinner, including the large cakes. The date was also the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Brown, who is a sister of Mrs. Vaught.

Those who enjoyed the occasion besides Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vaught, Sr., were Mr. and Mrs. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. Brummette, E. M. Brummette, Jr., all of Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Vaught, Jr., Harrodsburg.

FISCAL COURT CONTRACTS FOR ROAD WORK

11 Projects To Be Undertaken Thru Contract With Division Rural Highways.

RIGHTS OF WAY PAID TO FOUR PROPERTY OWNERS

State Pays Cost Of Improving Pikes; Mercer Furnishes Equipment, Material, Labor.

The main attention of the Mercer Fiscal Court at its session Tuesday was given to completing details and making a contract with State Commissioner of Rural Highways for work on eleven projects in Mercer county. The last General Assembly appropriated \$2,000,000 for the Division of Rural Highways to be allocated to the various counties in Kentucky for work on county-owned roads. The contract was made under Mercer's portion of this appropriation with the type of work on each project approved.

Under the terms the cost of each project is to be paid by the Division of Rural Highways. Mercer is to furnish the rights of way when necessary to widen or improve the roads. Mercer is to furnish the labor, material and equipment, except bituminous material and the foremen selected by the State.

The county contracts include work on the following:

Project 1—Kirkwood pike at intersection of Kentucky Highway 35 at Salvisa and extending to the Anderson county line, a distance of 7.5 miles, the cost estimated at \$1,320.00.

Project 2—Mayo pike, beginning at intersection with Kentucky Highway 35 at McAfee and extending to Terrapin a distance of 6 miles. Cost \$1,055.00.

Project 3—Providence pike, beginning at intersection with Kentucky Highway 35 at Providence Church (Continued on Editorial Page)

MCCRAY ESTATE BEING SETTLED

\$5,000 Bequest Paid Midway School; Price Hospital To Benefit After Property Is Sold.

The Farmers' Trust Company, executors of the estate of the late Isaac I. McCray has paid his \$5,000 bequest to the Kentucky Female Orphan School at Midway. The sum establishes the I. I. McCray scholarship with preference to be given to beneficiaries from Mercer county.

The A. D. Price Memorial Hospital, in Harrodsburg is a beneficiary of the residue of the estate after several bequests are paid and a certain sum turned over to a brother, Sam McCray, who claimed pay for nursing and care of the decedent. In settling the estate his late residence and about 32 acres of land at the city limits of Harrodsburg on the Louisville road, will be sold at public auction at 10:30 Saturday morning by the executors of the will. Other properties consist of a house on Bank street in Louisville and personally.

The amount which the local hospital will receive cannot be determined until after the property sales and settlement of obligations.

Several brothers and sister of Mr. McCray filed action to break the will, but it was sustained.

SHARP GETS REEL AFTER 60 YEARS

Ancient Wooden Fishing Reel He Lost When Boy Recovered After More Than Half-Century.

W. A. Sharp has come into re-possession of an ancient wooden fishing reel after losing it 60-odd years ago in a peculiar manner. As a boy of ten or twelve years the reel was given to him by the late Col. Andy Gore. It was a much valued treasure of his boyhood, and when he went to spend several days at the home of an uncle near Kirkwood, he carefully hid the reel and a bottle of horse liniment on the top of a door frame in a new house his father was building, thinking they would not be disturbed during his absence.

Imagine his disappointment on returning from his visit to find that workmen had plastered the room and not noticing his boyish treasures had fastened them behind the wall. When his brother, Mr. Bryse Sharp, and sister, Miss Jennie Sharp, who occupy the old homestead, recently began tearing away portions of the old house to remodel it, Mr. Sharp reminded them of his reel back of the plaster. It was found in wrecking the house and this week returned to him in excellent shape. It is probably among the first fishing reels ever brought to this community, and Mr. Sharp says he wouldn't trade it for any of the finest modern reels made.

CALCITE MILL WILL BEGIN TO OPERATE SEPT. 1

Last Of Eight Carloads Of Equipment Arrived This Week For The New Factory.

J. S. LANDERS WILL MOVE FAMILY FROM LONG ISLAND

75 To Be Employed In Plant; Fleet Of 15 Trucks To Haul Raw Calcite From Chinn Mine.

The last of eight carloads of equipment for the new calcite mill to be opened here in a few weeks by the Industrial Minerals Corporation of New York, was received Monday by J. S. Landers, Long Island, N. Y., who is supervising the work at the plant. Mr. Landers will move with his family here to reside.

After leasing the Chinn calcite mine on Kentucky river in July, the Industrial Minerals Corporation also leased from Walker Brothers and W. P. Hatchett, the building in this city formerly used as a vegetable canning factory to be converted into a mill for grinding the calcite. The company is making between three and four thousand dollars improvement to the building by adding an office, a lunch room, warehouse and rest rooms. The last carload consisted mainly of office furniture and equipment for this new unit. Mr. Landers expects to have the mill in operation September 1 with 75 employees on the job.

Two 168-horse power engines are to be used in the mill. Approximately 100 tons of calcite will be ground daily into powder as fine as flour, placed in 100 pound sacks and shipped from Harrodsburg. Fifteen trucks will be used in transporting the raw material from the mine to the mill, and the new lessees state that there is enough mineral in the mine to last 80 years. All of the output of the mine is already sold on contract for a term of years. The ground calcite is used in a number of commercial ways.

FORT HARROD ON RADIO PROGRAM

Story of Pioneer Stronghold Broadcast By Mrs. Hardin Aug. 16; County, City History Aug. 23.

Mrs. E. Magoffin Hardin will speak on the history of Fort Harrod during a radio program at 12:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Aug. 16 over station WLAP in Lexington. The program is sponsored by the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company, of Lexington, of which L. M. Hilliard, Danville, is general agent.

The talk will be devoted to the history of the Fort, and will contain a word-picture description of the present replica.

The following week August 16 at the same hour another program will be given over the same station, at which time the subject will be the business and industry of Harrodsburg and Mercer county, and its advantages from a living standpoint.

Mr. Hilliard is sponsoring the programs over a period of 13 weeks, giving publicity to Central Kentucky towns and counties. The first program was given last Sunday and featured Winchester and Clark county. His advertisements of the local broadcast is elsewhere in this paper.

STANFORD PLANS 150th PAGEANT

Invites Selection Of Local Young Lady To Be "Mercer" In Parade "Lincoln County's Daughters."

Stanford's citizens will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of their town on September 11, and the committee in charge has asked that a local young lady be selected to represent Mercer county in the pageant of "Lincoln's Daughters." Fifty-eight counties have been created out of Lincoln, which was one of the original three divisions of Kentucky District of Virginia.

Each representative is to wear a costume of the period when her county was created. Thus Mercer was formed in 1785 and her representative will be dressed as a lass of the colonial period, for Kentucky at that time was still a part of Colonial Virginia, the Commonwealth had not been formed. A committee will choose a pageant queen from among the 58 "Daughters."

Other ceremonies attendant upon the celebration will be a parade of floats, unrolling markers, athletic contests and in the evening a Stanford Birthday Banquet, tickets for which will be on sale later. The committee extends a cordial invitation to Mercer citizens to attend the celebration.

Renews Memories Of Life Among Shakers

A former resident of the Shaker colony, Charles E. Lindberg, 5316 Nelson street, Chicago, returned this week to visit the village to which he was taken in 1874 by his parents, who became imbued with the Shaker doctrine.

When they arrived at Shakerstown, Mr. Lindberg stated, his parents were separated according to the Shaker belief in celibacy, the men and women being regarded as "Brothers" and "Sisters." The family remained with the Shakers until 1880 and during that time he attended school taught by Sister Mary Settles. Mr. Lindberg stated that his sisters did not like the Shaker life and were glad to "go out into the world."

He liked the place and in 1882 returned to Shakerstown and remained three years. Lars Erickson was the Elder when he left the last time. He did not join the Shakers, he said, although he regarded them as "the best people on earth."

LOCAL PERSONS VISIT 'QUINTS'

Famous Little Girls Unaware Of Many Sightseers; Salvisa Party Delighted With Them.

A group of local persons enjoyed a visit to the Dionne quintuplets at Calandar, Ontario, during a motor tour from which they have just returned. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Woods, Mrs. Kirby Woods, Mrs. A. H. Nichols of Salvisa, and Mrs. Frank Wical, of Willington, O.

Mr. Woods stated that the "quints" are most attractive and interesting. Visitors are permitted to walk thru a long building that curves in a semi-circle around the playground, which is open twice a day at half hour intervals. Visitors cannot pause. As they pass along slowly they can watch the famous little girls at play through a shatter proof window covered with fine wire netting. The window runs the full length of the building from end to end. The quints are unaware of an audience as they cannot see the visitors, nor hear them, as the building is sound-proof. They romp and play in a natural way, disagree and snatch each other's toys as the fancy moves them. Dressed exactly alike one could not tell which is which, but for the names on each child. They are little beauties, Mr. Woods said. Around 2,500 people visit them every day. They jabber in French, the language of their parents, and will not be permitted to learn English until they have mastered their own tongue, Mr. Woods was told.

NEW BUSINESS TO BE OPENED IN CITY

Dr. P. H. Conover has returned from Cincinnati where he purchased a franchise and a stock of goods from the well known Western Auto Supply Co. He will install the store in the room belonging to J. T. Ingram on Main Street near the Gem Store. The stock will consist of genuine automobile parts and accessories, radios, washing machines, bicycle and bicycle parts and many other items. This company has installed over two hundred (200) associate stores in the last year. They are proving to be so popular their plants are running day and night to supply the demand. The Harrodsburg store will be operated by Dr. Conover's son, Wilbur Conover and Dewey Nichols, who spent some days in Cincinnati familiarizing themselves with the stock.

RETURNED HOME FROM HAPPY VACATION

Rev. and Mrs. T. Hassell Bowen and Miss Jane Bowen have returned from a month's vacation. They spent part of the time in New York where Mr. Bowen did some special studying, and then went to St. Louis where they were guests of the Union Avenue Christian church and enjoyed a stay at the Manse, during which they were much entertained by members of the congregation and other friends. Mr. Bowen preached for the church two Sundays, having large congregations at all services.

Mercer Masons Asked To Danville Aug. 20

Mercer county Masons are invited to a meeting in Danville Thursday night, August 20, at 7:30 o'clock with the lodges of the district composed of Garrard, Boyle, Lincoln and Casey counties. The meeting will be with Franklin Lodge, Danville, at which time a Louisville team will confer the M. M. degree, and it is also expected that several Grand Lodge officers will be present.

The invitation to Mercer Masons is extended from Grand Master Hugh Moore, of Danville, through W. B. Morris, the Key Man for this district.

CHILD BREAKS ARM

Little Junior Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Edwards, broke his arm when he fell from a mail wagon at the Depot Wednesday afternoon. He seems to be doing nicely.

SHEEP GROWERS HAVE THRIVING PRODUCERS CLUB

150 Members Have Insured 9,000 Sheep in Association for 1936, Says President Carter.

GREAT STRIDES IN MERCER SINCE 1935 ORGANIZATION

Association Paid \$326 Losses in 1935; So Far This Year \$80 Paid With \$630 On Hand.

In an interview with V. B. Carter, president of the Mercer County Sheep Producers' Association, it was learned that the association now has 153 members who have insured in the association 9,000 sheep for the year 1936.

Mr. Carter, however, wishes to call to the attention of those sheep producers of the county the progress made by the association since its formation in 1935. He says that in 1935, there were 116 members who insured 6,463 sheep. These owners suffered losses in the sum of \$326, and on March 1, they received checks from the association as payment in full for said losses. This left a balance in the treasury of \$128.79, which was carried over to this year, and at the present time the association has on hand \$630. To date there have been only 14 claims with losses totaling \$80.

This record speaks for itself and, unless some unforeseen large losses occur, the association will again pay 100% to those who suffer losses in 1936 and yet have a sizeable reserve.

One change in the 1936 by-laws which should be of particular interest to sheep owners, who have not yet insured in the association is that after September 1, the entrance fee will be 4c per head and not 7c which is the full yearly rate. This four cents per head fee entitles those who insure in the association protection from September 1 to March 1, 1937.

All funds paid into the association go for losses as there are no expenses incurred against the association. All inspections and appraisals are made by the directors of the association without charge as are the services of the secretary and treasurer.

This association should be of particular interest in the way of protection to those farmers who wish to purchase sheep this fall, according to President Carter, and especially to those who probably owe some on the purchase price. This association in no way conflicts with the state law in regard to losses by dogs as the same loss claims are filed with the county court even though the insured producer is protected as a member of this association.

The officers of the Association are: President, V. B. Carter; vice-president, Collins Gentry; secretary, Geneva Crews, and treasurer, State Bank & Trust Co. The directors are as follows: First district, E. E. Nichols; second district, Z. B. Teater; third district, W. H. Keightley; fourth district, Robert Phillips and fifth district, John S. Buster.

LEGIONNAIRES ASKED TO ATTEND MEETING

Members of Douglas Laws Post of the American Legion have been invited to attend a Drum and Bugle corps contest at Lawrenceburg, August 19 under the sponsorship of the Lawrenceburg Legionnaires. More than 100 will participate in the contest. Legionnaire's identification cards will furnish them with free admission.

NEW DEAL GIVEN WOMEN BY W.P.A.

Mercer Workers Get Fewer Hours And Better Pay Under 1936 Project Plan.

It is gratifying that the Woman's WPA Training Work Center Project will continue under the new set-up with increased wages of \$22.40 per month, working 112 hours per month. The old set-up necessitated a worker to labor 128 hours per month, receiving \$21.00.

Mrs. Lillian Edger, County Supervisor, says that an average of 450 garments a week are released to Judge Charles T. Corn, sponsor of the project. He has the Commodity Distributor, Mr. Roscoe Howard, make distribution of the garments to the needy.

Many emergency orders have been filled for the sick the past week, and during the latter part of the month of July. A family that had their home burned, which necessitated an immediate supply of clothing, was provided at once.

An order was filled for a kindergarten, being conducted at Burgin. The loom for weaving rag rugs is in operation most of the time, utilizing all scraps from materials. Mrs. Edger, supervisor, says that the effectiveness, and practical training of the work are each day becoming more noticeable.