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MASONS ELECT NEW OFFICERS TO SERVE 1936

Lodges At Harrodsburg, Salvisa, Cornishville, Duganville Name Heads to Carry On.

BOHON LODGE DELAYS ITS ELECTION SESSION

Good Men In Each Section Of County Chosen To Lead Activities In Masonic Circles.

Four of Mercer county's five Masonic lodges have elected their new officers for 1936 and installed them in office. Wingfield Lodge at Bohon did not hold a meeting on the regular election date and has not yet secured its new officials. The other lodges have named the following men to head their groups:

Mercer Lodge, No. 777, F. and A. M.—Master, William S. Covert; senior warden, Arthur Bonta; junior warden, George W. Durr; treasurer, William B. Morris; secretary, Hunter I. VanDiver; senior deacon, Walter Crews; junior deacon, Norville White; senior steward, Leon Gibson; junior steward, Garnett Asher; Tyler, Robert Edgar.

St. John's Lodge, No. 125 at Salvisa—Master, Charles G. Morris; senior warden, Walter Kennedy; junior warden, J. B. Woods; secretary, Roy Coke; treasurer, Ed James; senior deacon, W. N. Lyon; junior deacon, John H. Etherington; Tyler, J. C. Garriot, chaplain, Edgar Mayes.

T. N. Wise Lodge, No. 349, Duganville—Master, Leonard Cornish; senior warden, H. C. Robinson; junior warden, G. G. Gritton; treasurer, H. L. Robinson; secretary, J. C. Edwards; senior deacon, Virgil Sanders; junior deacon, J. G. Royalty; steward and Tyler, Edgar Seaton.

McAfee Lodge, No. 229 at Cornishville—Master, Bernice Champion; senior warden, Randy Whitaker; junior warden, J. W. Pearson; secretary and treasurer, L. H. Bellebaum; Tyler, Lloyd West; senior deacon, J. L. Coker; junior deacon, Robert Adkinson; senior steward, Marshall Black; junior steward, Paul Shewmaker.

Dangerous Fire Kept In Bounds Jan. 1.

Fire originating from a gasoline stove in the lunch section of Lee Sanders pool room on Main street about 7:40 Wednesday morning, resulted in a total damage of \$1,200 to building and contents. The stove blazed up and exploded setting fire to the interior of the room. Walls and woodwork were damaged to the extent of \$200, according to Fire Chief K. B. Phillips. The building belongs to Mrs. D. L. Moore and the loss was covered by insurance. Sanders' loss in furniture and fixtures was \$1,000 with no insurance.

Owing to a rumor that a quantity of ammunition was stored in the large hall above the pool room occupied as headquarters by Tank Unit 36, National Guards, Fire Chief Phillips called an investigation at 9 o'clock Thursday morning. He found that there were no one-pound machine gun shells in storage, as reported, but there were approximately 3,000 rounds of 30-30 rifle cartridges which had been sent in to the guardsmen from the state armory. Fortunately the blaze was controlled by the fire company before it reached the upper floor.

Episcopal Cantata 4:30 Sunday Jan. 5

The vesper cantata, "The Child Jesus," will be given by the choir of St. Philip's Episcopal church at 4:30 Sunday afternoon, January 5. This music was to have been sung last Sunday, but owing to the blizzard was postponed. As the young people of the choir have worked hard on the music, it will be presented next Sunday and the public is cordially invited.

A short service of prayers, scripture and chants precedes the cantata which is unusually tuneful and full of melody. Dr. Franklin Davis, the rector, will be in charge of the vesper service, with Mrs. Gore Moberly, director of the music and Mrs. Maud Rumrill, organist.

Burgin Bank Gives 4 Per Cent Dividend

At a meeting of the directors Citizens Bank and Trust Company, at Burgin, Saturday, the regular semi-annual dividend of four percent was declared, payable December 21, 1935. The surplus fund was increased from \$8,000 to \$15,000. D. W. Thompson, who was recently elected cashier, was named to fill a vacancy on the board of directors.

BAPTIST WOMAN'S SOCIETY

The general meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist church will be held Tuesday at 2 o'clock. The officers for the New Year will be installed at this time.

SCULPTOR DELAYED IN APPOINTMENT HERE

A. D. H. Build, Lexington sculptor, wired Editor D. M. Hutton to announce that owing to the severe illness of his wife in Winchester, Tenn., he is detained there and will have to postpone his date for meeting his class in modeling and painting until Friday, January 10. That will also be the closing date on students entering training under him. His first group meeting was early in December when six students enrolled. Sculptor Build invites all who are interested in the art of modeling and painting to join his free class in instruction, and meet with him at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10, at Hotel Harrod. Any person interested in joining the class and receiving lessons free can get further information at The Herald office.

GIFTED ARTIST GIVES PROGRAM

Mrs. Boynton, Dramatic Interpreter Presented To Woman's Club Jan. 10 By Drama Group.

The Dramatic Department of the Woman's Club is offering that delightful dramatic interpreter, Mrs. Bessie Williams Boynton, of Oak Park, Ill., in a program at the Harrodsburg Library at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of January 10. The Dramatic Department, of which Mrs. Hugh Crozer is chairman, entertains on that date the six departments of the Woman's Club. January 10 has been selected because Mrs. Boynton that morning gives a dramatic program at Centre College, Danville, and comes to Harrodsburg from that city. She will visit Mrs. B. T. Hume, College street, during her stay in Harrodsburg.

Mrs. Boynton will present for the club a varied program including historical and dramatic sketches written by herself. Notably among them will be "Murray Hill" which deals with a Revolutionary heroine. Among the prose and poetic delineations she will include Stephen Benet's "The Mountain Whippoorwill," recited in the rhythm and tempo of a hill-billy tune.

Mrs. Boynton is one of the notable dramatic interpreters of the Middle West and her readings are much in demand. The Dramatic Department postponed its regular general meeting date, which is this afternoon, in order to secure Mrs. Boynton when she came to Centre College, according to Mrs. Crozer. She is a talented young woman who possesses a vivacious personality, and sways her listeners from laughter to sadness with a skill and charm that makes her programs outstanding in originality and interest.

P.T.A. Wards Helped By Former Residents

Two checks for \$25 each were turned over this week by W. W. Ensminger, superintendent of the Harrodsburg schools to Mrs. Bacon R. Moore, president of the P.T.A. to be used for free lunches for needy children attending school. One check was from W. H. Riker, Oak Park, Ill., who on a recent visit in Harrodsburg with Mrs. Riker, heard of the good work being done by the local organization, and desired to have a part in it. The other check was from Mrs. W. F. Dennis, of Washington, D. C., and is in accord with her custom of several years to aid the work for poor school children here. Both Mr. Riker and Mrs. Dennis are former Harrodsburg residents, who retain a fine spirit of interest and helpfulness toward the good works in their home place.

SHE GOT NAME FROM THE BIBLE

Making a tour of the South recently, Judge E. Thompson of Camdenton, Mo., told of stopping at a Negro's farm home to ask highway information. While the housewife was directing the judge, her small son interrupted her. In admonishing him, she called the boy "Pizlum Siv." The judge, puzzled, asked what the name signified, and where she got it. "Ah got it right from the Bible, mistah," she replied, and with that went into the house and brought out a well-worn copy of the Scriptures. "It's right here," she said, after turning the leaves, pointing to Psalm CIV.—Wash Street Journal.

TOURISTS GOING SOUTH IN SNOW

Several cars containing tourists from States above the Ohio River, passed along Main street Monday traveling on the highway going South through one of the deepest snows this section has had in many years. Each of the cars had a baggage trailer.

XMAS INCREASE IN MAIL

Both the incoming and outgoing Christmas mail that went through the Harrodsburg postoffice, showed a ten to fifteen per cent increase over that of 1934, according to Postmaster Willard Gabhart.

37 Fires In City During 1935 With a Total Loss of \$5,466

Fine Work Of Fire Co. Stopped Blazes That Threatened More Than \$100,000 In Property.

With 37 fires in Harrodsburg during 1935 the total loss to buildings and contents was \$5,466, according to the report of Fire Chief K. B. Phillips. In a number of instances where buildings were damaged there was no loss to the contents. With more than \$100,000 worth of property endangered, had these fires not been extinguished promptly, it is remarkable that the loss was kept so low by the city's able fire fighters, who are:

K. B. Phillips, chief; Jack Davenport, assistant chief; M. F. Farney, Harrison Devine, Granville Noel, Scott Penny Sanders, M. I. Farney, Will Sims, R. D. Woods, L. M. Reed, Tom Morrissey, Basil Brown, Alex Duggins, Al Russell, Vermer Jenkins, W. C. Davenport and E. L. Lester.

The fires through the year include: Jan. 2, C. M. Dedman & Son, Main street, electric wiring, no damage.

Jan. 4, Old First National Bank, Main street, called to inspect smoking furnace, no fire.

Jan. 8, L. E. Thurston, automobile damage \$5.

Jan. 13, Dr. G. L. Johnson, College street, coal oil heater in cellar, no damage to building or contents.

Jan. 18, John Trisler, Highland addition, roof fire, damage \$5 to building, none to contents.

Jan. 21, Port Harrod brick cottage, damage to building \$10, contents \$5.

Jan. 24, Dr. C. B. VanArsdall, Old Chambers House, in Ball tinshop, no damage to buildings or contents.

Feb. 20, Davis and Allen, store building, Campbell's pool room, no damage to building or contents. Gasoline stove fire.

Feb. 23, R. B. Isham, Lexington street, oil stove, damage to building \$20, no damage to contents.

Feb. 28, Alex Dugan, Highland addition, chicken house, damage \$45.

Feb. 28, Glave Sims Garage, W. Lexington street, total \$1,435; Homer James, owner of building, loss \$3,900; loss to car owners' stored in building, N. L. Curry, \$150; Herbert Yates, truck, \$600; Virgil Sanford,

car, \$85; Buddy Sims, \$75; James Moore, \$139; Fay Bottom, store, \$600.

March 3, Oker Lay, negro, N. Hill street, damage to building \$5, none to contents.

Mar. 4, Mrs. C. B. VanArsdall, Main street, damage to building \$75; none to contents.

Mar. 12, Mrs. J. R. Gillis, Lexington street, car, no damage.

April 20, L. H. Smalley, W. Lexington street, gasoline pump, damage \$2.

April 23, Mrs. W. M. Freeman, E. Poplar street, residence damage \$300, contents \$100.

April 29, P. N. Wilson, N. Main street, oil stove, no damage.

May 2, Sophie Erwin, West Broadway, three cottages, \$400, Buell Singleton, loss on contents, \$50; Ann Demaree, contents \$50.

Mittie Smith, damage to house and contents, \$300.

July 7, B. M. Royalty, No. Main street, trash fire, no damage.

Sept. 6, J. T. Ingram, Jr., Walnut Hills, damage building \$10 roof fire.

Sept. 7, Miss Carrie VanArsdall, College street, roof fire, damage \$5.

Sept. 13, T. P. Tumeay, coal house, damage \$5.

Sept. 21, Mrs. W. M. Preston, Highland addition, roof fire, damage to building and contents, \$300.

Oct. 8, Mrs. Maud Langford, Cane Run avenue, grass fire in garden, no damage.

Oct. 12, Car fire in Mercer Garage, damage \$15.

Oct. 26, Lloyd Lay, North Main street, car fire, no damage.

Nov. 9, Greyhound bus, Main and Lexington streets, damage \$5.

Nov. 15, Floyd Nichols, Hill street, roof fire, damage \$5.

Nov. 21, Mercer County National Bank, West Poplar street, awning fire, damage \$10.

Nov. 23, W. P. Hatchett, Woodland ave., furnace fire, damage to floor, \$5.

Nov. 23, Helen Boston, East Lexington street, damage to building, \$50, chimney fire.

Dec. 5, Marvin Riley, Main street, car, damage \$4.

Dec. 16, Walker Brothers, gasoline fire, no damage.

Dec. 16, Mrs. John Burns, East st., chimney fire \$3.

Dec. 17, Z. B. Tucker, barber shop, electric wire, \$10.

D. A. R. CHAPTER JOINS GOOD MOVE

Members Vote To Assist State D. A. R. To Secure For Kentucky Photostatic Copies of Records.

One of the important items of business that came before the meeting of the Jane McAfee Chapter, D. A. R. Wednesday afternoon, was the favorable vote of the chapter to assist the State D. A. R. in securing photostatic copies of the Kentucky historical collection of records, known as the Draper collection, owned by the University of Wisconsin, at Madison. Mrs. N. B. Smith entertained the chapter very pleasantly at Beaumont Inn.

With the Regent, Mrs. Lafon Riker, presiding, the following program was given: Historical current events, Mrs. Charles A. Hardin, with informal discussion by the members; paper read by Mrs. George Biggstaff on Heraldry. The Draper collection was brought from the Draper heirs a number of years ago by the state of Wisconsin, after Kentucky officials and legislature had turned down every offer of the heirs to purchase it and keep the records in the state. The Kentucky D. A. R. is now sponsoring a movement to secure photostatic copies to file with the Kentucky State Historical Society at Frankfort.

At the close of the session Mrs. Smith entertained her guests at an enjoyable social hour.

BAPTIST ALATHEANS ELECT OFFICERS

The Alathean class of the Baptist Sunday school, composed mostly of young married women, have elected the following officers for 1936: Teacher, Mrs. Lee Sims; president, Mrs. Haldon Durr; first vice president, Mrs. Kyle Bradshaw; second vice president, Mrs. V. W. Watts; third vice president, Mrs. John James; secretary, Mrs. A. J. Crews; treasurer, Mrs. Floyd Shirley; pianist, Mrs. Kyle Bradshaw; reported, Mrs. James Barnett, Jr.

POLICE COURT NOTES

During the recent winter weather very little activity has been noted in police court. Monday night there were two cases for trial, a third having been disposed of earlier in the day. The week's roundup of three cases included the following: Marvin Bugg, charged with being drunk, fined \$10 and costs; Raymond Bugg, same charge, same fine. James Merriman, breach of the peace, continued until January 6, 1936.

MERCER CO. FACTS SHOWN IN REPORT

County Lost 3 Per Cent in Population From 1900 to 1930, According to State Board.

A Revised Report of the Kentucky Planning Board, appointed by Gov. Ruby Laffoon, has been received at The Herald office. The 365 pages and maps contain a wealth of information about the state analyzed by counties. Some of the information gleaned about Mercer county shows that the density of population in 1930 was 40 to 60 persons per square mile, and from 1900 to 1930 there was no increase in population in Mercer, but a three per cent decrease.

There is 80 to 88 per cent tillable land in Mercer and 30 to 40 per cent in tillable crops in 1930. Only 1 to 9.9 percentage of land is left in woodland.

The maximum of families on direct relief in Mercer from Nov. 1, 1932 to May 1, 1934 was 10 to 30 per cent of the population.

The analysis shows from 6 to 8 per cent of illiteracy in persons ten years old and over. In one county the percentage runs as high as 16 to 18 per cent. Illiteracy for the entire state is placed at 6.6 per cent in persons ten years and over.

Infant mortality under one year 55 to 64 per 1,000 in 1933, a decrease of from 65 to 84 per 1,000 in 1912.

Decrease in deaths from tuberculosis almost doubled from 1912 to 1933. Occupations in the State of Kentucky are analyzed as: Farming, 87 counties; farming and commerce, 17 counties; farming and mining, 6 counties; manufacturing and commerce, 6 counties; mining, 2 counties, and mining and commerce 2 counties.

The State Planning Board that issued the report is composed of: H. St. G. T. Carmichael, chairman; Dr. J. M. Watters, state planner; J. Lyter Donaldson, Dr. Frank McVey, F. C. Dugan, W. E. Morrow, Max E. Nahm, Dr. James H. Richmond and the late Desha Breckinridge.

HIGH BRIDGE YOUTH HURT IN FALL TAKEN TO HOSPITAL

Allen Rue, 17, who was injured when he fell down a 150-foot precipice more than a week ago, was removed from his home at High Bridge to the Good Samaritan hospital this week. The youth suffered bruises when he slid down the steep incline in a mass of loose dirt. The accident occurred while the youth and his father, Louis Rue, were walking along the cliff near the river in Garrard county.

MRS. REIS GIVES MEMORIAL READING FOR HER HUSBAND

Mrs. Anita Bristow Reis, of Duluth, Minn., who had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Emily Bristow, in Danville, left that city last Friday in the deep, drifted snow to motor to New Castle, Pa., to give a reading as a memorial to her husband, the late L. C. Reis, who died recently in California, and was buried among his relatives in the cemetery at New Castle. Mrs. Reis read VanDyke's "The Other Wise Man" which she gave so beautifully in Harrodsburg a few weeks ago. It was his favorite and the memorial reading on Sunday, December 29, was in the church where his funeral was conducted. Mrs. Reis stopped over Friday night in Columbus, O., on her way to New Castle, and notified friends in Harrodsburg: "Roads to the East excellent, and no car trouble."

LOCAL OFFICE OF WPA IS CLOSED

Works Progress Administration Cuts Number Of Offices In Move To Reduce Operating Costs.

As a part of the move to consolidate the Works Progress Administration in Kentucky, the local WPA office was closed to the public Tuesday as workmen engaged themselves in moving out the office equipment and transferring the records to a permanent place.

Of the seven persons employed in the local office in the post office building, six have been definitely transferred to the district headquarters at Danville, Thomas Menough, of the local office, said today.

The Harrodsburg office is one of five sub-district offices to be abolished in this move. The others are Bardonia, Hardinsburg, Greensburg and Burkesville. The branch offices in this district which are to be retained are Danville, Columbia, Elizabethtown, and Somerset.

The Danville sub-district office which in the past has served Boyle, Lincoln, and Casey counties will also supervise WPA activities in Anderson, Washington, Marion, Mercer, and Garrard counties, it was reported.

Plans for reducing the costs of administering the WPA by \$25,000 per month were formulated at a meeting of WPA and FERA executives in Louisville Saturday. The plans of the relief administrators call for the slashing of 150 persons from the rolls of the disappearing KERA. Approximately 250 are expected to lose their jobs in the combined offices.

Fred Shaw, administrator for the 27 counties included in the Danville area, announced that the Danville office would retain its policy of administering the WPA program in those counties.

3 Well Known Persons Suffer Bad Injuries

A broken left arm just above the wrist, suffered by Forrest Cunningham, Dry Branch road, Saturday, is showing improvement. Mr. Cunningham had gone on business to the place of a neighbor, J. E. Henderson, and while at the barn his wagon slipped on the snow and pinned him against the building, breaking his arm and severely bruising him about the body.

Mrs. Joe Brown remains quite ill at the A. D. Price Memorial Hospital suffering with a broken left hip due to a fall in her room at her home on East Broadway Sunday evening. Her condition is fair.

Mr. Charles Geffinger is suffering with a broken right hip at the A. D. Price Memorial Hospital, and his condition is also reported as fair. Mr. Geffinger, prominent retired jeweler, slipped on the snow covered pavement at the corner of Main and West Poplar streets Tuesday morning, and sustained the injury when he fell.

DR. GABHART'S BROTHER LOSES HOME BY FIRE

The nice country home of C. Thomas Gabhart, on the Williamsburg road about a mile from Mackville, was totally destroyed by fire at 11 o'clock Tuesday night, December 24. Practically all household furniture was burned. The loss was estimated between \$3,500 and \$4,000 with no insurance. Mr. Gabhart is a brother of Dr. W. S. Gabhart, Lexington avenue.

MOVED TO FARM

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Roberts moved January 1 to the Bailey and Hatchell farm on the Cornishville road, from the Clayton Gulley place on the Danville road, which they have occupied for three years. Mr. Roberts' brother, Ed Roberts, and Mrs. Roberts, have taken an apartment with them.

NICE GIFT TO NAMESAKE

Goodloe Lawson, of near Cornishville, gave his nephew and namesake, Goodloe Curtis Warner, the surprise of his young life when he came to the lad's home at Christmas leading a nice pony equipped with a saddle and bridle, which he presented to the happy boy.

PHILLIPS ADMITS GUILT IN SEVERAL LOCAL ROBBERIES

Local Youth, Now In Jail For Theft Of Sandusky Car, Confesses Criminal Career.

ASKS TO BE SENT BACK TO STATE REFORM SCHOOL

Geffinger Loot Returned From Hiding Place Where Phillips Put It; May Not Press Charges.

Confession of the robbery of several Harrodsburg business houses within the past several weeks was made to Police Judge Alpha Patterson Wednesday by Andrew Phillips, 17, Harrodsburg. Phillips is now in jail on default of bond, having been held to the grand jury on a charge of stealing the automobile owned by Sandusky Bros. here recently. Phillips had pleaded guilty to the charge.

Wednesday Judge Patterson received a letter from Phillips saying that if he would send him back to the reform school at Greendale he would tell Judge Patterson several things "you want to know" and also where to find "some hidden treasures." Judge Patterson refused the request because Phillips, before the Sandusky car theft, was on parole from the Mercer circuit court for his participation in several cigarette robberies. Judge Patterson advised the youth to confess his guilt in everything and he complied.

Phillips said that he and Paul Hungate entered and robbed the Harrodsburg high school building several weeks ago when a quantity of foodstuffs was taken from the cafeteria and the office of the superintendent rifled and several dollars worth of stamps taken. The other robberies to which Phillips confessed were carried out by himself, he said. The high school burglary was the only incident in which he worked with some one else, he added.

Admitting that he entered the Peoples Motor Car Co. the night of December 4, 1935, Phillips said that he took the car after he had moved several other cars by using the starter. He traded one new tire to a wrecker service for towing him in once, he declared, and sold a new battery which he had stolen with the car. He then related how he wrecked the car near London in an effort to avoid a collision with another auto. His eye was cut slightly in this mishap, he said, and he showed a slight scar where the injury was sustained.

After this wreck Phillips said that he came back to Harrodsburg and robbed Geffinger's watch and jewelry repair shop Thursday night, December 12, 1935, taking a quantity of jewelry and spectacles, valued by Mr. Geffinger at between \$200 and \$250. Phillips said that he had concealed the loot in an ash pile here in town near the creek. Officers went to the spot immediately and found the jewelry and returned it to Mr. Geffinger. It was reported that the entire loot was intact.

Phillips denied having any connection with the robbery of Royalty's Super Market on M. M. Davies' store that same night.

He admitted having entered Cogar Grain and Coal Co. the night of Sunday, December 15, 1935, where he failed to open the vault. He then took a hatchet and used it to effect an entrance at Sandusky Bros. where he stole the car and returned to Lexington where he had been since the Geffinger robbery, he stated.

Judge Patterson, in listening to the boy's confession, told him that because he had come clean he would promise not to personally use the confession against him. It is doubtful, Judge Patterson told this paper, that the Geffinger charge will be filed against him and it is possible that the others may not be used because of the confession and because of the seriousness of the charges already filed against the youth.

Phillips was arrested in Lexington by police of that city Friday afternoon, December 20, and was returned to Harrodsburg where he pleaded guilty to the charge the following Monday night. He was brought back to Harrodsburg by Chief S. K. Daugherty and Patrolman Joe Isham.

SPLENDID PROMOTION

Thomas VanArsdall, formerly of Harrodsburg, has had a splendid promotion in his line of work. He is now resident engineer of the Penn. and B. & O. Railways construction work at Dover, Ohio. Mr. VanArsdall is the son of M. T. VanArsdall, of Louisville, who was a former citizen here.

LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET RE-OPENS YESTERDAY

The Harrodsburg tobacco market opened yesterday after the holiday vacation. All warehouses were full of offerings and the price is reported to have kept up well during the day. This paper went to press before a definite average had been figured.