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CITY PLAYGROUND BRINGS MANY TO ENJOY ITS SPORT

American Legion, Original Sponsors Of The Project, Solicit Aid Of Other Organizations.

CHILDREN, FROM 6 TO 16 INVITED TO PLAY

Grounds Will Be Open From 9 To 11 A. M. and 2 to 5 P. M. Every Day Except Sunday.

Increasing attendance each day at the recreation center at the high school, has left no doubt with the promoters of the great need for a supervised playground for the young people of this city.

Over one hundred happy children laughed, played and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as the new playground was opened Monday. J. K. Powell, who has been employed as supervisor and who is giving his entire time to the work, really had his hands full trying to keep so many youngsters busy who range in age from six to sixteen. Assisted by a staff of NYA workers he did a good job of it however.

Three games of softball all going at once, a couple games of volleyball, tennis, action games and story telling kept the little folk on the go all the time. Only a few of the huskier ones were able to last the whole day. Most of the children stayed a while until they were tired and then went home. The playground is open from 9 to 11 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Even Mr. Powell was well worn down by the gruelling pace after all that time. Several of the children were sitting around after five o'clock almost too tired to go home—tired but very happy. They had such a good time, they said.

The community playground was first sponsored by the American Legion post here but it is hoped that other organizations of the city, churches and civic organizations, will join in and make it really a community enterprise, its originators said.

A meeting was called yesterday of representatives of the churches and civic organization of Harrodsburg concerning the project. Bacon R. Moore, chairman of the Legion committee which first sponsored the playground, told the purpose for which the meeting was called and told the progress that had been made to date. E. B. Galtier, financial chairman of the Legion committee, then spoke of the cost of the project and how the Legion hoped that it would be financed. Questions were then asked for and discussion followed.

The substance of the two talks and the discussion was as follows. The Douglas Laws Post of the American Legion here, seeing the crying need for a community playground for the (Continued on page 8)

FLOWERS TAKEN TO REFORMATORY

Local W. C. T. U. Members Provide Service And Blossoms For Prisoners On Flower Mission Day.

The Flower Mission department of the W. C. T. U. provided flowers and a program for the inmates of the Reformatory at Frankfort Sunday, June 14, and local workers had a part in the program. Flowers were collected and tied into bunches by following girls: Jean Lewis, Mary Lewis, Sandidge Wilson, Hallie Terhune, Mary Louise Squiffett, Nancy Woolridge, Mary Mitchell Woolridge, Helen Mitchell, Marjorie and Mildred Eilers, Frances Board and Nellie Clark. The W. C. T. U. appreciates the work of these girls.

Mrs. Henry Adams contributed a large box of flowers. Mrs. Frank Davenport and Christiana Greenhouses each gave lovely flowers that were especially for the hospital in the Reformatory. Mrs. Walter Martin and Mrs. Leona Sims assisted the girls in arranging the flowers, which were taken to Frankfort by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matherly in time for the services at 9 o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Matherly secured for the speaker Rev. James Gibson, a student minister from Asbury College, and his message was received with wonderful response by the men and women in the Reformatory. Several young singers from the college provided the music.

Mrs. Miller came from Louisville with several boxes of flowers. She is interested in the Flower Mission work and has taken flowers to the Reformatory for several years.

WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION OF SOUTHERN R. R. HERE

About 158 members of the Women's association of office workers for the Southern Railway, Cincinnati, occupying four big buses, visited Harrodsburg Sunday. After dinner at Beaumont Inn the party visited the Pioneer Park and other points of interest in this community.

MRS. EMMA GUY CROMWELL MAY RUN FOR CONGRESS

The following by a well known political writer is of interest here, where Mrs. Cromwell is well known: "Friends of Mrs. Emma Guy Cromwell, former secretary of state and state treasurer, and also commissioner of state parks under the Laffoon administration, are urging her to make the race for the Democratic nomination for congress from the Sixth district.

"Mrs. Cromwell who was the first woman to serve as secretary of state as well as treasurer, has a large following and undoubtedly would make a strong bid for the nomination."

CASH AWARDS WON BY 9 STUDENTS

Winners of Special Dennis Prizes, Literature Prize and Other Awards Announced.

W. S. VanArsdall, Jr., who was valedictorian of the 1936 class graduated from the Harrodsburg high school, won the \$25 cash award offered by Mrs. W. F. Dennis, of Harrodsburg and Washington, for the boy attaining the highest general average of scholarship during his four years in high school. Georgia Sanders, who was class salutatorian, was awarded the \$25 in cash offered by Mrs. Dennis to the girl having the highest general average during her four years in high school. These announcements were made by W. W. Ensminger, superintendent.

Mr. Ensminger also announced that Annie Hines won the prize of \$5 offered by the Literature Department of the Woman's Club, for the student having the best record in written English during the senior year.

Mildred Gortney, sophomore, was awarded \$10 in cash for the highest general average in high school during the year. This is the second year she has won this distinction. The following five students won cash awards of \$10 each for having graduated with high honors and completed 20 credits: Lois Sullivan, Mary Clarence Chelf, Mary Elizabeth Ransdell, Nancy Lee Johnson, Margaret VanArsdall. The superintendent presented the awards.

BAD LUCK DOGS INMAN FAMILY

Father Suffers Bad Gash On Wrist; Two Children Have Appendicitis; Family Ill From Poison.

J. G. Inman thinks he has been handed an overload of bad luck. He is carrying his left arm in a sling due to a serious gash which he suffered on his wrist Wednesday. Mr. Inman, who is assistant tool supervisor and blacksmith on WPA work at the County farm, was attempting to cut a piece of steel, holding the cleaver while Virgil Cannon struck it. The steel broke at one of the blows and a piece flew up striking Inman on the wrist and inflicting a deep cut that required several surgical stitches, and caused him loss of much blood before he could reach a physician.

One of Mr. Inman's children was operated on for appendicitis about two months ago, and another child, three years old, has had several attacks of the same trouble and may have to undergo an operation. Last year he and several members of his family were stricken seriously ill by contaminated milk thought to have been due to poison weeds eaten by the cow.

COLEMAN LOSES IN APPEALS COURT

Plea To Recover Shortage Of Man He Employed When State Auditor Is Denied.

Holding that Clell Coleman, former State Auditor, was indirectly responsible for wrongful acts of his claim clerk, Ernest Marrs, of Lawrenceburg, the Court of Appeals Tuesday refused to change a judgment of the Franklin Circuit Court which ruled against Mr. Coleman in his suit to recover \$14,069.03 from the Farmers Deposit Bank of Frankfort which cashed checks forged by Marrs, who killed himself when his defalcations became known.

Marrs obtained \$14,069.03 by manipulations in State warrants while employed by Mr. Coleman. The Commonwealth recovered the full amount from Mr. Coleman and his surety, who then sued the bank on the ground that it was liable for having honored checks on which there were forged endorsements.

BAPTIST WOMEN MEET

The W. M. U. will entertain with a Forget-Me-Not Tea next Tuesday afternoon in the church parlor from 3 to 5 o'clock.



Historical Society Celebrates 162nd Anniversary of City

Carrying On Custom Inaugurated Many Years Ago By Early Citizens, History Group Observes The Date Of Harrodsburg's Founding, June 16, 1774.

The 162nd anniversary of the founding of Harrodsburg, Kentucky's oldest permanent settlement, was observed by the Harrodsburg Historical Society with a pleasantly informal session on Tuesday evening, June 16, the date on which the settlement was surveyed and laid off in 1774, according to history. The Society's president, Dr. C. B. VanArsdall, and Mrs. VanArsdall were hosts to the meeting which was held at their beautiful lodge on Herrington Lake, in Wildwood addition.

Members of the society gathered at the lodge as early in the afternoon as they wished, to enjoy the lake pleasures. Just before dusk a delightful picnic lunch was served on one of the large screened porches of the lodge. Harrodsburg's two birthday cakes were cut by Mrs. D. M. Hutton, secretary to the Historical Society. One cake was iced with chocolate and topped with a little log cabin. The other with white icing had across its top in pink "Harrodstown, 1774-1936."

Calling the members of the Society and guests to order after the feast, Dr. VanArsdall presided at a discussion of pioneer events, which included many interesting stories of early times connected with the families of the members of the organization. June 16 celebrations each year from 1923, when the plans for the Pioneer Memorial Park were inaugurated, were reviewed and a summary given of the work of the Harrodsburg Historical Society in preserving local history. When Henry Cleveland Wood was called on to make his contribution to the historical discussion, he surprised the members with the following clever poem in which he placed them back among the pioneers.

"Old Fort Harrod Notes"

You want some pints of history? Well, children, sakes alive! I'll tell you about Fort Harrod in 1775.

You see, we all was gathered there and havin' quite a time. The Indians had been drove off and everything was fine!

Jimmie I. Cecil Brown and I. C. James was swappin' knives, Jim Cooke and Charlie Hardin were making some bee hives.

Grace Hutton, yes, and Sadie V. was playin' skippin' rope. While Polly Norfleet at the spring was busy bilin' soap.

Mamie Wood was at the loom a-weavin' things to wear, And Louise Riker was a-plattin' Lilly Hunter's hair.

Lucile Brown was workin' the little spinning wheel, Minnie Moore, Lafop and Mac stepped the Virginny Reel.

Nat Curry, Con VanArsdall was a-mouldin' bullets, too, An' I was jest a-lookin' round for something I could do.

Lucy Spilman, Ida Hardin, Neva was a-cardin' wool, An' everybody at the Fort found their hands was full.

When Bennie Norfleet all at once come lopin' up the hill, A-screechin' and a-blowing and a-puffin' fit to kill.

"The Indians are a-comin'!" was all they heard him say, And soon the men and women were ready for the fray.

We grabbed our guns an daxes and shut the Fort gate tight, An' all the men folks swore they were ready for a fight.

Jim Cooke jumped on the look-out and waved a blunderbuss, And vowed that he was ready for any Indian cuss.

While several of us hid in the big chimney of the school—Bennie Norfleet bust out laughin' and called out, "April Fool!"

When the laughter and applause subsided, Mrs. Wood, the poet laureate's wife, rose to her feet and had her say:

"I have no muse at my command, my province is to keep him grand—This poet, Henry Cleveland Wood. I'd beat him rhyming if I could!

His food is choice. I bake and roast potatoes daily for my Host, But leave the chips for Curry and Cooke, enticing damsels to their book."

JUNE WEDDINGS POPULAR HERE

Mercer County Couples Make Busy Day For Marriage Licenses At County Clerk's Office.

Granting more marriage licenses in one day than he usually does in a week or more, County Clerk Garnett Dean decided that there is something to this June wedding business after all. Five of the licenses were granted for Mercer county couples last Saturday. It is also significant that these couples are not very superstitious because last Saturday was the 13th day of the month.

The five prospective married couples were: Ralph Marksbury, 21, and Nancy Sparrow, 18; John Edward Springate, 19, and Vennetta Bottom, 18; James Lyon, 18, and Catherine Hill, 16; Pringle Parr, 23, and Viola Ball, 23; Ezra Theodore Jones, 23, Eunice Geneva Martin, 21. All were residents of Mercer county except Miss Martin.

Among the other five licenses issued during the past week were those going to: Girth Anderson, 21, and Mary Rose Hurst, 20, both of Mercer county, on June 10; Orville Gritton, 23, and Louise Leonard, 22, both of Washington county, on June 10; Garnett Wilham, 21, and Fay Sanders, 19, both of Mercer county, on June 15; Leon Tappan, 40, and Frances Andrews, 31, of Ohio, on June 15.

BURGIN BOYS GO TO CLEAR CREEK CAMP

The Royal Ambassadors of the Burgin Baptist church will be well represented at the annual Boy's Camp at Clear Creek on June 18-26. Mrs. J. P. Holtzclaw is the leader of this large group of boys in the church, and it is largely due to her leadership that seven of the boys, along with the pastor, Rev. J. O. Carter, will go to this camp.

TWO YEARS IN PEN GIVEN CHEATHAM

Driver Of Car That Killed Rev. W. D. Moore Pleads Guilty But Asks Court For Parole.

In the circuit court at Lawrenceburg this week, David B. Cheatham, driver of the car which collided with a car belonging to S. V. Gordon, Lawrenceburg undertaker last August, resulting in the death of Rev. W. D. Moore, entered a plea of guilty and his punishment was fixed at two years in the penitentiary. It will be remembered that the accident occurred about two miles north of Lawrenceburg and on the day of the first primary election last year.

Cheatham immediately filed an application with Judge Marshall seeking to be probated under the terms of the new probation law passed by the 1936 Legislature. This motion was taken under advisement and had not been passed on.

The civil action brought by Forrest Moore, the administrator of Rev. W. D. Moore, against Cheatham, driver of the car, and W. R. Rippey, owner of the car, in which \$10,200 is sought for the death of the minister, was continued until the November term of the Anderson court. Reverend Moore was well known and much loved in this county having preached at different places in Mercer during a period of more than fifty years. Mr. Rippey is also well known having often come here in his duties as representative of the State Tax Commission.

FIRE CHIEF, AIDE ATTENDING STATE FIRE SCHOOL

Fire Chief K. B. Phillips and Scott Penny Sanders, a member of the fire company, are attending the four days school for state firemen being held at the University of Kentucky.

ROTARIANS PRESENT BABY CUP TO GIVENS INGRAM

Givens Ingram was presented with a silver baby cup Wednesday by the Harrodsburg Rotary Club at its luncheon at Hotel Harrod. It has been the custom in this organization to remember each Rotarian with a cup whenever a new member arrives in the family. The presentation was made by Rotarian W. W. Ensminger. President Oran Staggs presided.

B. T. Hume, president elect, will leave next week to attend the International Rotary Convention at Atlantic City. Mrs. Hume will accompany him.

MAIN ST. LOSES EAGLE LANDMARK

Ancient Bird On Roof's Edge Of Graves Jewelry Store Sold To Adorn Top Of Barn.

This city's Main street has lost an ancient and well-known figure. The huge iron eagle that perched with outspread wings atop the front roof of the business building now owned and occupied by J. J. Graves, jeweler, perches there no more. Succumbing to the lure of \$10, Mr. Graves accepted the offer made by Charles P. Cecil, II, and the mighty eagle was removed from its lofty roost a few days ago to adorn the roof of a barn. It is said.

The huge iron bird was placed on the roof of the store building about 1879 when it was rebuilt after the big fire that reduced half the block to ashes, including the old Assembly Presbyterian church on Main. The late John Litsey, father of Dr. Randall Litsey, owned the store building and had rented it to John Patterson who proposed to operate a business called "The Eagle Restaurant and Confectionary." A golden eagle was ordered as a sign above the doorway.

When the bird came it was entirely too large and heavy for the door sign, so it was elevated to the edge of the roof, where for about 56 years it has looked down on the activities of Main street, its golden sheen becoming more and more tarnished with the passing years until it resembled a huge black bird of prey high in the air.

MOORE NAMED ON COMMITTEE

Biggerstaff Endorsed For State Commander At 8th District Legion Convention.

Bacon R. Moore, of this city, was named on the credentials committee at the State convention at Paducah at the meeting Sunday in Danville of the Eighth District meeting of the American Legion. George Biggerstaff, of Louisville, formerly of Harrodsburg, was endorsed for State Commander. About 75 attended the meeting. Resolutions in full endorsing Mr. Biggerstaff are elsewhere in this paper.

Stanley Trent, Lawrenceburg, was elected Eighth District Commander to succeed H. P. Cundiff, of Danville. Others besides Mr. Moore who were named committeemen to the state convention were: Rules and business, Dr. John B. Floyd, Richmond; resolutions, J. B. Bryant, Stanford; constitution, C. H. Fair, Liberty; Americanism, F. B. Brown, Taylorsville; resolutions, H. J. Alexander, Danville; child welfare, A. C. Money, Columbia; finance, Ben Wood, Lancaster; auxiliary, B. E. Miller, Columbia; time and place, L. M. Hilliard, Danville; legislature, C. L. Sharpe, Liberty.

MERCER FARMERS PAID \$4,109.92

Final Pay on Late AAA Wheat Contracts Sent By Government; Checks For Compliance Later.

Ninety-eight checks for Mercer county farmers, totalling \$4,109.92, were received Saturday at the office of County Agent C. F. Park. These checks represent the second and final payment on the 1935 wheat contracts under the late AAA.

County Agent Park states that, although the triple A was invalidated before the 1936-39 wheat contracts were executed, he has been notified that there will be a payment to those who made application for such a contract on wheat. This payment will be 21½ cents per bushel on each farm allotment.

Compliance has recently been checked by supervisors and when the necessary forms are cleared through Washington, this payment should be received, probably arriving in Mercer county early in the fall. This payment to Mercer farmers should total around approximately \$6,674.89.

CITY TAX RATE FIXED AT \$1.35 ON EACH \$100

This Is Raise Of 20 Cts. Made Necessary To Meet Increasing Water Bond, Interest Coming Due.

SCHOOL TAX IS FIXED AT \$1.15 ON THE \$100

Ordinance Passed To Prevent Buses And Trucks From Traveling Main St., Except When Necessary.

Fixing the city tax rate at \$1.35 on each \$100 of property taxable for city purposes, and the school tax rate at \$1.15 on each \$100 subject to school tax, was the main action taken by the board of City Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday night.

This is a raise of 20 cents in the city tax rate made necessary to meet payments and interest on the water plant bonds. When the municipal water plant was improved and additional sewers and water lines laid in 1920, bonds were issued amounting to \$97,000.00. In order to pay the interest and retire the bonds as they became due, the sum of 35 cents out of the city's tax rate was set aside for a sinking fund. Later this rate was reduced to 25 cents.

Each year an increasing number of bonds mature and become due for payment. For two years the 25 cents has been inadequate for this increase, and the city borrowed money to meet the obligations. There is now a debt pending of \$3,640 on the borrowed fund.

Bonds and interest becoming due in 1937 amount to \$7,760.00 which must be paid in addition to the \$3,640.00 debt. The increase of 20 cents in the city's tax rate is to enable these obligations to be paid.

Even with the raise, the city's taxpayers will have ten cents less to pay in taxes than usual. The 30 cents state property tax has been done away with and as the city raise is only 20 cents, it leaves the tax payers a dime to the good.

The commissioners also passed an ordinance forbidding trucks or buses to cross or travel on the business section of Main street except when necessary to cross or to make deliveries. Fines for disregarding the law were placed at not less than one dollar nor more than ten dollars, each use of the street in violation of the ordinance is deemed a separate offense.

Building permits were granted as follows: Ben Huffman to move a two-room cottage from an alley on West Lane, to Cornishville street where he will add an extra room; D. W. Thompson for a five-room house on Sumrall addition; B. M. Royalty, garage adjoining his store on North Main street; Standard Oil Company to make a change in the driveway at the station on Lexington avenue in order to give more convenience to patrons.

HERALD OFFICE WINS TWO PRIZES

Press Association Enjoys Picnic At Pioneer Park Given By Mercer Chamber Commerce.

About 150 newspapermen, members of the Kentucky Press Association, their wives, and guests were entertained at a picnic lunch last Friday at the Pioneer Memorial State Park. The Mercer Chamber of Commerce was host to the editors of the state who visited Harrodsburg during their annual convention held this year in Danville.

Some of the editors from distant points in the state had never been to the park and the historic shrine to the pioneers was of deep interest to them.

After the business session in that city Friday morning, a motorcade formed for a pilgrimage to the oldest city in Kentucky and State Patrolmen John Harblson and John Isom were appointed as official escorts on the drive to this place.

After lunch and sightseeing thru the Park and Mansion, the newspapermen were taken to Dix Dam for an inspection of that remarkable piece of engineering work.

Following the inspection at the Dam and view of Herrington Lake the motorcade returned to Danville where a banquet was served Friday night. A luncheon on Saturday and golf match at the Danville Country Club provided the entertainment Saturday.

The Herald office carried off two of the five prizes offered at the press convention for job printing. One prize was for the best ruled job—a chart for the A. D. Price Memorial Hospital won the honor. The other prize was awarded to a souvenir booklet of Harrodsburg issued by Editor Hutton. The Herald did not enter the newspaper contest, due to having already won prizes in this class at previous conventions.

Mrs. Ray Daugherty is recovering nicely from an operation she underwent at the Danville and Boyle County Hospital.