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MERCER FARMERS TO CONDUCT SOIL SAVING SESSIONS

County Agent C. F. Park To Explain Angles Of Federal Soil Conservation Program.

FIRST MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 11 AT COURT HOUSE

Meetings Held Through Next Week, 7 P. M. At High School Centers Of 4 County Districts.

County Agent C. F. Park states that the 1936 Soil Conservation Program, recently announced by the Secretary of Agriculture, has as its major purpose the preservation and improvement of the land resources of the United States. He will explain the provisions of the plan at a series of meetings throughout Mercer county.

Every farmer is being given an opportunity to cooperate with his neighbors in a nation-wide effort to conserve and improve soil fertility, and to help maintain the economic gains of the past three years.

Briefly, the Program provides payment to farmers who in 1936 plant soil-building crops on crop land; carry out approved soil-building practices on crop land or pastures; or devote a part of the acreage generally used for soil depleting crops to soil conserving crops or practices.

Meetings have been arranged for the purpose of explaining the program at the following places: Fifth district (and all others who will be unable to attend meetings in their own districts), on Saturday, April 11, at the court house at 1:30 p.m.; First District at the Rose Hill High School on Monday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m.; Second District at the Corns Valley High School on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m.; Third District at the Salvisa High School on Wednesday, April 15 at 7 p.m.; Fourth District at the McAfee High School on Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Farmers who are not able to attend any of these meetings, may obtain further information about the program from the County Agent's office or from any of the farmers who are serving as committeemen.

LOCAL PEOPLE TO BE ON CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Several Harrodsburg people will be on the program of Danville District Conference session to be held at Ferguson, in Logan county, on April 21 and 22. Rev. G. R. Tomlin, pastor of the Harrodsburg church, Mrs. I. D. Humble speaks on the Woman's Missionary program; Rev. O. N. Kays, is a speaker, and W. N. Brown is on the Layman's program and also on the committee to report the election of district trustees.

CCC ENROLLMENT AT AN EARLY DATE

There will be another CCC enrollment at an early date, to be determined later. The regulations are practically the same. Any man between the ages of 18 and 28 years may call at the old relief office for details on Monday, Wednesday or Friday afternoons between 1:30 and 4 o'clock.

State Examiner Is Inspecting Records

Checking Over All Departments Of Mercer's Business, Especially Co. Budget System.

W. W. Becker, Jr., Assistant State Inspector and Examiner, who has been in Harrodsburg several days going over the records of the various departments of the county, was called to Frankfort yesterday to attend a meeting, but will return today to complete his inspection. As he will go over the records of every department of county business, he will be here some days.

Mr. Becker stated that there are only five examiners for Kentucky's 120 counties and each one has a big territory to cover each year. This year they are especially interested in checking up on the new county budget system which became operative last year after becoming a law, and which is designed to keep counties within their income.

DR. COLEMAN ON BOARD OF CLUB GOVERNORS

Dr. D. Hunter Coleman of this city, was elected on the board of Governors of the Danville country club at a business meeting of the members a few days ago. Harry L. Bridges was re-elected president; Banks Hudson, Jr., vice president; Jesse W. Knox, secretary. The governors with Dr. Coleman are G. A. McRoberts, R. B. Nichols, and Joe Stagg, all of Danville.

CIRCUIT COURT OPENS MAY 4

The May term of the Mercer circuit court will open on Monday, the 4th, according to Circuit Clerk P. E. Smalley. While several suits of a minor nature have been filed, it looks now as if the docket will be an unusually light one, he stated.

CONSIDERATE MEAT THIEF LEAVES ENOUGH FOR FAMILY

J. G. Isham, who lives on the Burin road, says he is very grateful to a meat thief that visited his home on Sunday night. He was left enough meat to feed his family for some time. As they were all at church, the intruder could just as well as not have carried off a lot more meat, but took three sides, two shoulders and one ham. Mr. Isham says he imagines it was a one man job and he stole what he could carry away. The lock was broken on the meat-house door in order to gain an entrance.

There's one thing he is sore about. He has received no word that the meat was good. So he is on the watch for the intruder and if he comes again he will have to sign an affidavit at the point of a pistol that the meat was first class, or he don't get any more.

BOHON STORES CO. GRANTED CHARTER

Leases Headquarters Building In Cynthiana; To Begin Business Last Of This Month.

The Bohon Stores Company, capitalized at \$25,000, was granted a charter Monday by Charles D. Arnett, Secretary of State. The incorporators are listed as William H. Graves, Cynthiana; Earl G. Hinds, Winchester; L. B. Thomas, Mayfield; Mrs. Lillian K. Bohon and Davis T. Bohon, Harrodsburg. The limited indebtedness is \$50,000.

Cynthiana will be headquarters for the new company which will operate about seven stores in various Kentucky towns. The company has leased the business house in Cynthiana formerly occupied by the F. S. Marshall Company, the lease being obtained from the J. J. Newberry Company which recently bought out the Marshalls. The building is owned by Mrs. W. M. Turney.

William Graves, who managed the former D. T. Bohon Company store at Cynthiana, who is a stockholder in the new company, will have charge of the business in Cynthiana, which will be headquarters for the group of stores that will be operated by the Bohon Stores Company. The new firm expects to be ready for business the last of this month. Davis T. Bohon, Harrodsburg, is president of the Company.

Couple Hurt On Way To See Son, Salvisa

Lewis Morris, 56 years old, a merchant at Sulphur, Henry county, Ky., suffered a fractured left shoulder and severe head injuries, and his wife, Mrs. Mary K. Morris, a fractured backbone and head injuries, while on their way to Salvisa, in the northern part of this county, to visit their son, George Morris. The accident occurred near Graefenberg Sunday afternoon about 3 o'clock when their car skidded on a wet road and overturned. It fell against a wire fence in such a manner that the doors were held closed and Mr. Morris had to break a window with his foot in order to escape and aid his wife out of the wreck. The couple were taken to Shelbyville where they are under treatment at the King's Daughters Hospital.

SALVISA MISSION CIRCLE MEETS AT WOODS HOME

The missionary society of the Methodist church at Salvisa met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Anna Lou Woods, J. B. and C. M. Woods, on the Bondville road. Those who enjoyed the meeting were Mrs. Margaret Maddox, of Eminence, a guest; Mrs. R. E. Frost, Miss Jennie Lee Adams, Mrs. M. L. Demaree, Mrs. Bush Tribble, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brown, Mrs. Gilbert Robinson, Mrs. A. H. Nichols, Rev. Fielding T. Howard, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Jack Jones, Frances Jones, Mrs. William A. Barnett, Frances Barnett, Mrs. Lee Fallis, Mrs. W. C. Shewmaker, Mrs. Raymond Overstreet, Mrs. Salie Adams, Mrs. Ben G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. W. H. Moor.

LIONS CLUB MAKES NICE DONATION TO RED CROSS

A donation of \$5 was received from the Harrodsburg Lions Club by the Mercer Chapter of the Red Cross to aid flood sufferers. This brings the total amount contributed by this community to \$241. It is announced by Mrs. J. Tom Price, treasurer. The Red Cross deeply appreciates the support of the good people here in this pressing and much needed help, especially now that the new suffering has been occasioned by the disaster in Gainesville, Ga., and surrounding territory.

COL. ISENBERG MAKES A FINE SUGGESTION

Col. James L. Isenberg, of Harrodsburg, speaking before the Kiwanis Club a few days ago in Louisville, not only told of the Shakerstown Country Club Industries plan, but advocated the building of a memorial road from Harrodsburg to Louisville, and thence on to Vincennes, Ind., as a tribute to George Rogers Clark.—Danville Advocate.

Heaviest Rain In Years Visits This Community Sunday Night

Property Loss Mounts In Aggregate In City And County; Individual Losses Small.

CITY CREEK 2 FEET 6 INCHES OVER FORMER OFFICIAL MARK

Considerable damage was caused in Harrodsburg and Mercer county Sunday night when a cloudburst struck this section after a day of intermittent rains and two hail storms. The heavy downpour began about 7 in the evening and in a few hours rivers and creeks were overflowing their bounds, and low places in the city and county were turned into lakes. Roads leading into Harrodsburg were almost impassable for hours Sunday night owing to high water in a number of places, and many cars were stalled when drivers attempted to ford the water. Fortunately, the heaviest downpour was not of long duration, and flood water went down in a few hours.

The town creek was higher than ever was known by the present generation. The water spread for more than a square mile on both sides, and also the canal overflowed and inundated some of the best residence sections and several business houses. The present flood was two feet six inches higher than that of about ten years ago, which was considered a record breaker, according to Patrolman Jim Shirley, who made the estimate from official marks made at that time. Many homes in the Negro section had to be deserted. The bus station was included in the buildings suffering an influx of mud and water, as

were Priest's Grocery and B. M. Royalty's store.

Night Patrolmen E. L. Lester and Jim Shirley went to the Negro district when the waters began to rise and warned the residents to move out before it was too late. The officers found it necessary to carry out one aged Negro man who, being slightly crippled, was unable to wade the waters about his house. A second rescue made by the officers was that of two white youths from their car on Lexington street in a low place where they had stopped when the water got into their motor. The water was almost up to the cushions when the officers rescued the occupants.

Water got into the basement of the home of Dr. R. E. Youmans and flooded out his furnace. Dr. Youmans was at that time in a serious condition due to pneumonia, and could not be moved, so other means of heating the house had to be found. Basements in many sections of the city were flooded and furnaces put out of operation.

County Engineer J. W. Fraser reported much damage to roads and bridges throughout the county, which he has as yet been unable to estimate. No heavy damage was reported from any one section, but it will mount in the aggregate. In the Dixville section several sheep were drowned in the flock of James Cox. Shannon Peavler had two heifers killed by lightning. Out in the county a number of families living in low sections had the first floors inundated and had to take refuge upstairs.

The cloudburst caused the water to rise so quickly everywhere that it is remarkable that more serious damage did not result.

WOMAN'S CLUB RETAINS BOARD

All Officers Re-Elected At Annual Business Meeting With Mrs. Lee Sims, President.

At the annual business meeting of the Woman's Club Friday afternoon, the entire board of officers was re-elected as follows: President, Mrs. Lee Sims; first vice president, Mrs. C. E. Rankin; second vice president, Mrs. S. E. Cooke; recording secretary, Mrs. William Reed; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Wallace C. Rue; auditor, Mrs. B. T. Hume; parliamentarian, Mrs. D. M. Hutton.

Mrs. Price Johnson, of the Lexington road, was unanimously elected a member of the club.

Mrs. Sims, the president, appointed the various committees in charge of arrangements for the meeting in Harrodsburg in May of the Kentucky State Federation of Women's Clubs.

BUYS PERRYVILLE LOT

Miss Blanche Griffing has sold to Fred Devine a lot in Perryville on the Mitchellburg road for around \$600. It is reported that Mr. Devine will soon build a residence on the property.

Leaders To Plan 4-H Club Spring Rally

The leaders of the 4-H Club clothing and food projects of the Burgin, Corns Valley, Fairview, and Salvisa schools are invited to meet with Mrs. Hazel B. Kennedy, President of the County Council, at the County Agent's office on Saturday, April 11, at 1:30 p.m. to make plans for the 4-H Club Spring Rally to be held in this county sometime the latter part of May.

It is very important that all leaders be present at this meeting.

13 NEW ITEMS INCLUDED IN COMPLETE STATE TAX PLAN

The complete administration tax program, to raise upward of \$12,000,000 new revenue to balance the budget, was outlined before a conference of Democratic members of the house late Monday by Governor Chandler.

The program, as reported by a number of conferees, includes personal and corporate income taxes, cigarette and tobacco taxes, soft drink taxes, amusement taxes, a new drivers' license tax of \$1 a year, and utility service taxes.

The program embraced 13 new taxes, including three already proposed.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE FOR THOSE HELD IN JAIL

Services held at the jail for the prisoners under the auspices of the Harrodsburg Woman's Christian Temperance Union were conducted Sunday afternoon by the Rev. U. G. Kays, assisted by his daughter, Miss Margery Kays, and Mrs. Smith Howard. These services are open to the public and those interested are invited to attend by the flower mission officers and may join those in charge at 2:30 Sunday afternoon at the residence of Jailer Goebel Deane and Mrs. Deane.

PREDICTED 500 KILLED IN STORM

Tornado Sweeps South, Floods, Fires Follow Wake Of Most Devastating Storm In Years.

Known death tolls from tornadoes climbed to 438 Tuesday when more victims in the wake of the worst and most devastating storm in years Monday were located in the midst of shattered buildings and debris in several Southern states.

Mississippi's quaint little village of Tupelo announced a total of 206 deaths, surpassing the toll of Gainesville, Ga., where 178 were reported dead.

The remainder of the deaths occurred throughout Alabama, Tennessee, Arkansas, and South Carolina.

Red Cross officials predicted that at least 500 were killed by the violent tornado. The toll is expected to rise and justify this contention when more if the debris is cleared away.

Hundreds of unfortunate victims are suffering injuries as a result of the twister. Those most critically hurt are being cared for in hospitals and make-shift establishments throughout the stricken area. Property damage is expected to exceed \$20,000,000.

Bunton Resigns From Co. Education Board

John T. Bunton resigned as a member of the Mercer County Board of Education at the meeting of the board Tuesday afternoon, and William Barnett was elected to fill his place. Mr. Bunton's resignation became effective at once as he has accepted the contract to carry the rural mail on the route out of Bondville. He succeeds Mr. Barnett on the job. Mr. Bunton had served on the county board of education for about two and a half years, and had a year and a half more to serve before his term expired. Mr. Barnett is a well known business man and farmer.

DR. J. A. VANARSDALL HAS OLD KENTUCKY HISTORY

The Jessamine Journal has the following regarding a former Mercer county citizen, who has made his home in Nicholasville for some years:

Dr. J. A. VanArsdall is the owner of a history of Kentucky printed in 1885. The book belonged to his father who was a native of Mercer county.

A supplement to the history is a sketch of Mercer county where the VanArsdall family settled in Kentucky and a considerable write-up is given of this family and other early settlers.

Dr. VanArsdall's father was mentioned as one of the leading farmers and business men in Mercer county at that time.

MR. AND MRS. WILL SHIRLEY ARE NOT IN STORM AREA

When the names of Mr. and Mrs. Will Shirley appeared in the list of those killed in the Mississippi storm this week, much apprehension was felt by Patrolman Jim Shirley that it might be his brother and his wife. He was working for a Southern contractor. Later news was received that his brother was on a contract at Crown Point, Ind., and both he and his wife are safe and well.

K. E. A. APRIL 15-18 AT LOUISVILLE

The Sixty-fifth annual convention of the K. E. A. will meet in Louisville April 15-18. Seven thousand teachers are expected.

On Wednesday, April 15th, 10 a.m. at the First Christian Church, Fourth and Breckinridge, Jefferson County Festival Chorus will have a rehearsal open to all K. E. A. visitors. This chorus of 500 elementary school children, from 40 rural schools, are preparing a program to be sung at the State Parent-Teacher Association on April 22nd. They are singing the cantata "Alice in Wonderland" by Edgar Stillman Kelley and several other unison, two and three-part choruses. During the rehearsal rural music problems, child voice, diction, etc. will be discussed. The chorus will be directed by Helen McBride and Margaret Leist with Frances Miller at the piano.

J. T. COOKE TALKS TO FILSON CLUB

Local Historian, Guest Speaker, Tells Louisville Group About Harrodsburg's History.

James T. Cooke, who has spent much time delving into Harrodsburg history and who enjoys searching out facts for himself from old court records, was the guest speaker Tuesday night at a meeting of the Filson Club in Louisville. His topic was "Rambling Through Harrodsburg's History and Tradition." His talk seemed to interest very much the lovers of history present. The Filson Club room, which seats about 150, was filled, the audience giving him close attention. One of the members in the audience rose at the close of his talk and added his appreciation to the formal thanks extended by the officers, by remarking: "They say history is dull, but it is not dull when told by Mr. Cooke."

Mr. N. L. Curry accompanied Mr. Cooke to Louisville and they were guests of honor at a dinner given by the Filson Club's president, Mr. R. C. Ballard Thuston, at his apartment at the Weisenger-Gaubert. Covers were laid for eight. Col. James L. Isenberg was also present at the meeting and after the program Mr. Cooke and Mr. Curry accompanied him to his home where they were guests of his mother, Mrs. Isenberg.

Mr. Cooke, Mr. Curry and Col. Isenberg are members of the Harrodsburg Historical Society.

Many Guests At WPA Open House

More than a hundred interested persons visited the Women's WPA training centers in Harrodsburg on the occasion of "Open House" on April 2, and the centers at Burgin and Bohon were equally as popular, with visitors dropping in all during the day, in spite of disagreeable weather. The Harrodsburg center displayed Wilma Patricia Ann, the WPA baby which attracted much attention. This was a large doll which showed the layette, bassinet, spreads and an entire baby outfit, even to the shoes and stockings that had been made at the training center.

Numerous men's and women's garments and clothes for children of all ages, were on display. These garments, when completed are turned over to County Judge Charles T. Corn, who keeps them under lock until they are distributed by the relief organization who investigates the needs of families applying for aid.

ATTEND KY. BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION

The following from the Baptist church attended the meeting in Winchester, Tuesday and Wednesday of the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky. Mrs. Charles Ison, vice president of the South Central District, gave the devotional Wednesday morning. Others attending as delegates and visitors: Mrs. Cecil Brown, Mrs. W. B. Morris, Mrs. J. T. Asher, Mrs. Grace Fishback, Mrs. Alpha Patterson, Mrs. Will Sims, Mrs. Ernest Prewitt, Mrs. J. H. Ritchie, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. McKee Reed, Mrs. Lois McClellan, Mrs. Charles Curd, Mrs. Alvin Veatch, Mrs. G. T. Keightley, Mrs. A. J. Crews, Mrs. Otho Keightley and Mrs. Harrison Moore.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. Charles Cecil, vice president of the Woman's Council of the Christian church, presided at the meeting of the organization Tuesday afternoon, in the absence of the president, Mrs. Minnie Ball Biggerstaff. Mrs. John VanDiver gave the devotional; Mrs. Errol Draffen, a solo; Mrs. H. C. Wood read a paper on Kawawa, the great Japanese Christian, and Mrs. Leona Sims made the closing prayer. The session closed with the usual social hour.

LAST FRIDAY HIT A RECORD IN KENTUCKY

The mercury dropped to 24 degrees last Friday, a record unequalled for April 3 since 1879. The all-time low April 3 was in 1875 when the mercury hit 17 degrees.

TAX PROGRAM TO UP STATE FUNDS IS BEFORE HOUSE

Governor's Revenue Program Calls For Variety Of Sales Taxes To Raise Needed Funds.

"SPECIALIZED SALES TAX" ON SO-CALLED "LUXURIES"

Whiskey, Incomes, Automobiles, Tobacco, Amusements, Inheritance, Race Track, Among Targets.

The Kentucky General Assembly received this week and is considering the tax program proposed by Gov. Albert Chandler with which he hopes to raise sufficient revenue to operate the State's business for the coming biennium. The tax program, which embraces the following proposals, calls for a "specialized sales tax" on "luxuries."

Including the whiskey consumption tax, already approved by the legislature, the proffered program would raise a total of \$13,275,000 in new revenue for State use.

A State tax on personal and corporate incomes, estimated to raise between \$1,300,000 and \$1,400,000 a year was introduced in the House on Wednesday.

Fourth of the measures in Gov. A. B. Chandler's tax program, the tax plan would apply on incomes of \$1,000 and above for single persons and \$2,000 and above for married persons living together with a \$800 exemption for each dependent. The bill provided for a flat rate of 4 per cent on corporate net incomes.

Other revenue raising measures proposed to raise money are:

Tobacco tax—2c a pack on 10c packs of cigarettes; 3c on all 15c packs; and 15c on manufactured tobacco. Yield, \$1,500,000.

Soft Drinks—1c per bottle and 76c gallon syrup containers. Estimated to yield, \$1,400,000.

Auto Sales tax—3% on all automobiles bought in and out of Kentucky. Estimated to bring in, \$900,000.

Utilities tax—3% sales tax on utilities is estimated to yield tax funds amounting to \$900,000.

Amusement tax—A levy of 10% on amusements is estimated to yield the state government, \$750,000.

Drivers' License Increase—From 50c to \$1.00. This will bring the income from this levy up to \$400,000.

Race Track license—license tax, total yield, \$135,000.

Natural gas severance gas tax—one per cent on all produced, estimated yield \$250,000.

Income tax—corporate at the rate of four per cent net, personal at same rates as federal income tax provisions.

Lubricating oil tax—a levy of two cents a quart, estimated to yield \$400,000.

PERRYVILLE GIRL JOINS STROLLERS

Mary Elizabeth Norvell, daughter of J. W. Norvell, Perryville, was awarded a certificate of membership into Strollers, student dramatic organization at the University of Kentucky, at a banquet and dance held Friday evening at the Patio. Miss Norvell is a freshman in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Harrodsburg, Salvisa Entries "Excellent"

High Rating Given In Contest At Ky. Music Festival In Danville Saturday.

Miss Mary Clarence Chelf won second with the rating of excellent, on her mezzo soprano solo, "The Lotus Flower," at the Kentucky Music Festival of the Eighth District Interscholastic League held in Danville Saturday. This honor came after her song had to be transposed in key to conform with the rules, and she had only a brief time to rehearse. Miss Mary Louise Durham accompanied her at the piano.

Four out of five entries in the contest from the Salvisa school were awarded a rating of excellent, the only rating above this being superior. These were Edmund B. Miller, Jr., bass solo; Ambrose Robinson, baritone solo; Misses Mary Elizabeth Sharpe, mezzo soprano solo; Herta-line Brown, Beatrice Brown and Mary E. Sharpe in girls' trio.

Another Salvisa pupil, Miss Edna Mae Record, member of the senior class, was awarded third in dramatic monologue, in the forensic contest of the eighth District Interscholastic League which met at Springfield March 28.

WHEATON COLLEGE GLEE CLUB DANVILLE, APRIL 11

The Women's Glee Club of Wheaton College, at Wheaton, Ill., will give a program at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 11, at the Lexington avenue Baptist church, Danville, to which Harrodsburg people are invited. There is no admission, but a free will offering will be taken. There are 32 trained voices in the club which is on its sixth annual concert tour under the direction of Mignon Bollman Mackenzie.