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ACCIDENT FATAL TO A. J. RITTENBURY AT CHAPMAN, KY.

THROWN FROM LOCK WALL INTO THE RIVER BY BREAK OF MACHINE.

A very lamentable accident occurred Wednesday morning at Chapman, eight miles south of Louisa, resulting in the death of Jasper Rittenbury. The gates of the government lock in Big Sandy river were being manipulated, preparatory to raising the dam. Mr. Rittenbury was assisting the lock tenders in this work. The men were applying considerable power to the cable when the hook on the capstan or crane broke. The cable struck Mr. Rittenbury across the breast, throwing him into the river. His head struck the lock wall and the blow either caused death or so stunned him that he drowned. The body was recovered at once.

He was 37 years old and leaves a wife and eight children. He was an honest, industrious man, respected by all who knew him. His wife is a daughter of Harvey Hardin, Sr.

Oil Work Goes Steadily Forward Here

The Ohio Fuel has drilled in a well on the Moffatt farm in the Busseyville field. It is estimated to be good for four barrels settled production. A well on the J. N. Roberts farm is being drilled in 10-day. An important extension of the field is shown by a well on the Laura Adams farm on Twin Branch, a part of the old Chaffin farm. It is figured to be an average well. The Omar company owns it. The Cumberland Petroleum company has drilled in a well near Adams postoffice that makes a very light showing. Drilling is going along as usual in the upper Blaine field and also around Louisa.

In Johnson County.
The well being drilled on the L. G. Rice farm about two miles west of Paintsville, is now in the Berea sand and an excellent showing is reported at this depth. It is down 300 feet. It is said from all indications that this well will be one of the very best in the county. Cumberland Pipe Line expects to begin running oil this week from the L. C. Bailey lease where several hundred barrels are in storage. Well No. 1 on this lease was tubed and packer set below the casing on last Thursday and has been flowing continuously since that date at the rate of 60 barrels per day.

NEW N. & W. TRAIN SCHEDULE SUNDAY

New Norfolk & Western schedule, effective May 30, passenger trains at Fort Gay:

Eastbound.
No. 4, 2:16 a. m.
No. 8, 8:23 a. m., stops at all stations.
No. 16, 1:18 p. m., stops Fritchard, Fort Gay, Kermit.

Westbound.
No. 3, 1:12 a. m.
No. 15, 12:50 a. m., stops at Kermit and Fort Gay.
No. 25, 6:15 p. m., stops at all stations.

This schedule is an improvement except for the people at stations between Kermit and Fort Gay. They complain because they can now come to Fort Gay and Louisa and return the same day. Glenhays citizens are asking that 15 and 16 stop there.

RESULT OF COMMON SCHOOL DIPLOMA EXAMINATION

Those who made common school diplomas in examination held May 14 and 15 were:

Burgess Carter, Geneva Greel, Dorothy Spencer, Edith Creel, Mary Emily Carey, Lois Stringfellow, George Murray, Beulah Collinsworth, Iona Adams, Neva Blankenship, Golda Irene Rice, Martha Yates, L. M. Kinastler, Inogene Sen, Edith Norton, Etta Scott, Dorothy Vinson, Geneva Wilson, Hattie Thompson, Maxie Thompson, Letta Pickrell, Edith Alley, Garnet Bartram, Mabel Crumley, Garland Carter, Cora Sturgell, Christine Bussey, Ella Johns, Caroline Burns.

The examiners were Herbert Hewlett and Miss Nancy Garrod.

In the teachers examination on May 21st and 22nd, there were thirty applicants. These manuscripts will be graded at Frankfort under the new law. The result will not be known for a few weeks. County Supt. Ekers, Miss Nancy Garrod and W. S. Boggs composed the board of examiners.

FT. GAY SCHOOL CLOSSES.

The term of the Fort Gay Junior High School in charge of Miss Lucy Peters closed last week. Ten diplomas were awarded. The Junior High play was given on Saturday night.

In the Court of Appeals the case of Layne vs. Norman, Pike, was affirmed. Proce vs. Same, Martin; reversed. Morgan County vs. McCarty, Morgan; affirmed.

H. R. ALEXANDER WILL MOVE TO HUNTINGTON

Louisa friends will regret to learn that H. R. Alexander and family will move to Huntington in about two months. They have bought a residence there and as soon as it is vacated they will move. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander and daughter, Miss Helen, are worthy and popular people and their removal from Louisa is counted a loss to the community. We commend them to the people of Huntington.

TWO OLD CITIZENS OF WAYNE COUNTY DIE

Wm. McCoy and Henry Ratcliff, two old citizens living near Fort Gay, W. Va., have died within the last week. The former was father of Wayne McCoy, of Louisa, and father-in-law of John New, who died two weeks ago.

ICE PLANT NEARLY READY FOR OPERATION

The Lohco company's ice plant is almost completed. The machinery is all here and the installation is going forward rapidly. Two fine new engines, to insure constant power, are in the plant.

OLD FRIENDS MEET.

Mr. Wm. Henry Handley, age 84, of Jackson, Ohio, was visiting his cousin, Mr. John Billups in Fort Gay, W. Va. He came over to Louisa to see Mr. J. W. Yates, who was a boyhood friend of his. They had not met for 35 years and the meeting before that was 61 years ago.

SIXTEEN MILES OF MIDLAND TRAIL

CONTRACT LET FOR FIRST LINK IN CARTER COUNTY OF 120 MILE PROJECT

Frankfort, Ky.—Contract for the sixteen miles of the 120-mile Midland Trail between Olive Hill and Grayson, Carter county, was let to F. M. Gearhart, Olive Hill, by the State Road Department for \$169,913.97. His bid, which includes grading and drainage, with 2,000 cubic feet of concrete, figured \$78,000 under the department's estimate, made several months ago, and it was more than \$100,000 under the lowest competitor, Hinkelroad Brothers, London, who bid \$262,902.30. Other bids were J. H. Cahill, Louisville, \$287,067.77, and J. C. Williams, Winchester, \$312,212.73. This contract leaves only \$190,000 Federal aid money yet to be secured before July 1, and the eleven miles of asphalt on the Eighteenth street road, Jefferson county, and seven miles of macadam in Jessamine, to be let May 28, will put the State well beyond its allotment.

Some of the work cannot be completed until next year, and the amount will be credited to the Federal aid for the fiscal year 1920-21.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Charley Grubb, 21, to Pearl Young, 18, of Ellen and Blaine.
Alex L. Frazier, 26, to Ollie Young, 27, of Louisa.
Clarence Skeena, 25, to Inez Woods, 20, of Zella.
Luther Gallion, 21, to Della Murphy, 15, of Tuscola.
Con Carter, 20, to Dixie Damron, 19, of Yatesville and Madge.

PRE-NUPTIAL PARTIES.

Miss Anna Laura Womack, of Greenup, whose engagement to Mr. Buford Myers, son of Capt. C. W. Myers, of this city, has been announced to take place June third, is being honored by a number of lovely pre-nuptial parties given for her by Greenup friends. It is understood the marriage will be quietly solemnized at the home of the parents of the bride-elect, Mr. and Mrs. John Womack, Ashland Independent.

ALMOST REACHED 100 YEARS OF AGE

Lucinda Lyon Ward, widow of William Ward, died at the home of her son, John Ward, at River, Ky., on May 22nd, aged 98 years, six months, eleven days. She was the mother of eleven children, seven of whom remain to mourn their loss.

She was probably the oldest woman in this section, and she leaves a host of descendants, among them a number of great-great grandchildren. She was laid to rest in the old family graveyard Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Ward was a woman of strong intellect and fine character. Her sons are leading men in the communities where they live.

FUNERAL OF MRS. J. W. MORROW AT BUCHANAN

The funeral of Mrs. J. W. Morrow, better known to many as Mrs. O. H. Powers, will be preached at Buchanan Chapel on next Sunday, May 30, at 10:30 a. m., by Rev. J. H. Dawson. All friends and relatives, as well as the public, are invited to be present.

ICE CREAM FESTIVAL.

There will be an ice cream festival at Catalpa Saturday night, May 29th. Everybody invited to come.

ADVISORY BOARD FOR BOND ISSUE WAS SWORN IN

On last Monday five members of the Advisory Commission named in connection with the road bond issue appeared in county court in response to notices. Judge Riffe had them sworn in and each gave bond.

They are: V. B. Shortridge, J. H. McClure, M. M. Burgess, G. R. Vinson and M. F. Conley. Four of the men originally named were not present.

The fiscal court was present also. There was considerable discussion of the road situation, chiefly as to whether or not action should be started in the courts to try to secure a part of the state aid provided for by the old law. Mr. Fossey, state engineer in charge of Mayo Trail, was present and advised against such action on the ground that the county will be better off to accept the free road now contemplated under the new law and use our own money on other roads. No decision for action was reached.

It was agreed that after the location of Mayo Trail is announced by the State department the local authorities will formulate plans for building other roads as rapidly as possible.

The selection of a route for the Mayo Trail will be made within about 30 days. It is said. Two or three routes are under serious consideration and the matter of rights of way will largely influence the decision. The people along these routes should at once sign up to give free right of way, if they have not already done so. The county is required to see that right of way is furnished, but the state and nation will build and maintain the road free of cost to the county.

Girls Return Here From Central America

Misses Florence and Jo Wilson, ages 12 and 15, arrived Monday from Central America. They are nieces of Miss Jo Wilson, of this place, and Mrs. Land Holt, of Holt, and will make their home with them until their mother returns. After the death of her husband, Anderson Wilson, eleven years ago, Mrs. Wilson and six little daughters went to Central America where her brothers, Ulysses and Wm. Asche, had been for several years. They remained there until recently when they returned to the States. Mrs. Wilson and four daughters will spend the summer in New Orleans, later coming on to Louisa. Florence and Jo are the youngest daughters.

Thos. Carter, Soldier in Late War, Dies

Tom Carter, son of Cox and Malissa Carter, died at his brother's home in Columbus, Ohio, Wednesday morning, May 26. His body was brought to Fort Gay Thursday morning and was taken to Rich Creek for burial. He was about 30 years old and single.

He served in France and Germany in the late war and contracted lung trouble from exposure whilst on detailed duty in Germany, and his death is the result. He was a fine young man. During the war he spent considerable time as a "sniper" for the U. S. army, being an expert shot.

JURORS FOR JUNE CIRCUIT COURT

The following is the list of the Jurors for the Lawrence Circuit Court, beginning June 7:

Grand Jurors—M. M. Burgess, G. W. Handley, Lon Gambill, O. C. Atkins, W. W. Keller, S. R. Vaughan, C. B. Crutcher, H. K. Brown, Lindsey Laney, Joseph Kitchen, Sam Berry, Joe Miller, Harlan Grubb, C. V. Berry, R. Blankenship, Jack Turman and Kent Bolt.

Petit Jurors—V. D. Harmon, D. D. McGuire, Elbert Muncey, Charley Rice, John B. Preston, Forrest Holbrook, J. J. Humbles, Henry Compton, W. J. Vaughan, J. F. D. Borders, Jr., Lee McCowan, Fred Picklesimer, Mont Adams, Sam Butler, E. E. Stratton, Dave Adams, H. B. Muncy, G. R. Vinson, Lock Moore, Theodore Ruggles, Mitt Thompson, Lindsey Thompson, S. W. Graham, Jeff Burgess, J. W. Ratcliff, A. M. Payne, Bill Burke, Wm. Rammer, Jr., W. M. Johnson, S. S. Wellman, Roy Carter, W. C. Quisenberry, Arley Blackburn, L. C. Swetnam, E. W. Boggs, B. P. Burgess.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

The following announcement appeared in a Huntington paper and is of interest here where the bride has relatives:

Few of the season's announcements have so interested local society as the news of the engagement of Miss Hazel Hatfield, daughter of former Governor and Mrs. Henry D. Hatfield of this city, and Mr. Charles Baldwin, prominent young attorney. The betrothal was made known Friday, when Mrs. Hatfield received the members of the Friday Afternoon Bridge Club at four o'clock tea. Miss Hatfield is one of Huntington's most beautiful and charming girls and since her debut several seasons ago has been a reigning belle. Her attractive personality and gracious manner have endeared her to all her associates. She was educated at Notre Dame in Cincinnati, O., and at Baldwin's in Bryn Mawr, Pa. Mr. Baldwin is a son of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Southern West Virginia. He is the only son of Mrs. Frank B. Enslow, of Third Avenue, and a grandson of the late Peter Chine Buffington, Huntington's first mayor. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University and during the war served as a lieutenant in the air service. He is prominent in both business and social circles. The wedding will take place late in June.

PIE SOCIAL AT DEEP HOLE.

There will be a pie social at Deep Hole Saturday night, May 29th, proceeds for the pastor.

FORT GAY LAD HONORED AT NAVY SIGNAL SCHOOL

William Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Thompson, of Fort Gay, W. Va., is named in the honor roll of the navy signal school at Hampton Roads, Va., according to a letter received by Mr. Thompson from John W. W. Cumming, commander, U. S. N.

HAZARD BOY CHOICE FOR WEST POINT APPOINTMENT

Washington.—Jack Zaxloff, Hazard, will be recommended for admission to the military academy at West Point. Wilson C. Riley was appointed postmaster of the fourth class office at Jackson, Letcher county, to succeed Freedland Agee, resigned.

Representative W. J. Fields, Ninth Kentucky district, denied published statements that he had purchased a house at Ashland and intends to move his home to that city from Olive Hill.

MRS. VANDALE'S BURIAL.

The body of Mrs. Earl Vandale was brought from Charleston, W. Va., to Louisa, arriving on the early morning train last Friday and was taken at once to Fulkerson cemetery for interment by the side of her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Burke.

Relatives and friends who accompanied the body to this place were her husband, her brother, Monte Burke, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tierman and Mr. Tierman's mother, of Charleston, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Holbrook and Mrs. C. M. Holbrook, of Ashland, and Mr. Henry C. Burke, of Louisa.

FOUR KILLED IN ROCK SLIDE

NEPHEW OF FORMER CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT AMONG VICTIMS.

Louis, W. Va.—Four men were killed and five others were injured when they were caught under a slide of rock in a mine opening on Huff Creek. The men had taken shelter in the mine opening during a rainstorm. One of the victims of the accident was W. R. Davis, brother of T. B. Davis, president of the Island Creek Coal company, and a nephew of the late Henry Gassaway Davis, who was Democratic candidate for Vice President of the United States in 1904. The three men who were killed were coal miners.

County Farm Bureau Showing Healthy Increase

The following named men have been added to the list published last week as Lawrence County Farm Bureau members: W. T. Woods, Y. B. Shortridge, J. S. Riffe, G. B. Belcher, Isaac Belcher, James Taylor, J. C. Hall, D. W. Eliswick, Lute Hutchison, Wm. Hammond, Joe Cyrus, Sam Sturgill, Jake Workman, Laces Williamson, W. F. Williamson. This brings our total of membership to 70 members at present.

What are these men organizing themselves for? Is it to strike and force from an already strike-worn people a greater price for their products, to demand a shorter work day and a less number of days? No, none such things are their objects but we are going to use our united efforts in trying to learn better how to wrench from old earth a greater production by using better methods of farming, improved seeds, and replace the scrub sire with a pure-bred thereby reducing the cost of meat. Another motive which we mean to carry out is to place our product in the hand of the consumer at a less cost of handling after it leaves the farm thereby reducing the price to him at the same time realizing a better price to ourselves. It is the lack of a system that has caused this condition and no certain class of people are to blame.

We by no means intend to overlook the social and civic conditions now existing in the rural portion of our population, rather that is one of our chief aims to remedy them and furnish to the young people of the country an opportunity to enjoy themselves in a healthful social way that will tend to keep them on the farm and at home instead of seeking those things in some city.

We are glad to see the farmers of the county getting back of their Farm Bureau and we hope to have the required number of 100 men soon which will allow us to affiliate with our State Federation and get on a real working basis.

We hope soon to establish a rest room in our county seat for country women and men, a farmers headquarters in town, equipped with apparatus which will tend to show country folks some recognition when they come to town, a place to leave their packages, change clothes, to rest, a place to be by the fire in winter and to know that you are really paying for it and that you are not sponging, or lounging, on some one who does not want us and was not born for us. A place to display the farmers' best products where the people may see what we are doing. It is an old adage that says, "It pays to advertise," and all other walks of life have learned so long ago.

It is a living chance to improve our condition and place agriculture on the map of the world as a business, which it is and the basis of all other business, at the same time to be able to feed the world and a live and let live price that we have brought ourselves together and organized the Lawrence County Farm Bureau. If you are a farmer and live in the country your place as a citizen standing for better conditions is in your County Farm Bureau.

WEST VIRGINIA PRIMARY RESULTS

West Virginia's big primary election took place Tuesday.

Senator Sutherland gets the Republican vote for President.

Morgan leads for Governor on the Republican ticket and Koontz on the Democratic.

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STREET PAVING CONTRACT DELAYED BY TECHNICALITY

The City Council met the bidders on the street paving last Monday and reached an agreement with Kelly Bros. which means a saving of \$17,000 on the work. The agreement was subject to the approval of Kelley brothers' attorney on one or two technical points of law. The attorney has since advised that it will be necessary to re-advertise the work in order to remove all question, and this is being done. June 5th is the date named, at which time it is hoped to get everything settled properly.

DAMRON-CARTER.

At the home of Rev. H. B. Hewlett in Louisa the rites of matrimony were solemnized by him on May 21, uniting Mr. Conrad Carter and Miss Dixie Damron. The bride is an accomplished and beautiful young lady, being the daughter of J. D. Damron of Madge. The groom is a son of Roy Carter and grandson of the late Landon Carter, of Yatesville.

Through the industry and frugality of the groom they have a beautiful and well furnished new home awaiting them on his fine farm near Yatesville, this county.

SHOE PINCHES PROFITEER.

Washington.—Representative Kreider, of Pennsylvania, is a shoe manufacturer. He went into a store to try on a pair of shoes from his own factory. The clerk told him the price was \$7.50, saying the shoes cost \$5.75. Kreider told the clerk that his store would never buy another shoe from his factory, and told the clerk the shoes cost the store \$3.95.

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COMPANIONS NOTICE

Regular meeting of Louisa Chapter No. 95, R. A. M. Friday night, May 28, 7:00 p. m. Work in M. M. and P. M. degrees. You are requested to attend.

Wm. M. FULKERSON, Sec.

Miss Sadie Thompson, of Fort Gay, and Wm. Belmont, of Huntington, were married in Catlettsburg Tuesday.

SAM LYKINS DIES AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Sam Lykins, well known Democratic politician, from Morgan-co., died in an operation for gall stones at Dallas, Texas, last Sunday. The burial will take place at Frankfort, Ky. He was deputy warden of the Kentucky penitentiary for many years and later was custodian of the State capital building and grounds. He was a genial man, well liked by all who knew him. He resigned as custodian last year and went to Texas.

NEXT MONDAY WILL BE A LEGAL HOLIDAY

Decoration Day, May 30th, falls on Sunday this year, but the law fixes Monday in such cases as a holiday in business. Therefore the banks in Louisa will be closed on next Monday.

MR. THOMAS MOVING TO CATLETTSBURG

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Thomas will move next week to Catlettsburg. Mr. Thomas having transferred from the U. S. Engineers office in Cincinnati to that place. Their daughter, Mrs. G. E. Dunnell of Catlettsburg, is visiting them in Cincinnati and will remain there until they leave.

BIG FIRE AT WELCH.

Bluefield, W. Va., May 25.—One person was burned to death and two others are believed to have been killed in a fire of undetermined origin which destroyed an entire block of houses at Welch, McDowell-co., W. Va., to-day. The loss is estimated at more than \$300,000.

KENTUCKY STANDS 45 IN EDUCATION

MONTANA LEADS THE UNITED STATES IN PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEMS.

Montana has the best all-round public school system in the United States, according to a comparative study of State school systems made by the Russell Sage Foundation. The report, based on Federal data, assigns second place to California, third place to Arizona, fourth to New Jersey and fifth to State of Washington. It gives Montana a percentage of 75.8, West Virginia, forty-first, with 37.7, and Kentucky forty-fifth, with 35 per cent. South Carolina is ranked in fifty-second, or last place, the Canal Zone and territories being included. The report says that the school system of the United States as a whole has doubled in efficiency in the last 50 years.

Kentucky Is Among Oldest Producing States

Bowling Green, Ky.—There are many people who do not know that there is any oil being produced in the State of Kentucky; even oil men in other fields are skeptical, but after looking over the following tabulation they will very likely change their minds. And let it be said that Kentucky is one of the oldest crude oil producing states. Oil was found in different parts of the State more than 50 years ago.

Production from counties in this state for the months given for 1919:

County	January	February	March
Allen	63,943.22	60,243.06	66,352.22
Bath	783.98	2,105.59	1,982.22
Estill	81,730.97	86,280.34	94,591.17
Jackson	.....	71.30	82.62
Floyd	606.99	325.01	624.97
Knott	.....	262.04	.....
Lee	448,069.96	403,582.96	431,191.31
Lawrence	14,308.92	12,830.18	16,490.68
Lincoln	561.36	.....	563.54
Menifee	.....	4,831.79	20,073.74
Morgan	11,354.94	1,009.08	1,329.96
McCreech	711.99	529.04	356.98
Powell	24,696.36	27,187.50	30,455.16
Wayne	14,506.82	12,846.60	.....
Whitley	.....	148.51	144.60
Wolfe	12,276.97	10,612.10	11,623.85
Warren	.....	.....	15,163.26
(American)	.....	.....	.....
Warren	1,455.94	3,849.75	3,812.82
(other lines)	.....	.....	.....

THE AMERICAN PIPE LINE COMPANY

states that it will have run 25 per cent more oil in April than during March.

State total pipe runs 639,274.28 for February and 708,177.15 barrels for March. These facts are compiled from the records in the State's office at Frankfort. New Development is reaching out into counties that have never been explored, and the wildcatting is showing good results.—The Oil World.

WILL BE TAKEN TO HOBOKEN HOSPITAL.

Lexington, Ky.—It is announced here that twelve soldiers of the world war, who are patients at Eastern State Hospital here, will be moved to the Federal hospital at Hoboken, N. J.

For some days authorities at the local institutions have had instructions from the Cincinnati office of the United States Public Health Service relating to the change. The men were sent from various parts of Kentucky.

Mrs. Lizzie Gunnell, Geo. F. Gunnell, Charley Carpenter and son, Chas. Arthur Carpenter, came up from Catlettsburg Wednesday to spend the day looking after the graves of relatives in Pine Hill cemetery. They were called home on the noon train by a message announcing that Mrs. Gunnell's sister, Miss Amanda Yates, had fallen and was thought to be seriously injured. She was recently quite ill, but had improved considerably.