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MAYO TRAIL MAY LOSE ALL THE GOVERNMENT AID

PROMPT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN
BY COUNTIES TO BIND FUNDS
NOW AVAILABLE.

December 16, 1920.

To the Citizens of Lawrence County:
There is a new bill before Congress called the Townes Bill whereby the Federal Government would withdraw all Federal Aid from all the States in the Union and instead of the Government making paying 50 per cent on certain designated highways this new bill provides for the Government to build two roads across each State and to pay all the cost of these two roads. One road east and west and one road north and south. If this bill passes Congress Kentucky would get the Midland Trail east and west across the State and the Dixie Highway north and south across the State. Thus the Mayo Trail would be abandoned.

The State Highway Commission has asked your county to pay 50 per cent of the monthly estimates to an amount of \$125,000, or one-half of your bond issue, and then they will let this money pass through your county this coming year. If the Mayo Trail was let this year, the Mayo Trail would be let this year and under Congress, then the Government would have to carry out the contract. Lawrence county stands a chance of losing \$740,000 of Federal money by waiting on the State to get money to build your roads.

The State Highway Department says that there will not be any work done along the Mayo Trail next year unless the counties put up their bond issues and it is up to your county to take some action at once along this line.

Your county waited and waited and lost under the old State Aid law \$55,000 of State Aid money by not getting busy directly after voting your bond issue, and now you wait much longer your county stands a chance of losing \$740,000 of Federal Aid.

You have voted \$550,000 bond issue to be spent on four roads and the location of the Mayo Trail takes two of these roads. The people along this Mayo Trail are entitled to half of this bond issue and they should arrange to get it to match Federal Aid before it is too late.

One other suggestion is that your county should at the same time start some work on both the Blaine road and the road up the Point, thereby dividing equally the bond issue and give each route its portion, and get some road work started in this county in the early spring.

I understand you are now paying interest on your bonds and your bonds are not even sold; so why not begin now and save that large amount of Federal Aid on the Mayo Trail and start some work on the Blaine and Point roads in accordance with vote of the people when you voted the bond issue.

Did you vote to build roads with your bonds or did you vote to just be voting and never intend to build roads?
The question needs the moral support of every good road booster in your county and until you give it your moral support you will never get any roads.

Respectfully,
M. E. S. POSEY,
State Division Engineer.

Quick Action Needed.
The hoodoo still pursues Lawrence county on the road question. About the time we slowly work up to a "good thing" something happens to upset our dreams. But there is so much at stake that we must never quit until we win out.

The above statement by Mr. Posey shows that a new and dangerous situation faces us now. Only the most vigorous action will save the day. Our past experience teaches us what delay means in these large matters. We have learned how quickly an important change can be made in laws that will destroy all our plans and expectations. It is not necessary to recount those experiences here.

Though not officially informed, we have what we consider reliable information to the effect that the Mayo Trail (embracing the two of the roads specified when we voted the bond issue) has been located. That is the exact route has been decided upon. This troublesome point is out of the way and all contention at an end. The State Road department is no doubt in position to advertise for bids on building these two roads as soon as we arrange to give them the money to start. This will bind State and Federal aid, regardless of the passage of new laws, if we act before the law passes. The State has not enough money to start, but if the counties help as suggested the State revenues will come along in time to keep the work going.

Our readers know that the Court of Appeals decided that counties can not loan money to the State. This is what upset the previous plan of starting the work.

While the action now necessary is not as good as the other, we should awaken to the fact that we are getting three-quarters of a million dollars handed to us in consideration of \$125,000 of our money. The bonds are ready, the officials have collected from the people the first year's levy on them. How utterly foolish it would be to step away this great chance.

At the same time we should arrange to proceed with work on the Blaine and Point roads, assuring all the co-operation possible with the State road department.

partment. When the Legislature meets again we expect to make a strong fight to have the Blaine road made a part of the State system of roads. If this can be accomplished it means enough aid to make that as good a road as the Mayo Trail.

State Road Commissioner Joe S. Roops, will be invited to come to Louisa along with Mr. Posey about Dec. 29th, and address a meeting of the citizens of Lawrence county, if that date is agreeable to him.

MOVING TO OHIO.
Robt. Dean, who recently sold his farm at Irad to Evan Frashure, has bought a farm in Lawrence county, O. He will move his family there in a short time. He will be located not far from his uncle, John T. Dean, who moved from this county a few years ago. Also, Wm. and John R. Belcher are living near there. They left this county a few months ago. The removal of the class of people is a real loss to our county.

EIGHTEEN PAROLED.
Among eighteen prisoners paroled by the State Board of Charities and Correction last Friday were Chas. Brashear, Wolfe county, uttering forged check Nov. 1919, two years; Andy Baker, Letcher county, store breaking, April 1920, one year; Frank Taylor, Letcher county, store breaking, April 1920, one year; Walter Smith, Boyd county, robbery, April 1919, three years; George Armstrong, Greenup county, grand larceny, February 1918, five years; John Taylor, Letcher county, grand larceny, April 1920, one year.

Evangelist to Hold Meetings at M. E. Church South

Rev. Walter Harbin, of Texas, will open a series of revival meetings at the M. E. Church South in Louisa on January 2, to continue two weeks or longer.

He is well known throughout the South as a strong and earnest evangelist, whose work has met with marked success.

Mr. Harbin will be assisted by A. C. Watson, Jr., a chorister soloist and director of personal work.

SEEK LUTHER ADKINS.
Police authorities at Huntington instituted a search for Luther Adkins, following receipt of a telegram from Sandyhook, Ky., stating that Adkins' brother had been kicked to death there by a mule.

No further details of the tragedy were contained in the message which simply stated that a brother of the accident victim was known to reside in Huntington or vicinity but that his address was not known.

Police authorities request that Adkins communicate with them in the event of his reading this story.—Herald-Dispatch.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT THAT LASTS THROUGH THE YEAR

If you have a friend at home or abroad who does not receive the Big Sandy News, order it sent to them as a Christmas present. We will send a Christmas receipt to the person to which the paper is ordered, so they will know from whom the gift comes. Then as the NEWS arrives each week through the year your friend will have a pleasant reminder of your regard.

TEACHERS PAY DAY.
An installment of \$515,137.50 of the State school fund has been sent to county superintendents and \$142,825.74 to city schools for teacher's salaries, making a total of \$2,593,000 for the school year to date.

DIED IN RICHMOND.
Jas. G. Tinsley, 78, died last Sunday at his home in Richmond, Va. He was the father of Mrs. J. C. Miller, of Huntington, W. Va., and is remembered as having visited in Louisa several years ago.

BOY ACCIDENTALLY KILLED.
John F. Vance, 16, son of A. A. Vance, of Big Creek, W. Va., shot and killed himself near his home last Friday. He had started on a hunting trip and it is thought the shooting was accidental.

COAL MARKET GLUTTED.
The bottom has dropped out of the coal market and many mines have closed. The warm weather, better crop supply and the closing of many industries is the cause of the slump.

U. S. COURT TO ADJOURN.
It is reported that U. S. Court at Catlettsburg will not be in session next week, adjourning for the holidays.

Fourth-Class Postmaster Examination.
An examination will be held at Webbsville, Ky., on Jan. 7, 1921, to fill a vacancy in that office. The compensation of the postmaster there was \$290 for the last fiscal year. Full information can be secured from the postmaster at Webbsville.

M. E. CHURCH SOUTH.
Rev. Slaughter Next Sunday.
Rev. C. A. Slaughter, presiding elder of the Ashland district, will preach next Sunday at the M. E. Church South in Louisa at both the morning and evening services.

Centenary Subscriptions.
Earl J. Justice, centenary treasurer, has been very successful in collecting the subscriptions to the centenary fund. Almost the entire number of those who subscribed have made all payments that are due up to this date.

FARM BUREAU ITEMS OF INTEREST

Now is the time to be thinking about your purebred R. I. Red eggs for early spring hatching. Make up your mind how many you will want and place your order with your County Agent. The price will be same as last year, one dollar per setting of 15 eggs.

What have you done, Mr. school teacher and parents, about organizing a Junior Agriculture Club and obtaining a charter for your district? Schools will soon close and you should not stop till you have gotten a club started. It is your duty to help them to get better opportunities than you had. This is a chance and why not take advantage of it. If you will organize the club your County Agent will carry the work through the summer with them. All you are to do is to sign them up, organize them and send the names and addresses to your County Agent. Let's act on this and make Lawrence county the banner county of the State. Write County Agent Baker for application cards.

The executive committee of the Farm Bureau will meet at their office Monday, December 29, at 1 p. m. All commitments are urged to be present and all other members who care to attend. The object is to formulate plans for a membership drive for 1921 to increase our membership so we may be able to take our place among other bureaus of the State and be in a position to do the things which the members are demanding. Are you watching the bureaus of the State and the National Federation? We are coming to do things now and every farmer should keep himself posted and by all means he should join his County Farm Bureau. Watch the date for the drive to start and be the first to start the thing going. Send your order for spring seeds and fertilizer to the Bureau office. Watch clover, it is very reasonable now and this may be the best time to lay in your supply. Use your Farm Bureau, give it a chance to serve you, and boost instead of knock.

A meeting to elect officers for 1921 will be held the fourth Monday in January at which time annual dues for 1921 will be due and we sincerely hope every old member will readily respond and bring in a new member. We must increase our membership. Attend some of the meetings and find out some of the problems and some of the possibilities of the Farm Bureau, then we feel sure you will take hold and become a worker.

G. S. Wilson Dies After a Long Illness

Garred S. Wilson died at his home in Louisa Monday night, December 13, after an illness of several months. Stomach and heart trouble was the cause.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church on Wednesday morning, conducted by Dr. Anderson and Rev. B. S. Akers. The latter preached by request of the family, he being an old friend of theirs. There was large attendance, attesting the esteem in which Mr. Wilson was held. The interment took place in the cemetery on Pine Hill.

Mr. Wilson was an excellent citizen and was in business here for many years. He was a member of the City Council for several terms and at the time of his death was on the Board of Education. The public schools closed during the funeral out of respect to him.

He was a member of the Baptist church and of the Odd Fellows fraternity. The order officiated at the funeral and there was a long procession. His passing is a loss to the community.

Mr. Wilson is survived by the wife, a son, Arlie, two daughters, Mrs. Fred Wellman and Mrs. Creed Gearheart; two sisters, Mrs. L. M. Copley and Mrs. James Hale; one brother, Wm. F. Wilson. His age was 60 years.

MUST PAY FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF BOYS
Frankfort, Ky.—Counties will have to pay \$100 a year for the maintenance of boys between the ages of 19 and 16 years committed to houses of reform for offenses other than felonies. The Court of Appeals in the case of County Judge J. M. Lang of Paducah against State Auditor John J. Craig upheld the law requiring the county to maintain such youths. It will average about \$5,000 a year for the houses of reform.

E. J. SKAGGS, ATTORNEY.
E. J. Skaggs, a veteran of the Spanish-American war, a native of Lawrence-co., has been improving his time since entering the National Soldiers Home. He has studied pension law and been licensed to practice. He passed the necessary examination at Newport News recently, making a very creditable grade. This is quite commendable and Mr. Skaggs is to be congratulated upon the display of energy and ability shown in action. In another column of the NEWS will be found a notice offering his services to persons entitled to pensions.

WOULD INCREASE PENSIONS OF NAILED SERVICE MEN
Washington.—Soldiers or sailors who have lost limbs in the service or have been totally disabled in arm or leg would receive increased pensions under a bill introduced by Representative Langley of Kentucky. The increased pension would range from \$75 to \$125.

CHANGES IN POSITIONS.

The first of the year will bring the usual changes in travelling salesmen's connections. Among the number already announced is J. K. Jordan, who quits a Catlettsburg wholesale grocery to go with a shoe firm at Lynchburg, Va. W. W. Skaggs, who has been in Dixon, Moore & Co.'s wholesale grocery house at Louisa for several years, will succeed Mr. Jordan with the Catlettsburg firm. L. D. Fyffe will take the place vacated by Mr. Skaggs.

MRS. JAMES RAMEY DIES.
Mrs. Nora Ramey, of Queens Ridge, W. Va., passed away last Thursday night in Riverview Hospital in Louisa. She had been ill about six weeks and was brought to this place a few days before her death. On Tuesday of last week she was operated on. She was the wife of James Ramey, of Queens Ridge. His and other relatives were here at her bedside when she died.

Mrs. Ramey was about 40 years old. Her maiden name was Wiley and she was a native of Lawrence county. The operation performed was done as a last resort and with but little hope of saving her life.

CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY.
Mrs. Mary Price and daughter, Mrs. James Mabe, and baby, Marie, of Williamson, W. Va., arrived in Fort Gay, W. Va., to be with Mrs. Price's father, C. C. Price on his 61st birthday. Four generations were represented. Mr. Price is in good health and received many beautiful presents and all had a good time. Mrs. Price returned to her home Wednesday.

A Louisa Couple Married in Catlettsburg

The marriage of Miss Zella Kasee, of this place, and Mr. Henry A. Hanners, of Ashland, took place last Saturday afternoon in Catlettsburg. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. V. Cole at the Shively hotel. The couple left soon afterwards for Ashland where they have gone to house-keeping. Mr. Hanners having a furnished house ready for occupancy.

The bride has lived in Louisa the past ten years where she is popular among her friends. She possesses the qualifications necessary for a successful home maker.

Mr. Hanners is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hanners of Louisa. During the world war he was in the army and saw service in France. Since his return he has been in the employ of Crump & Field of Ashland. Both are worthy young people and have the best wishes of many friends for their happiness.

THE LOBACO COMPANY REORGANIZES ITS BUSINESS
The Lobaco Company is putting managers over the three departments of their business, all under the supervision of the President, B. E. Adams. M. L. Marcum will manage the bakery and saw service in the mill, the bakery and bottling department. An expert ice man will be procured for that part of the business. Messrs. Marcum and Picklesimer are both hustling young men of good business ability.

JOHN WOOD REACHES FLORIDA.
A card from Lieut. John Wood to his grandfather, Col. Jay H. Nothrup, tells of his safe arrival at Daytona, Florida, by airplane, after a trip of 21 flying hours from Buffalo, N. Y. He and a partner are in the commercial flying business. Dr. Harry A. Wood, John's father, is in Florida for the winter.

ALBERT STEWART DIES IN CALIFORNIA HOME
Word has been received here of the death of Albert Stewart at his home in Rialto, California. He lived in Boyd county until a few years ago. He was an uncle of F. L. Stewart of this place.

DAYTON, KY.
Mrs. Joe Miller and mother, of Ashland, were shopping in Cincinnati, O., last week and were the over-night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tomie Miller of this place.

Mr. R. R. Fugate, of Frankfort, is expected to visit home folks Christmas.

LAST NOTICE TO DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS
All taxes due county and state not paid before Dec. 1st are now far past due and have a 6 per cent penalty added. The law adds another 6 per cent Jan. 1st, and requires levy to be made to enforce collection.
W. M. TAYLOR, Sheriff.

MORGAN CREEK
Prayer meeting at this place every Saturday night.
The sick of our community is slowly improving.

Rosa Sparks entertained several young folks Sunday. Among them were Earl and Christina Diamond, Effie and Lula Chaffins and George and Hattie Sparks. All reported a nice time.

Mrs. Alma Chaffin was in Louisa Saturday having dental work done. Missouri Holley is spending a month with her sister at Wayland.

Sol Crabtree was the Sunday night guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Pennington.

THE SMILING GIRL.
Mrs. Blanche Preece and children spent Sunday with Mrs. C. Victor Back. A little son of R. L. Bailey is very sick this week.

BOARD OF TRADE MEETING.
The regular monthly meeting of the Louisa Board of Trade will be held at City Hall, at 7 o'clock, Monday evening, Dec. 20. N. M. ORR, Secretary.

MINERS IN PIKE FACE EVICTION

Charleston, W. Va.—According to information received here some of the coal mining companies on the Kentucky side of Tug River are preparing to evict large numbers of men from company houses, and an attempt made to bring these people over the West Virginia line and place them in tents. "The Kentucky people must deal with that situation if there are to be wholesale evictions over there," said Gov. J. J. Cornwell discussing the report.

"It will not do for them to send the homeless strikers over into West Virginia. Our problem in that particular is already big enough. I am taking steps now to try to solve it, and to protect the public as well as to save the lives of women and children in the tents, some of whom will certainly die if they are allowed to remain out there during the winter."

Governor Cornwell instructed the State Health Department to send experts to investigate health conditions in the tent colonies.

Governor Cornwell, it was stated, had discussed the matter with Judge R. D. Bailey of the Mingo court and A. G. Pimston, who on January 1 will become Sheriff of Mingo county, taking the ground that violent types of infectious diseases might develop from life in the tent colonies.

It was also stated that the authorities were considering a suggestion that the people living in tents be moved to Williamson or some other town in Mingo county, where they could be made more comfortable and where there is sanitation.

Troops Refuse To Act.
Williamson, W. Va.—Col. Herman Hall, commanding Federal troops in the Mingo county coal strike region, will take no action in the controversy between miners' unions and coal operators over possession of land occupied by the Burwell, W. Va., tent colony, it was announced. The affair now is a civil question, Colonel Hall said, and out of his province.

If the matter had been brought to his attention when the strikers were pitching the tents, Colonel Hall stated, he possibly could have prevented the action.

Operators claimed they had used the lands for cars and other mine equipment, under surface as well as coal vein contract, while the union officials asserted they had rented the tract under lease. Both sides now are determined to fight the case out in the courts.

NITRO-GLYCERINE STOLEN.
Twenty quarts of nitro-glycerine were stolen from the Union Gas & Oil Company's magazine at Martha last week. This has created some uneasiness and guards are on duty at various plants in this section.

The Ohio Fuel Oil Company received an anonymous letter a few days ago threatening to blow up their pumping plant. Guards have been placed and will be kept there constantly.

GRIFFITH CREEK
Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Fox will leave Wednesday for Central Pennsylvania where they will spend the holidays with their son, George Fox.

Rev. W. G. Pennington has moved from here to Ashland. May he meet with success with his new charge.

George F. Castle who has been very well with pneumonia is some better. Bill Benters who works at Seth, W. Va., came home very sick a few days ago.

The oil well work at Summit is still going on. The well started with 14 inch casing and are now putting in 6 inch pipe.

John Waller, U. S. Navy, is spending an eleven day furlough with his mother here.

Shirley Miller of Ledocio, is here the guest of relatives.

C. Victor Back is building a barn. Phil Preece was up from Eloise Monday.

Lace Thompson has been quite sick for the past week, threatened with pneumonia.

Dr. J. O. Moore formerly of Ledocio has bought and located at Richardson. The people are very glad to have a good doctor near. We have had no doctor since Dr. W. W. Wray went to Robinson Creek last Spring.

Charles V., little son of C. Victor Back, is sick this week.

There will be a pie mite at the Baptist Church Saturday night, Dec. 18, to raise funds for Chinese missions. Bring what you will that the Gospel of Christ may be spread among the millions who never heard of God.

COAL COMPANY NOTICE.

The James Hatcher Coal Co. has posted a notice at its operation near Pikeville reading: "Boys, the cost of producing a ton of coal is greater than the price we are selling it for. We are forced to close down our mine until the price of coal increases. This we regret to do. We will continue to work as many of you as we need or can work to an advantage on the outside. If you can find a job with our neighbors, until we can go to work or want you, you have the right to do so. We want to say to you, stay in our houses on the same terms you have been, until we want you to work for us, and at such time as we call on you, then if you refuse to go to work, you are then requested to move out of the house, but not until then."

This is a sample of the many notices of a similar character being posted by operators in the Big Sandy coal field.

LAYNE-CAINES.
A wedding which will come as a surprise to the many readers, is that of Mr. Harry C. Caines, of Louisa, to Miss Emma Layne, of Cataula, which took place at Ironton, Ohio, December 10th. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. W. Caines and Mr. Elgin Layne, brother of the bride. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Layne of Cataula, and is one of Lawrence county's most prominent teachers. She is a very attractive young lady and much favored among her many friends.

Mr. Caines is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Caines, of Louisa, and has been employed with the C. & O. since his return from overseas.

They are a very promising young couple and we extend our many wishes for a bright and happy future. X.

NEW POSTMASTERS.
The following postmasters have been appointed:
E. D. Taylor, Greenup, and Sara F. Haugher, Wheelwright, Raymond F. Wright has been appointed postmaster to succeed Alex L. Martin at Drift, Floyd county. Anna Burchett, succeeds Richard Burchett at Woods.

A new postoffice has been established in Floyd county, named Garth, with Clifford K. Holt as postmaster.

DEATH FROM PARALYSIS.
Mr. R. E. Bernie, manager of the "Big Boiler & Machine Company, of Louisa, was called to Columbus Tuesday by the sudden death of his father, a stroke of paralysis was the cause. Mr. Bernie was 78 years old.

BLAINE
Mrs. J. L. Hewlett is very sick with rheumatism.

Miss Annie Young of Cherokee was at this place Saturday.

G. W. Kouns and Dr. Gambill made a trip to the oil fields Monday. The well on the Henry Sparks farm near the mouth of Cherokee is showing up fine. They are expecting to drill in his week.

Hubert Arrington and the Kasees brothers are finishing moving the rig from J. L. Hewlett's farm to Elliotton.

Troy Sagraves has bought a new 26-star rig and has moved it to the Dials arm on upper Laurel and will soon be ready for drilling.

Chas. Gambill had the misfortune to all one evening last week and break his arm.

L. J. Webb of Louisa, was at this place Monday.

John Lemons made a business trip to Louisa Saturday.

Miss Pearl Bates spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.

Miss Gladys Weisman is very sick. Luther Hewlett was calling on his cousin Norman Wolman Saturday.

LOWMANVILLE
Church was largely attended here Sunday.

Mrs. M. I. McKinster took dinner with Mrs. Frank Chandler Sunday.

Misses Maria Chandler was the pleasant overnight guest of Misses Senia and Mandy Lyons Saturday.

Miss Manda Lyons took dinner with Miss Chandler Sunday.

Hazel Chandler, Ella Young and Mary Opal Moore were guests of Gladys Hatfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Griffith and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Deboard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hatfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Eard Deboard took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Jay Hatfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ulysses Hannah of Pennsylvania are visiting their parents at this place.

Senia Lyons who has been at the home of her brother at Whitehouse has returned home.

Misses Maria Chandler, Senia and Manda Lyons were out horseback riding Sunday.

Ulysses Chafin made a business trip to Ironton, Ohio, last week.

Nellie Chandler was visiting relatives at Whitehouse Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Chandler and daughter Mildred were visiting Mrs. Shirley Young Tuesday.

Jay Hatfield, Charles Skaggs, Lon Hannah, Orla Deboard, Bill Hatfield and Herbert Griffith were out hunting Monday.

XMAS.

Notice to Holders of Lawrence County Claims
The County Treasurer has sufficient funds in his hands to pay all outstanding county claims of the levy of 1919-1920. All claim holders will present their claims at once for payment.
W. T. CAIN
County Treasurer.