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ROBISON BILL IS STATE ROAD KEY

PASSAGE BY SENATE INSURES AID TO KENTUCKY, HIGHWAY HEAD INFORMED.

Frankfort, Ky., July 11.—If the Robison Federal Aid bill, which provides for the continuation of existing federal aid projects, passes the Senate, Mountain county citizens will obtain an outlet for their products to Paintsville, Calloway, Howard, Salersville, was informed by the State Highway Commission today.

The county voted \$125,000 bonds and has \$75,000 to apply on the 18 mile federal aid project through the county to the Johnson line. The county wants a main road, McHenryville to the Johnson line built, as Johnson has money raised for the construction to Paintsville.

Mr. Poney, the district engineer, said he counted 748 teams on the road one day, and Mr. Howard stated it cost \$1,300 a hundred to freight merchandise from the railroad on account of the condition of the road. It is impossible most of the year, he declared.

The continuance of the federal aid depends upon whether the Robison Townsend bill is passed by the Senate. It was explained to Mr. Howard, the Townsend bill purposes transcontinental automobile highways from New York to San Francisco and from Chicago to Miami, while the Robison bill, backed by farmers' organizations, is intended to complete work already under way in all States.—Courier Journal.

TO THE VOTERS OF LAWRENCE COUNTY:

Ladies and Gentlemen: All the members of my family have been very sick of late. I am now confined in my bed with the same and will not be able to see each of you as I had hoped to do. I take this method of asking you to give me your help in the primary August 6, promising that if elected to the office I will give you an able and efficient administration of the duties of the same.

Very respectfully yours,
(Advertisement) J. T. SWETNAM.

NO BONDS ALLOWED ON LOANS IN KENTUCKY

Editor Big Sandy News:—To settle a dispute will you please say whether a law was passed by the last Legislature permitting banks in Kentucky to charge a "bonus" in making a loan in addition to the legal six per cent interest? A READER.

No such law was passed. Editor.

FORMER CITIZEN DIES IN ARKANSAS

Mat Meek died on Monday of this week at his home at Little Rock, Arkansas. The cause of his death was paralysis of the heart.

He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Waldeck of this place, having married their eldest daughter, Miss Dora Waldeck. His wife, two grown sons and one daughter and a daughter about six years old survive. Mr. Meek came to Louisa from Carrollton, Ky. He was about 55 years old. He was a man of integrity and good standing. He was employed in this vicinity before his marriage and for several years afterwards, but went west and located. He had been at Little Rock a number of years, where he had prospered and established himself as a substantial citizen.

Charles Waldeck, a brother of Mrs. Meek, left over the N. & W. Monday night to attend the funeral and burial which was to take place on Wednesday afternoon.

O. H. KINNER DIES NEAR BUCHANAN

O. H. Kinner, aged 73 years, died at his home near Buchanan Tuesday morning at 1:30 o'clock after a three weeks' illness of flux and complications. His death is a distinct loss to the community in which he lived his long and useful life. He had always stood for every good and worthy cause. He is survived by his widow and a number of relatives. He was a member of the old and prominent Kinner family of that section, which is in Lawrence near the Boyd county line.

Mr. Kinner was a splendid Christian gentleman. The funeral was held Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at Buchanan church, in charge of the Rev. D. D. F. and Rebekah lodge, he having been an honored member of both of these lodges and having served as treasurer of both since they were instituted in the neighborhood 14 years ago.

Special City Council Meeting Friday Night

There will be a called session of the city council Friday night at the city hall. A representative of the State Road Department is expected to be present and explain the application of the State aid fund to Louisa, and parts of Main Cross and Main streets. All those interested should be present.

MRS. JOHN RIFFE DIES IN COLORADO

After a lingering illness the death of Mrs. John ("Hooker") Riffe of Russell occurred a few days ago in Colorado. She had gone there last March hoping that the climate might prove beneficial to her. Her mother and husband were with her. Before marrying she was Miss Ona Hunt of Ironton. Her husband is a brother of Judge Billie Riffe, of Louisa. An adopted son, Charles, aged seven years, survives.

The body was brought to Russell and on Wednesday of this week the funeral was held at the M. E. Church South where Mrs. Riffe had been a faithful teacher in the Sunday school. The funeral was largely attended many friends coming from Portsmouth and Ironton, Ohio, and other points. Burial took place in the Ashland cemetery.

LAWN FETE.

There will be a lawn fete on the College lawn at 7 o'clock Tuesday and Thursday evenings, July 19 and 21. Proceeds to go on chairs for the College Auditorium.

PEARL STURGELL
CORLA STURGELL
ELIZABETH McCLURE
CHARLINE MOORE.
Committee.

CANDIDATES IN PRIMARY ELECTION

The following is a list of candidates to be voted for in the primary election, Lawrence county, Ky., on August 6, 1921, and the order in which the names will appear on the ballots, as furnished by the County Court Clerk:

REPUBLICANS

Circuit Judge:—H. L. Woods, Thos. D. Theobald.

Commonwealth Atty.—W. T. Cain, Thos. S. Yates.

Representative:—M. C. Sammons, County Judge:—H. K. Moore, W. T. Fegitt.

County Attorney:—W. J. Roberts, J. T. Sweetman.

County Court Clerk:—S. W. Burton, C. M. Edwards.

Circuit Court Clerk:—W. S. Borge, Sheriff:—S. M. Sturgell, Wiley C. Moore, H. B. Muncey, Noah Wells.

Jailers:—Yes Jordan, Allen Thornhill, E. G. Cordle, E. C. Williams, M. P. Hickman.

Co. Tax Commissioner:—H. W. Williams, County Surveyor:—C. F. Smith.

Justice Of The Peace:—J. F. Davis, Dist. No. 1, Mont. V. Frazier, Dist. No. 1, S. B. Price, Dist. No. 2, Gabriel Endicott, Dist. No. 2, Dave Sammons, Dist. No. 2, W. A. Castle, Dist. No. 3, A. H. Miller, Dist. No. 3, W. M. Caudill, Dist. No. 3, Samuel Butler, Dist. No. 4, J. C. Green, Dist. No. 4, R. C. Miller, Dist. No. 5.

Mayor City of Louisa:—L. E. Wellman, Police Judge City of Louisa:—G. W. Hale.

DEMOCRATS.

Circuit Judge:—Commonwealth Atty.—Fred M. Vinson.

Representative:—R. C. Moore, E. E. Shannon, County Judge:—M. E. Sparks, H. A. Stone, Jno. H. Thompson, Jed Borders.

County Attorney:—G. W. Cashe, K. H. Elswick, County Court Clerk:—M. A. Hay, W. A. Arrington, Chas. B. Peters.

Circuit Court Clerk:—H. E. Hewlett, Sheriff:—J. W. Young, A. J. Austin.

Jailers:—C. W. Lemming, Thos. Lee Wright, C. C. Shaggs.

Co. Tax Commissioner:—D. M. Curritt, County Surveyor:—L. E. Wallace.

Justice Of The Peace:—V. B. Shorrbridge, Dist. No. 6, N. J. Webb, Dist. No. 6, Ad. Skene, Dist. No. 6, F. F. Diamond, Dist. No. 7, Silas Jabs, Dist. No. 8, Geo. Wallman, Dist. No. 8.

Mayor City of Louisa:—Jno. G. Burns, Agnesa Snyder, W. M. Justice, Police Judge City of Louisa:—F. F. Frisco.

LIGHTNING KILLS PETER ALARA

FORT GAY MAN SUDDENLY CALLED INTO ETERNITY AT MT. HOPE.

Peter Alara was instantly killed Tuesday of this week at Mt. Hope, W. Va., by a stroke of lightning. He was at work in a stone quarry with a number of other men. A severe electrical storm came up and they sought shelter. Mr. Alara took refuge under a tree. Lightning struck the tree and shattered it, killing Mr. Alara.

His home was at Fort Gay, W. Va., where the body has been brought for burial in the Frazier burial grounds. He was about 35 years old and leaves a wife and five children, three girls and two boys.

Mr. Alara was a native of Italy who came here many years ago, when the locks were being constructed in Big Sandy river. He was a stone cutter. He married Miss Jennie Pools, near Fort Gay and lived there most of the time since. His line of work has kept him away of late years. He was an industrious man and a good citizen.

INUNCTION SUIT.

The Lobaco company and the Louisa Water & Improvement company are having a controversy based upon the latter charging more than the franchise rate for water. An injunction was procured by the Lobaco company to prevent the water supply being cut off from its plant. The water company cut it off anyway and both sides journeyed to Sandy Hook to place the matter before Judge Ciesco, who ordered the water service to be resumed immediately. The injunction is to be tried before Judge Ciesco at Grayson next Wednesday.

STREET PAVING.

A larger supply of asphalt is now promised to the Louisa contractor and the work of putting on the top of the street paving should go forward more rapidly than heretofore. Asphalt is being laid on Water street alongside the public square. The curb and gutter work will be completed within a short time. G. W. Castle is laying the curb and gutter on the street alongside his residence property.

LITTLE CHILD DIES.

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Vaughan Jr., of Lick creek, died Tuesday night. Mrs. Vaughan is a daughter of H. G. Hamers of Louisa. The child was about 18 months old.

Pike County Convict is Shot to Death

Pikeville, Ky., July 11.—Fitzhugh Moore, an escaped inmate of the Kentucky House of Reform at Greendale, was shot and killed late Sunday by Fred Tackett in an altercation on Coon Branch, Island creek, this county. It was learned today.

Tackett, Wilburn Hall, Moore and his father were on horseback at the time of the shooting. All were drunk. It is said, and Tackett began shooting at random. An altercation in which Moore was fatally wounded, followed, according to accounts.

Fitzhugh Moore, Berah Moore, his brother, and Anthony Moore, a cousin, were sentenced to eighteen years in the State Reformatory from Floyd county in 1913 for manslaughter. Gov. John D. Black committed the sentence of Fitzhugh Moore to two years, and the boys were transferred to Greendale. Fitzhugh and his cousin, Anthony, escaped August 11, 1920.

Fitzhugh Moore married after his escape.

A request made to the superintendent of the reform school to permit the brother, Berah, to attend the funeral, was refused.

DEATH OF YOUNG HARRY COOKSEY

Harry B. Cooksey, 11-year old son of I. B. Cooksey, died Sunday night at his home in Huntington, W. Va., after an illness of a few days with peritonitis. He was born at Soldier, Ky., and had lived in Huntington the past year where he was a pupil at Cabell school and regular attendant at Sunday school.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock at the residence, 1038 Jefferson avenue. Burial took place in the Ashland cemetery.

His parents, four sisters and three brothers survive. Mr. Cooksey, his father, who is in business in Louisa, was called home by the boy's illness. L. E. Cooksey went to Huntington Monday and remained until after the funeral on Tuesday.

Much sympathy is felt and expressed for the parents and relatives in the severe loss of this bright boy.

WAYNE COUNTY WOMAN LIVING AT AGE 92.

Mrs. Amanda Osburn, age 92, lives at Wayne, W. Va., and is still active. She is the mother of W. L. Mansfield, now of Florida, and of J. M. Mansfield, a Congressman from Texas. Also, Chas. E. Walker, Circuit Clerk, is her son.

A NEW BUSINESS BUILDING STARTED

MAIN CROSS STREET TO BE IMPROVED BY HANDSOME BRICK STRUCTURE.

Dr. C. E. Walters has broken ground for a handsome new business building on Main Cross street, on the lot known years ago as the Leo Frank property. It is between the Hotel Brunswick and the law office on Mrs. Hannah Lackey's lot.

The building is to be of brick, two stories in height, 55 feet front, modern in all respects. There will be two rooms on the first floor. One has been rented to Huntington parties for a time and the room will be specially fitted for that business. Modern fixtures will be installed.

The other room has been leased for a picture show. The floor will get ample slope by excavating toward the rear. The arrangement will be up to date.

On the second floor there will be a number of office rooms for rent. Dr. Walters will have his offices there.

H. H. Queen, of the Eastern Kentucky Lumber & Supply Company, an experienced builder, will have supervision of the construction.

J. L. Richmond began the excavation Wednesday with a steam shovel. The date set for completion of the building is in October.

FRUIT CROP A FAILURE.

The nearest complete failure of fruit and berry crops in this section within the memory of the present generation has occurred this year. Even blackberries are so scarce that only a few people in Louisa have been able to get any. There are no apples or peaches. The strawberry crop was a complete failure. Sugar is cheaper than it has been for six years, but there is nothing to "put up" in the way of preserves and jellies.

F. C. HALL TO GET POST.

On recommendation of Representative John W. Langley, Fred C. Hall of Prestonsburg will be appointed by Collector Lucas as division deputy in the internal revenue service, with headquarters at Ashland.

Gas Rate at Ironton Upheld by Court

Columbus, O., July 5.—People of Ironton will continue to pay the present rate for natural gas until a 25-year franchise granted by the Council in 1897 runs out. This is the result of the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court, which affirmed the action of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission in dismissing an appeal from the city ordinance of Ironton to the commission. The Court followed the Cincinnati Gas case in a decision in which a franchise contract was held safe from attack as a valid contract which must be observed.

In November, 1919, the gas company was supplying gas to Ironton under a 25-year franchise granted to predecessors of the gas company December 6, 1897, section 5 of franchise ordinance providing a maximum rate of 37 1/2 cents for each 1,000 feet, less 2 1/2 cents discount. November 19, 1909, 19-year rate ordinance passed and accepted by company. November 24, 1919, Council passed another rate ordinance for three years at same rate, but the company refused to accept, but filed complaint on appeal to Public Utilities Commission.

The decision will save the people of Ironton from higher gas rates until 1922, when the original 25-year ordinance will expire. The decision indicates that the intermediate rate ordinances, including the last one, were not necessary, since the original franchise contract covered the issue.

ELLIOTT COUNTY COURT IS LIVELY

Sandy Hook, the county seat of Elliott, has been a lively place for two weeks, according to reports from there.

It is said the Sheriff is in jail and that other county officials are under indictment and bond.

The soldiers from Lawrence county are assisting in arrests and moonshine raids.

Gordon Endicott, of Louisa, was accidentally shot through the hand and is at home. It is reported that another trooper, Hoover Hall, accidentally discharged a revolver, in the courthouse, the ball passing through the side of his shoe sole. The report of a soldier being killed in untruce moonshining seems to be the favorite pastime in Elliott, but Judge Ciesco takes it more seriously and is cleaning up on the business.

2 Alleged Moonshiners Slain by Raiders, Report

Pikeville, Ky., July 12.—Wilburn Hall, an alleged bootlegger, and a companion were shot to death yesterday at White Rock, Ky., by revenue officers from Virginia, according to word received here. Nelson Mollins was wounded at the same time, it was said. The shooting occurred during a raid on the Kentucky-Virginia border.

FORMER WAYNE CITIZEN FISCAL SUPERVISOR IN OHIO

Oscar Thompson of Columbus was named fiscal supervisor of the state welfare department at a salary of \$4,000 a year.

Thompson will have direct supervision over the business transactions of the state's 23 correctional, penal and charitable institutions. The new fiscal supervisor is 55 years of age, married and has one child. He is a former Irontonian and brother to Hon. Carmi A. Thompson. They are natives of Wayne co., W. Va., and cousins of Mrs. R. L. Vinson of this city.

42-INCH ALLIGATOR SHOT IN BIG SANDY AT PIKEVILLE

Pikeville, Ky., July 11.—T. G. Parkers, a Pikeville merchant, shot and killed an alligator in the Big Sandy river here today. The visitor from the tropics was forty-two inches long. It is supposed it was an escaped pet.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Les Jordan, 25, of Louisa, to Zena Caudill, of Wilbur, 24, Chester Davis, 28, to Fannie Jordan, 29, Louisa.

Oscar J. Cleveland, 20, of Warfield, to Lena R. Kidd, 17, of Glenhaves, Abner Vicars, 21, to Millard Raines, 18, of Wayne county, W. Va.

N. Y. PROFESSOR'S TOAST TO KENTUCKY

Last summer Prof. Chas. H. Richardson of Syracuse University, chair of Geology, made a trip through the Big Sandy valley for the Kentucky Geological Department, examining the deposits of glass sand. He spent a short time at Louisa and found a huge deposit of fine glass sand here. This paper had a report of the fact last year.

After returning home Prof. Richardson wrote the following verses, which we are sure will be read with interest by our people:

A Toast to Old Kentucky

Down where the mountains are just a little lower,
Down where the natives move just a little slower,
Down where the bluegrass waves just a little bluer,
Down where the girls' hearts are just a little truer,
That's where Kentuck comes in.

Down where the coal seams are just a little thicker,
Down where the Morgan mares are just a little slicker,
Down where the blackest man is just a little milder,
Down where the moonshine is just a little finer,
That's where Kentuck comes in.

Down where the oil pools rise a little higher,
Down where most men take a little fier,
Down where the leases come a little dearer,
Down where the howdy draws a little nearer,
That's where Kentuck comes in.

Down where tobacco covers all the plain,
Down where the corn bread comes again and again,
Down where the chiggers bite just a little harder,
Down where the chickens fill the old home yard,
That's where Kentuck comes in.

Down where the song-birds sing just a little sweeter,
Down where the lassie dress just a little neater,
Down where the home fires burn just a little brighter,
Down where life's burden seems just a little lighter,
That's where Kentuck comes in.

Down where woman's virtue is just a little purer,
Down where heaven seems just a little surer,
Down where Lincoln's boyhood feet once-trod,
Down where the human heart is just a little nearer God,
That's where Kentuck comes in.

Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 4, 1920.

Reporting on Building Stone.

Prof. Richardson was in Louisa Wednesday of this week, going on to other points up the valley. He is giving part of his summer vacation to the service of the Kentucky department again. This time he is examining building stone in Eastern Kentucky.

While in Louisa he was shown around by Col. Northrup and also by some young members of the S. A. E. College fraternity, of which he is a member. He found some excellent building stone deposits in the hills surrounding Louisa. His report here will be of value to the people here.

DR. GANFIELD RESIGNS.

Waukesha, Wis., July 13.—Dr. William Arthur Ganfield, president of Centre College, Danville, Ky., has accepted the presidency of Carroll College here, it was announced today.

Dr. Ganfield specialized in history and economics at Carroll some years ago.

MRS. SAM VINSON VERY ILL.

The Louisa and Fort Gay friends of Mrs. Polly Vinson, of Keelover, will regret to learn that she is very sick. Being considerably more than 80 years of age there is not much hope for her recovery.

ERNST'S HIGHWAY STAND MYSTIFIES

REPORTED BACKING OF BILL OHIO WANTS AGAINST ROBISON MEASURE STIRS PETITIONERS.

The following article in the Courier Journal is of vital interest to Big Sandy people:

Frankfort, Ky., July 12.—Mountain Republicans are undertaking to "smoke out" Senator Richard P. Ernst, Covington, on the Federal Highway bill as a prominent Eastern Kentucky member of the Republican party said while here. He says the Senator is suspected of being influenced by Cincinnati sentiment in favor of the Townsend measure for the construction of Federal Highway links between New York and San Francisco, and Chicago and Miami to the despair of inter-state Federal aid projects in Kentucky and elsewhere.

The Ohio Road Commission is said to be one of the few state bodies supporting the Townsend Bill, Ohio, Pennsylvania and several of the large Eastern and Central Western States would acquire some magnificent automobile boulevards under the Townsend plan, it is said.

All the Kentucky delegation, excepting Mr. Ernst, are said to favor the Robison bill, the compromise House measure, which takes the same of the Eleventh District Congressman and provides for the continuation of the present projects.

Many Projects Waiting.

Mr. Ernst's supposed attitude in opposition to a bill fathered by a Republican Congressman from his own State has added to the zeal with which Kentucky highway enthusiasts are getting up petitions to show their Senator where they stand.

Some of the mountain projects, with local money partly raised and waiting action of Congress for work to begin are:

The entire Mayo Trail up Sandy Valley from Ashland to Pikeville, already financed locally, the cross-mountain road, connecting the Midland at Mount Sterling with the Mayo Trail at Paintsville, giving Menties, Morgan and Magoffin an outlet to the railroad, and financed with bond issues as far as Magoffin and Johnson are concerned, the road from Winchester through Powell, Breathitt and Perry to Whitesburg, and the southern mountain route from the Dixie Highway at Corbin by way of Harboursville, Pineville, Harlan and Whitesburg to the Mayo Trail at Pikeville.

The Ohio River Road from Paducah to Louisville, the Midland Trail from Ashland to Wickliffe, the Jackson Highway from Louisville south into Tennessee, and the Central Highway and Dixie Bee Line in Western Kentucky are Federal aid projects now partly under construction.

Robison Bill Strongly Backed.

The Kentucky State Highway Commission has endorsed the Robison bill, which passed the House. Farmers' organizations, maintaining headquarters at Washington, are backing the Robison bill. They assert that automobile manufacturers are backing the Townsend measure, and that the proposed transcontinental highways will be delightful for pleasure tourists. The farmers' slogan in support of the Robison bill, however, is "farm to market highways first."

These organizations are collecting petitions to Senators and Congressmen in behalf of the Robison bill. Delegations from a score of counties, who have called on the State Highway Commission to learn when Federal aid projects they have been told it depends on the action of Congress.

Naturally, the feeling is more intense in Eastern Kentucky. Mr. Robison lives there, the Georgie are Republicans and so is Mr. Ernst. Moreover, they are locked in about nine months of the year by bad roads, remote from railroads and paying enormous overland freight bills. Two dollars for 100 pounds is not an unusual price for wagon hauls from the nearest railroad stations. Where the people have voted bond issues, hoping with Federal aid to get passable roads and reduce the cost of living, the idea of diverting Federal aid to the construction of paved highways through wealthy Northern States for automobile tourists is bitterly resented, according to reports from that section and petitions signed by thousands of citizens will be hurried to Washington.

Mingo Inquiry Starts in Washington

Washington, July 13.—Investigation of recent disorders and unquiet conditions in the Mingo coal field of West Virginia ordered several days ago by the senate, will be started today by the senate educational and labor subcommittee.

The operators and the miners of the Mingo field have been asked by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa, chairman of the committee, to present six witnesses each. On the basis of the testimony offered by these witnesses the committee will determine the future course of the inquiry and whether a visit will be made to the region involved.

ATTENTION OF CANDIDATES.

All candidates for county offices must file their expense accounts with the county clerk by July 23. This is very important.