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## Speaker Names Five Normal Commissioners

Speaker J. H. Thompson, of the House of Representatives, has announced the following as the men he will appoint to serve on the commission that will locate the new State Normal Schools, one in eastern and the other in western Kentucky:

- Ex-Senator Thos. A. Combs of Lexington.
  - Ex-State Treasurer Sherman Goodpastor, of Owingsville.
  - Earl Senff, of Mt. Sterling.
  - W. S. Wallen, Representative in the Legislature from Floyd and Knott.
  - Judge Edward C. O'Rear, of Frankfort.
- The Lieutenant Governor will have the appointment of three members, but these have not yet been announced.
- It is said the Attorney General has given an opinion that the appointments can not actually be made until June 15, when the law goes into effect, but the announcement now will relieve the Speaker and the Lieutenant-Governor of a lot of trouble.
- It is time for Louisa to get busy on the proposition so she will be ready for action when the time arrives.

## Militia May be Called When Murder Cases Are Heard at Jackson

Jackson, Ky., March 13.—Thirty-five murder cases, fifteen of which are concerned with the killing of five men election day last fall at the Clay Hole precinct, are on the docket of the March term of Breathitt Circuit Court which was opened here today.

It is reported that the Governor may be asked to send state militia here during the trials. The five killings resulted after a clash between two factions at the Clay Hole precinct during which the ballot boxes were seized, thrown into Troublesome creek and riddled with bullets.

All the men accused in connection with the affair are free under bond, but will travel from their homes to Jackson carefully guarded.

Judge Sam Hurst, it is stated upon reliable authority, will bring from Lee county a personal guard to be present during the trials, while close friends of Judge Hurst, who was a candidate in the election, said he would vacate the bench because of that fact and that the Governor would be asked to provide a special Judge to hear the cases.

## Shrine Plans Purchase of Green Hills

Lexington, Ky., March 10.—Green Hills, mansion of the late James Ben All Haggin, of Elmendorf farm, one of the most famous estates in the Bluegrass region of Kentucky, will become a national clubhouse for the Shrine Lodge of America, if plans of the Lexington lodge materialize.

Gus Heyman, an official of the Lexington lodge, is in communication with national officers in regard to buying the mansion, which has been tenanted since Mr. Haggin's death nine years ago.

The estate, once one of the show places of Central Kentucky, and one of the first and largest estates established in that section by Eastern financiers has been in process of disintegration since the death of the owner. Green Hill stands on a knoll overlooking thousands of acres of rolling bluegrass pastures. The mansion, with 400 acres of land, is all that is left of the vast estate that once rivaled Biltmore, the Vanderbilt estate, near Asheville, N. C. The house, together with its furnishings, cost \$200,000 when built 20 years ago.

## PIKEVILLE MAN IN ASHLAND DEAL

R. C. Miller of Ashland and John Justice of Pikeville have purchased the garage and building of the Rucker Auto Company, 332 East Greenup-av., for a consideration of \$16,000 it was announced today. Immediate possession is given the new owners.

The deal was consummated yesterday evening in the real estate office of John P. Gartin. It is one of the biggest real estate transfers for Greenup avenue in several years.

The new owners, Miller and Justice, will continue to operate a garage at the same location and the upper floor of the brick building will be rented as flats.—Ashland Independent.

## KILLED BY TRAIN.

Wesley Perry was killed at Ethel, Logan county, a few days ago. He was assistant mine foreman and was riding a coal train from Store No. 1 to the postoffice which is in store No. 2. In jumping to a platform his foot slipped and he fell beneath the train, the cars passing over his body and killing him instantly. He had been employed there several years. Burial took place at Stollings. He was a native of Wayne county and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Perry. He was 39 years old.

## SUNDAY IN ASHLAND.

Rev. Billy Sunday, who is holding a revival in Charleston, W. Va., was a visitor in Ashland and Huntington Monday and spoke in both places that day to large crowds. He was accompanied by his wife and other members of the evangelistic party.

## A NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH

Joy Kelley, of Buchanan, was at Riverview hospital for 10 days, but has been discharged. He had a knife wound six inches long in his neck, made by a man named Moore with whom he had a fight. Kelley had a very close call.

## Hatfield Statue is Shipped From Italy

A statue of "Devil Anse" Hatfield, which has been recently completed by a world famous sculptor in Carrara, Italy, from a model drawn by F. C. McColm, of Huntington, has been shipped to Huntington, where it will be placed on display, before erection at the grave of Captain Hatfield, near his home, on Main Island Creek, Logan county.

The statue shows the late "Devil Anse," standing erect, typifying the stalwart, West Virginia mountaineer, in a characteristic pose, with slouch hat, loose long coat and baggy trousers.

The pedestal, which is being made by the McColm Company, is thirteen feet high. There is no epitaph, merely the words, "Captain Anderson Hatfield, 1839-1891," and "Levicy Chaffin, his wife, 1842-1922." The statue is being erected by his family. There is a space at the side of the monument for the thirteen children, who are: Johnson, William A., Robert L., Nancy, Elliot R., Mary, Elizabeth, Elias, Troy, Joseph D., Ross, Willie E., and Rennis S.

## Kentucky War Hero Stopped 102 Bullets

Lexington, Ky., March 14.—Sergeant Alvin York and Sergeant Samuel T. Woodfill may divide honors for capturing or destroying Germans in the World war, but at a hospital here is a man who is in a class by himself. He probably stopped more bullets than any man in the American army, and, unsung, has a war record that vies with those of York and Woodfill.

Samuel Joseph, Hazard, Ky., is recovering from the effects of an operation on his foot performed last Tuesday. It was his fifteenth. Altogether 67 bullets have been taken from his arms, legs and body. He was hit 102 times.

Joseph, a student at the Sue Bennett Memorial School at London, today declared cheerfully that with the exception of his foot, "I never felt better in my life." A large man physically, he would be characterized in the vernacular as "husky."

Fifteen months at the front, during which he went over the top more than a dozen times without a scratch and then to stop 102 bullets—some record. Fifteen of the bullets passed through his body.

Joseph was a Sergeant in G Company, Eighteenth Infantry, First Division.

## REV. T. R. GILLISPIE DIES IN LOUISA

Rev. T. R. Gillispie, who moved to Louisa only a few weeks ago, passed away at his home here Thursday last week after a lingering illness. He was a minister in the Methodist church and some years ago was located in Fort Gay, W. Va. He had also lived in Catlettsburg, but for several years his home had been at Coal Run, Pike county. He was 77 years of age and had been a preacher many years. He had been married twice. The surviving members of the family are two sons of the first marriage, Rev. B. C. Gillispie of Charleston, W. Va., and Richard F. Gillispie of Ashland and his wife and one son, T. R., Jr., of this place.

Mr. Gillispie came to Louisa a few weeks ago and entered the hospital for treatment. The family joined him later, moving into the home they had recently purchased.

The body was taken to Coal Run where burial took place only three weeks from the day they had moved from there. Funeral services were attended by many friends from and near Pikeville.

## A CORRECTION.

In the item in the NEWS concerning the death of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Gussler his age should have been given as four years instead of ten. He died about two weeks ago and the body was taken to Adams for burial.

## BUY PAINTSVILLE LAUNDRY.

Clyde C. Carter of this place and Carl V. Martin of Paintsville have bought the Paintsville steam laundry and will give their attention to the business.

## D. Brown Going to Russia to Aid Relatives

David Brown, formerly a Louisa merchant, but for many years a prominent business man in Williamson, W. Va., was here this week renewing acquaintances. He is arranging to go to Odessa, in Russia, to rescue members of his family who are on the verge of starvation. He will go via Constantinople. A brother-in-law and his little child have died of starvation recently. Mr. Brown will bring them to the United States if he can get them admitted, which is doubtful because the quota of immigration allowed for the year is probably already absorbed. Falling in this he expects to buy land in Mexico and locate the relatives there. Mr. Brown has never been back to Russia since he crawled out across the line one night many years ago at the risk of being shot by the soldier guards. He is now an American citizen and one of the most loyal and appreciative citizens we have ever seen.

## Coal Strike is Now Inevitable

Washington, March 14.—A general strike in the bituminous coal industry on or about April 1 is inevitable, Secretary of Labor Davis and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, agreed today following a prolonged conference at which they discussed the situation growing out of the controversy between the miners and mine operators.

Mr. Lewis declared later that the operators were forcing the strike "as the public will pay." The miners' president reiterated today his statement that the unions were prepared to open negotiations looking to the formulation of an agreement to take the place of that which expires next month.

## ROAD BOND BILL DIES IN SENATE

The Kentucky Senate killed the House bill providing for a bond issue of fifty million dollars to complete the State primary road system. The question was to be submitted to the people next November. The Republican members of the Senate and a few Democrats voted the bill down. So nothing more can be done along this line for two years.

The Simmons bill creating a new Highway Commission to take charge of the State road work next January, supplanting the present commission, was not voted by the Governor and therefore stands as a law. It probably will be contested in the courts on two or three points. The new commission is composed of Gen. Wm. Sibert, M. L. Conley, Leslie Samuels and Ben Welle.

## Dycus Deserts His Party at Frankfort

Senator W. G. Dycus, elected as a Democrat from Marshall county, deserted his party at Frankfort and voted for whatever Governor Morrow wanted on party bills. He showed signs of going wrong last week when he slipped out of the Senate chamber and hid in a room, pretending to be very sick. A party measure was then up for passage. Every vote was needed. He was dragged into the chamber and voted. Dr. Whiteaker, a Senator, said Dycus had a normal pulse and he could find nothing the matter with him. On Tuesday of this week, he began to vote with the Republicans, thus making it impossible for the Democrats to put their bills thru. The Senate majority is so close that one vote changes the entire result. All possible pressure was brought to bear upon him to return to his party, but he said he would "stick by the Governor." The situation got so uncomfortable for him that he left for home and the loss of his vote blocked all party measures. It was evident what had happened.

The experience was about the same as in the session of 1920, when Burton was "influenced."

## MISS POWNALL HERE.

Miss Eva Pownall arrived Tuesday evening from Cincinnati and was the guest of Mrs. E. L. Wellman. She went to Pikeville Wednesday morning where she gave a recital on Wednesday night. She is a talented reader and has just returned from a tour of the South as a member of a lyceum course. After her return from Pikeville she will fill a week's engagement in Cincinnati. She is a school friend of Mrs. Wellman.

## KENTUCKIAN, HUNTED AS SLAYER 7 YEARS, FOUND

Sheriff Lykins of Lewis-co., went to Florida to bring back John M. Kennedy, wanted in Lewis-co. on a charge of having killed his son-in-law, Raymond Hilderbrand, about seven years ago. Officers have searched for Kennedy in almost every State in the Union. He was arrested Tuesday.

## MISS MARY ROBERTS TRUSTEE OF JURY FUND

The item in a former issue of the NEWS in regard to the new trustee of the Jury fund should have read Miss Mary Roberts instead of Mrs. Mary Roberts. It was Miss Roberts the stenographer who was appointed.

## LOUISA WOMAN DIES AT AGE 88

Survived by Husband 90 Years old. Was Married 67 Years.

Mrs. Mildred Hewlett Blankenship peacefully passed away at her home in Louisa at 3 o'clock on Wednesday, March 15, after an illness of about two weeks. She was the wife of Capt. Wm. Blankenship to whom she was married 67 years ago. Most of this time has been spent in or near Louisa, excepting the first two years which was spent in Central Kentucky. She was 87 years, 9 months and 17 days old. Her husband is nearly 90 years of age. They were the oldest married couple living in Louisa and we know of none older in Lawrence county.

Mrs. Blankenship was a good woman. She had for years been a member of the Christian church and had lived a faithful and consistent christian life.

She is survived by her husband and the following sons and daughters: Moss Blankenship of Catlettsburg; Tom of Beaver; D. W., H. B., F. L. and James of Louisa, and Mrs. Emma Saulbury and Mrs. Rachel Evans of Oklahoma. Three sons and a daughter passed away some time ago.

She was the oldest sister of Rev. H. B. Hewlett of this place. About two years ago Mr. and Mrs. Blankenship returned from a visit to relatives in Oklahoma, making the journey alone which was very unusual for people of their ages. Up to two weeks ago Mrs. Blankenship had been able to be up and about the house. Funeral services were held on Thurs day afternoon at the residence, conducted by Rev. T. H. Matherly, pastor of the Christian church at this place. Interment followed in Pine Hill cemetery.

## Union Gas & Oil Co. Wins Two Cases

The Court of Appeals has reversed the decision of the Johnson Circuit Court in the case of the Amanda Kelley against the Union Gas & Oil Company. The suit was brought to cancel a lease and Kelley won in the lower court. The higher court gave a decision in favor of the Union.

The case of Parish Sparks and his father against the Union Oil Company, tried at the recent term of the Lawrence Circuit Court has been decided in favor of the Union. Judge Woods took the case under advisement and gave his decision after the term of court closed. This suit involved a valuable lease in the upper Blaine field in Lawrence county.

## Louisa Girl Now a New York Artist

The cover page of the April number of the Designer is a drawing by Mrs. Robert Lankes of New York City. Mrs. Lankes was formerly Miss Imogene Porter and was a resident of Louisa for some years. She is a niece of Miss Maggie Hatcher.

The cover designs for a magazine of as high class as the Designer are furnished by well known artists, which fact speaks well for her work. The paper has a wide circulation and is one of the big fashion magazines of the United States.

The picture is that of a girl in a purple coat. Her Louisa friends predict that Mrs. Lankes' work along this line will be crowned with further success. Big Sandy against the world.

## BOY FATALLY HURT BY TRAIN

Elden Mullins, age 15, had both legs cut off by an N. & W. train last Sunday at Kermit, W. Va., and was brought to the hospital at Louisa at 6:15 p. m. He died at 10 o'clock that night.

The boy was hopping a freight train when his feet slipped and he fell on the rails. The loss of blood and the shock resulted in his death.

This is the kind of an accident that happens very often to boys, but it seems to have no effect on the other boys. They continue to take the chance.

## CALLED AT NEWS OFFICE.

Among those who were business callers in the NEWS office within the past few days were Oscar Skaggs of Martha; Mrs. Alice Fraisher, M. Wilson, R. D. No. 2; Thos. Murphy of Yatesville; Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Emmons of Montago; D. C. Compton of Ashland; C. C. Hays of Norris; J. R. Hays of Wilbur; David Hewlett, Oliver; Mrs. Henry Caines, Potter; Mrs. T. R. Gillispie, Louisa; E. G. McKinster of Adams; Wiley C. Moore of Ellen; A. D. Ball of Overda; Miss Mollie Roberts, Louisa; Green Berry of Adams and Gordon Kelley of Jean. Mr. C. C. Hays has been a subscriber to the NEWS the past thirty-five years.

## CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to thank my many friends for the kindness and respect shown me at the time of the death and burial of my wife. LON COMPTON, Ulysses, Ky.

## WOULD SEND CONGRESS DEBATES BY WIRELESS



Congressman Vincent Brennan of Ohio proposes a powerful radio broadcasting station be installed in Washington so that people all over the country can listen to debates on important legislative measures.

## OHIO AND KENTUCKY LINKED BY NEW BRIDGE

Spectators Cheer As Two States Are Joined; Open April 25.

The Ashland Independent says:—Kentucky and Ohio today are linked together. The heretofore inseparable barrier of the Ohio river has been overcome.

A steel beam linking the two states by means of the new bridge between Russell and Ironton was riveted into place late yesterday amid cheers of a crowd of spectators. This virtually assures the completion of the bridge for traffic at the appointed time, April 25.

When the waterworks siren sounded announcing the conjunction of the two-sides of the bridge thousands of people flocked to the river grades to see the dramatic completion of the link that made the Atlantic-Pacific highway a reality of the Ohio valley; and which promises to be the greatest factor in the development of the tri-state region. The bridge at its completion on April 25 will have been completed in less than a year, with one million dollars raised by Ironton citizens and every penny of stock subscribed.

The chamber of commerce has arranged a great opening day program for the bridge on April 25. Governors Morrow, of Kentucky; Davis, of Ohio, their staffs, Senators Stanley and Ernst of Kentucky, Willis and Pomeroy of Ohio; Secretary of War Weeks and President Harding will have a place on the program. It will be one of the biggest days in the history of this section of the Ohio valley and all officials of surrounding municipalities will be among the list of guests.

## Appeals Court Rules Craft is Hazard Mayor

Frankfort, Ky., March 14.—J. W. Craft, who was elected Mayor of Hazard last November, is entitled to the office, the Court of Appeals held today, reversing the Perry Circuit Court in a contest between Mr. Craft and Floyd H. Baker, who was appointed by the City Council.

The Constitution allows Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Class cities to elect their Mayors by either popular vote or by appointment of the Council, but under the statute in the latter case the Council must provide by ordinance sixty days before the election for its own appointment of the Mayor.

This was not done.

## RECITAL THIS EVENING.

Miss Eva Pownall of Cincinnati, will give a recital at Garden theater Thursday night of this week, after the picture is shown. She is a reader of considerable ability, and the program will be made up of a number of humorous selections. Only five cents will be added to the regular admission price and this will go to the M. E. Church.

## SURPRISE WEDDING OF LOUISA COUPLE

Marriage license was issued February 11, 1922, to Ernest F. Wellman, 22, and Nova E. Williams, 19, of Louisa. They were married at the home of her father, Cambridge Williams, Wednesday evening, March 8, by H. W. Williams. The bride was for quite a while employed in the County Clerk's office at this place. Mr. Wellman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wellman and is connected with the Wellman garage in Louisa. They are popular young people and have the best wishes of many friends for their future happiness.

## ORGANIZE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Mr. J. K. Fuller, president, and Miss Elizabeth Hatten, secretary of the Fallsburg and Bear creek Sunday school district, desire that all Sunday schools that had suspended during the winter months be re-organized at once. They would like for this to be done by the last Sunday in March, if possible. Go-To-Sunday-School Day will be May 7 and they hope to have all the schools at work before that time.

## LOUISA TO SANDY HOOK ROAD BILL

Representative Moore Gets it Through the Legislature Safely.

R. C. Moore, our Representative in the House at Frankfort, succeeded in getting added to the State primary system a road from Louisa to Sandy Hook, thus assuring state aid on this important road. Lawrence and Elliott counties are in the same legislative and judicial districts and their interests are closely identified. Not only this, but the proposed road is the most important that could be provided for Lawrence county, and will give a much needed outlet to Elliott county.

This is quite a victory for Mr. Moore and a fine piece of work.

## News of Eastern Kentucky Oil Fields

In Pike county the Lorraine Oil & Gas Company completed a small well about eight miles south of Pikeville, while drilling for gas. This company recently completed three other wells in that section of Pike.

In Floyd county the Eastern Carbon Company, while drilling for gas, got a gushing well which flowed fifty feet over the derrick when the sand was entered, according to reports from that section. The gas flow was produced at the rate of fifty barrels hourly. This well is a few miles east of the Bescoe pool and is in new territory. Oil was found in the Bradley sand.

West of the Bescoe pool, on Cold Water branch of Salt Lick Creek, Brode and Company has a 10-barrel producer in an advance test, production coming from the Maxton sand.

Carbon Plant Enlarged.

The Liberty Carbon Company has doubled the capacity of its plant and is now using nearly four million feet of gas daily, producing about 7,000 pounds of carbon black daily for newspaper and rubber concerns.

A number of advance rigs at work in the Floyd county field, several of these being east of the established Beaver creek fields. Geologists who have been over this section pronounce conditions similar to those found in the Cabin creek field of West Virginia, where big wells of long life are the rule. In the southern section of Floyd county Pittsburgh interests expect to do extensive drilling this summer and hope to establish a Berea sand pool. It is reported that the Midas Oil & Gas Company, which has drilled extensively in that section of Floyd has been offered \$1,000,000 for its holdings.

At Paintsville the Big Sandy Oil & Refining Company is establishing a refining plant, which will take oil from the Berea sand pool of Johnson county. The Berea Pipe Line Company has finished an extension from Paintsville across the Johnson county deep sand area.

## "Wildcat" Well in Wolfe.

The most noteworthy of late strikes in the Upper Kentucky fields was a "wildcat" test in Wolfe county, several miles beyond the defined area, and coming in at forty barrels daily.

## SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. MILT CARTER

Mrs. Milt Carter died in a hospital at Lexington Tuesday evening of this week, as the result of a hemorrhage from the throat. She had been ill for several days with a bad case of tonsillitis, but her death was unexpected. She lived only a few minutes after the hemorrhage started.

A telephone message to Louisa relatives brought the sad news soon after the death occurred. Dan Carter and cousin Miss Lou Chaffin, nephew and niece of Mrs. Carter, left on the first train for Lexington to bring the body to the old home place at Zella, this county, for burial. They arrived Wednesday night in Ashland.

Funeral services will be conducted at Buchanan chapel on Friday by Rev. H. B. Hewlett of Louisa. The interment will take place in the family burial ground.

Mrs. Carter had been living in Lexington for more than a year. Her husband is a traveling salesman and was in the country near Jackson, Ky., when the death took place. Deceased was Miss Alta Lakin before her marriage and was a sister of Mrs. G. G. Carter, of Louisa. Her age was 33 years. She leaves no children.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTICE.

The superintendents of the various Sunday schools throughout Lawrence county are respectfully requested to furnish to the undersigned, at once, at Louisa, Ky., their names and post office addresses so that we can make full arrangements for Go-To-Sunday-School Day which will be May 7, 1922.

Respectfully,  
G. B. CARTER, Co. S. S. Pres.

## FIREMAN SCALDED FATALLY.

Augusta, Ky., March 10.—Clarence Blackburn, 24 years old, fireman on a ferry boat, today was scalded fatally when a mud drum blew out of the boiler as he was preparing to make his first trip across the Ohio to meet a Mayville train. In his agony he plunged into the river and was dead when pulled out.