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HOPE FOR MAYO TRAIL LETTING

Section From Louisa To Paintsville May be Let in June.

Several delegates from Lawrence county went to Frankfort Monday, before the State Road Commission in regard to letting the contract for building the Mayo Trail from Louisa to Paintsville. The trip was the result of a letter received recently from the State Highway Engineer indicating that nothing further would be done on the Mayo Trail until some time later, when more funds become available.

The Highway Commission was in session and a hearing was granted. It was agreed that engineers shall be sent in here next week to make some changes that have been decided upon as necessary to save costs and expedite the matter of getting the route ready to advertise. It is hoped to clear away all obstacles in time for a letting in June.

All Big Sandy counties were represented by delegations, mention of which is made elsewhere.

The Lawrence county delegates were Judge M. B. Sparks, County Attorney G. W. Castle, A. J. Garrod, R. C. McClure, M. F. Conley, and Magistrates V. B. Shorrledge, R. W. Vinson and M. V. Frazier.

Loading Stations For New Refinery Ready

Loading stations at Potters, Ky., and Glenhays, W. Va., erected for the purpose of holding the crude oil supply from the Lawrence county, Kentucky, and West Virginia fields, which is to be shipped by barge to the Great Eastern Refining company's new plant at Leach's station, three miles south of Caltletsburg on the Big Sandy division of the C. & O. were completed this week.

The capacity of the new refinery will be 500 barrels a day when in full operation. This will be increased, however, according to the successful continuance of operations.

The new plant is approximately half finished, all the main storage tanks having been completed. The main battery of stills will be set Monday. The entire plant will be completed, barring all bad weather, by May 1. By June operation will be well underway.

The Great Eastern Refining Company, organized several months ago, will operate the largest crude oil refinery in Eastern Kentucky when fully completed. The plant itself is an enormous business asset to Caltletsburg as well as the surrounding community—Ashland Independent.

Teacher Freed in Jail Raid Case

Jackson, Ky., April 6.—It was reported here today that Bud Noble, his two sons, Beecher and Soldier, wanted in connection with the raid on the Breathitt county jail, have escaped to Canada, but the impression is they still are in this county.

Lewis Watts, young Breathitt county school teacher, charged with complicity in the murder of Miss Maggie Allen during a midnight raid on the Breathitt county jail December 10, was acquitted by an Owsley county jury in the Breathitt circuit court today.

The State obtained a continuance of the other pending cases. Counsel for Luther Noble and Sam Grigsby entered a motion for bail and their bonds were fixed at \$10,000 and the bond executed.

WAYNE COUNTY'S SHARE OF STATE ROAD FUND

As its share of federal aid, for building roads, Wayne county gets \$12,966 and from the state \$241,294, making a total of \$254,260 available. Of this amount some is already under contract—Huntington-Camp creek road and Marrowbone steel bridge.

DR. L. M. PRICHARD ILL.

Dr. L. M. Pritchard of Normal, who has pneumonia is still critically ill. His brother, Dr. Carl Pritchard of Harlow and his sister, Mrs. C. W. G. Harshaw of Portsmouth, are at his bedside. A later report is that he is improving.

MISS PETERS GOES TO WELCH.

Miss Dottie Peters, formerly of Louisa, who for some years has held a position with the telephone company and has been in West Virginia most of that time, has gone to Welch, W. Va., to accept a position in a new music store.

EASTER BAZAR.

The bazar at the M. E. Church South will be held one day only—Friday, April 14. An unusually attractive lot of articles, both practical and fancy, will be on sale. Also ice cream and cake. You are invited to visit the bazar.

BOYD COUNTY FIELD.

A report comes from Boyd county of much interest in the oil and gas fields. Several rigs are being moved into the Lockwood neighborhood where there are now two good gas wells.

WAYNE COUNTY SEAT ELECTION

The vote on the removal of the county seat of Wayne will take place on April 25. The fight is getting very warm. Kenova is contesting with the town of Wayne for the site.

Virgil Rice's Body Crushed Beneath Car

The Ashland Independent of Sunday says:—Internal injuries received when his automobile overturned yesterday afternoon on the Midland Trail may cause the death of Virgil Rice, 25, of McCues Hill, before the day is over, it was learned at his bedside in the Kings' Daughter's hospital early today.

Rice's body was crushed when he was pinned beneath the overturned car and physicians gave up hope of saving his life following an examination.

His companion, a man named Alex Frazier, who caught the Big Sandy train for Louisa shortly after the accident happened was only slightly injured.

The two men were brought to Ashland by Bert Geiger of South Ashland who seeing the serious condition of Rice rushed him to the hospital after leaving Frazier at the C. & O. station.

Rice is an employee of the Kentucky Selva plant. His home is in Magoffin county but he stays with a brother on East Winchester avenue.

Frazier told Mr. Geiger that he and Rice were coming to Ashland in a Ford car. He said that as they were near the culvert at number eight mine, the car ran into the concrete wall and overturned pinning Rice beneath it. The wreck occurred about 3:30 p. m. yesterday.

Floyd County Man Killed in Ashland

Owen Hall, age 36, was shot and instantly killed in Ashland Monday night by Jerry Crowder. The men had been quarrelling. Three bullets struck vital parts of his body.

Hall went to Ashland from Beaver creek about three months ago. He was an ex-service man and was unmarried. No weapon was found on his body.

TOWBOAT WILL CARRY CRUDE OIL ON BIG SANDY

Engineer B. F. Thomas came to Big Sandy Wednesday to see about raising the dams. This is earlier in the season than the dams usually are put into operation.

The Great Eastern Refining Company, now building an oil refinery three miles from Caltletsburg on Big Sandy river, will put a towboat and oil barge on the river very soon to make daily trips between that point and Glenhays, W. Va. Crude oil will be transported in that way from the Cumberland pipe line at Glenhays and also from the West Virginia Oil, Gas & By-Products lease at Potter. This lease is owned and operated by Dalton & Kelly, who are the chief owners of the refinery.

COAL COMPANY IS GIVEN A JUDGMENT IN TELEPHONE CASE

A judgment for \$3,000 was awarded the Red Jacket Consolidated Coal Co., against the Chesapeake & Potomac Co., in circuit court. This sum represents the jury's finding of the amount of damages due to the coal company for the erection of telephone lines over the company's property.

A motion for a new trial was overruled, and the telephone company gave notice of its intention to apply for a writ of error and supersedeas.

B. & O. WILL ADD TRAINS ON KENTUCKY BRANCH

Information was received Saturday at the offices of the chamber of commerce, that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad will soon add an additional train on its Long Fork branch in the eastern Kentucky coal fields, between Martin and Weeksbury, Ky.

NEW CONTRACTING FIRM.

George B. Skene and G. W. McAlpin recently formed a contracting company and will begin work immediately building a bridge on the Ohio river about twenty miles above Huntington. They also have the contract for another bridge in that section and expect to finish both in July.

DR. BURGESS IS BETTER.

On last Saturday an infected place on the right wrist of Dr. T. D. Burgess developed into a condition that looked quite serious and he went to Cincinnati on the night train to have a bacteriological test made. An operation was performed on Sunday. A telegram from his daughter, Elizabeth, Wednesday evening said he has been pronounced to be out of danger, but would have to remain for several days.

EASTER GUESTS.

Mrs. Mary B. Horton will have as guests for the week-end her niece, Miss Caroline Burns, of Caltletsburg, and Misses Martha Frances Johnson and Agnes Clay, of that place. Mrs. R. M. Horton, who came down from Red Jacket last week, will be here a few days longer, before going to Grayson for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Woods.

CHILD DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

The two year old child of Joe Stevens died of pneumonia on Saturday after a few days illness. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home by Rev. H. B. Hewlett.

NORMAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE NAMED

Ballard Announces Three Western Kentucky Men.

Frankfort, April 8.—Lieutenant-Governor S. Thurston Ballard tonight announced the appointment of J. L. Harmon of Bowling Green, Alex Barrett and Arthur Peter of Louisville as members of the commission to select sites for two new state normal schools authorized by the recent state legislature.

The other five members of the commission were named by James H. Thompson of Paris, speaker of the house of representatives. They are: Judge E. C. O'Rear and Sheran Goodpaster of Frankfort; W. G. Wallen of Prestonsburg; Thomas A. Combs of Lexington and E. W. Senf of Mount Sterling.

The commission was authorized in the act granting the schools, to begin functioning in June. The schools are to be placed in opposite ends of the state, one in Eastern Kentucky and one in Western Kentucky. The sites winning the schools must offer the commission \$100,000 or the equivalent in grounds, buildings, facilities, etc. The state allows \$20,000 a year for maintenance of each school.

A. T. Wilbur Dies at Richardson in 91st Year

Ambrose Wilbur died at his home at Richardson Thursday in his 91st year. He had been in feeble health for quite a long time. The burial will take place Friday morning at ten o'clock.

The widow survives and also four sons and three daughters. One son died a few years ago and a daughter died when small.

Mr. Wilbur came from Dunkirk, N. Y., when 18 years of age to work for the coal company then operating at Old Peach Orchard, just below Richardson, from which place coal was shipped out by barges. He was a clerk for the company. Later he taught school, following that profession for many years.

The surviving daughters and sons are Mrs. John H. Wilson, Mrs. Dave Castle, Mrs. Art Preston, Jr., Charles, Leo, Henry and W. W. Wilbur.

New Mail Route to Martin County

A notice has been posted in the post-office at Inez calling for bids on a mail route from Inez to Richardson. All mail to Inez in former years was brought over this route but some few years ago it was discontinued by the postoffice department in favor of the route to Kermitt. Owing to the bad roads in the latter place this winter which hindered the carrying of the mail that way the old route has been re-established. The mail will leave Richardson about 8 o'clock in the morning and will arrive at Inez about 1 o'clock p. m. The mail carrier will start back to Richardson at that time and will arrive there at 5 p. m. The route to Kermitt will still be continued, says the Martin County Advertiser.

This will be a great convenience to the people of Inez. They will be able to receive their mail from points up and down Big Sandy river the same day that it is sent.

Bids on the route were to be received up to April 11. The successful bidder is expected to take charge of the mail on May 1.

JOHN WELLMAN PAINFULLY INJURED IN A FALL

John S. Wellman was severely injured Wednesday while working on his residence. He was remodeling the building, and some of the framework on which he was sitting fell. Three ribs were broken and his back was lacerated by nails protruding from the timbers. He will be laid up for quite a while. John is a good citizen and an excellent carpenter. His misfortune is regretted by all who know him.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Forest Brown, 19, to Daisy George, 17, of Henrietta.
Archie Pack, 21, to Mary Cox, 18, of Osie.

Sheridan Workman, 20, of Louisa, to Nannie Thompson, 18, of Saltpeper, W. Va.
Elijah O'Bryan, 39, to Telfa Thompson, 22, of Norris.

SEWING CLASS NOTICE.

In Garden Theater, Friday, April 14, at 1:30 p. m. Miss Enright of the Home Economic Department, College of Agriculture, will be here to assist all girls between ages of 10 and 18 who will attend. All are cordially invited.

COLLAR BONE BROKEN.

Lark Marcus of Crum, W. Va., suffered a broken collar bone while working at a sawmill April 4, at Logan. A large piece of timber striking him on the shoulder caused the injury. He was given attention at the Logan hospital on the day of the accident.

JUDGE LEFTWICH DIES.

Judge Everett Leftwich, for more than two decades one of the best known men of Mingo county, died Monday morning at the Huntington state hospital, where he had been in distressing health for many months. He had lived at Kermitt several years.

The Fiscal Court Takes Important Action

The Lawrence Fiscal court closed a busy session last Friday evening, at which many matters were discussed. An order was made to distribute the road and bridge funds equally among the various voting precincts of the county.

Dr. W. A. Hayes was elected infirmiry physician to succeed Dr. W. A. Rice.

It was ordered that all claims against the county be filed at least five days before fiscal court meets. Otherwise the claims will not be considered.

There was quite a fight over paying certain bills and furnishing a barn for the cavalry troop. Major Wilder was present and addressed the court. The court voted that no more bills be paid. It is said the military officials will take the matter into the courts.

The county attorney was directed to bring suit against D. L. Thompson, former county attorney for a settlement and report on the expenditure of \$1000 placed in his hands to be spent on certain pieces of the county roads.

The court acted adversely on the employment of a county agent.

Dr. Sturgill Driving Auto That Killed Aged Man

Charles L. Dudding, 78, Confederate veteran and retired farmer, was struck and instantly killed by an automobile as he was crossing the road near his home at Culloden, W. Va. Dr. Geo. M. Sturgill, of Hurricane, and Paul Kautz, a citizen of that place, were in the car. Dr. Sturgill was driving. They were on their way to Huntington where Mrs. Kautz was being taken to a hospital in an ambulance ahead of their car.

The men were placed under bond on a manslaughter charge, it is reported.

Sturgill is a native of Lawrence county, Ky., a son of Robt. Sturgill, deceased.

Pike Abolishes Office of County Treasurer

Pikeville, Ky., April 4.—The Pike County Fiscal Court today abolished the office of County Treasurer, thus ousting Hi Pauley, incumbent. This action was taken in opposition to the advice of County Attorney Hughes and its legality will be tested by a suit, it is said. Mr. Pauley's books have just been audited and pronounced satisfactory.

ACKLEY NAMED HEAD OF ASHLAND SCHOOLS

Ashland, Ky., April 7.—Clarence E. Ackley, former superintendent of the Winchester schools was elected superintendent of the Ashland Public Schools at a salary of \$4,500 a year to succeed Supt. J. W. Bradner, who was principal of the High School here for eight years and superintendent for eight years. While the schools made progress under the Bradner regime a new school board was elected and they made the fight on the grounds that Bradner has been here long enough.

SISTER OF COL. NORTHPUP DIES IN NEW YORK

The death of Mrs. B. S. Ingalls of Hudson Falls, N. Y., occurred on Monday of last week. She was a sister of Col. Jay H. Northup of this place and with her husband spent the winter in Louisa many years ago.

Col. Northup and daughter, Miss Hermia, visited Mr. and Mrs. Ingalls last year when they were in New York.

MONT HALL DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Mont Hall, aged 17 years, died Sunday at the home of his father, Old Hall, in Louisa. His death occurred after an illness of two months, caused by typhoid fever and tuberculosis.

The body was taken to the family graveyard at Clifford on Monday for burial.

LAVERAND TAKEN TO LOGAN ON TREASON CHARGE

A. D. Laverand, arrested at Matewan on a capias from Logan county left for Logan in the custody of State Policemen, it is said. He is charged with participating in or abetting the armed march into Logan county last August.

REV. J. D. BELL HOLDS SERVICES AT WAYLAND

At the request of Rev. C. A. Slaughter, presiding elder of the Ashland district, Rev. J. D. Bell went to Wayland last Saturday where on Sunday he preached and held quarterly meeting. He returned home Monday.

REV. C. E. WREN DIES.

Rev. C. E. Wren died Wednesday night in Huntington, W. Va. He had suffered a paralytic stroke early in the day and never regained consciousness.

Mr. Wren was formerly connected with the Baptist church in Louisa where he had many friends.

WANT ROAD BUILDING TO COST LESS



Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, wants to cut down the cost of road building throughout the United States. He called highway officials of many states to Washington, and asked for standardized specifications which would permit plants to furnish materials at all states at greatly reduced costs.

R. A. Bickel Cleans up in Williamson Court

Salute this super salesman. This is the story of a human being who out buses the busy bee. He is to be credited with an exploit that should send his name bounding and ricocheting down the corridors of time. At any rate, he should be acclaimed the winner of the hand painted halo, the concrete collar button and the furlined wash boiler. "Name him!" you shout. Well ladies and gentlemen, it is none other than R. A. Bickel, a citizen of Huntington and representative of the Home Life Insurance Co., says the Williamson, W. Va., News.

The circuit court here yesterday suit brought by Bickel against E. A. McComas came to trial. The suit was based on a note given by McComas to cover premiums on a life insurance policy. The dispute resulted when McComas claimed there had been an understanding that the policy had a cash surrender value. Maybe that's not an accurate statement—but no matter.

The important thing happened after the case was submitted to the jury. The jurors could not agree on a verdict. They paced to and fro arguing and gesticulating and six of them wondered why the other six were so mulish.

During the lull Bickel, the litigant, again became Bickel, the salesman. He got busy. He talked to everybody in hearing distance while awaiting the verdict. He even talked to McComas against whom he sought judgment. Yes, and he talked insurance. Finally, McComas decided he had made a mistake in permitting the cancellation of the policy in litigation. Bickel resold him a policy. A settlement of all matters in dispute was arranged. A hard steted haliff rapped on the door of the jury room and said, "Come out, it doesn't matter if you never agree."

"Discharged," said Judge Bailey to the jurors. As the latter filed out of the room, the judge turned to Bickel and asked, "Where do I sign?"

"On the dotted line at the bottom," replied Bickel, who had sold the judge an insurance policy for a substantial amount.

The jury escaped only by slipping out through a side door.

WAYNE COUNTY MAN DIES OF INFLUENZA

Henry Ward, 69, a pioneer resident of Wayne county, W. Va., died at the home of his brother, Grozzie Ward in Huntington last Friday following a few day's illness with influenza.

He is survived by five brothers: Dan Ward of Iverson; William Ward, Lavalette; Joe Ward, Chris Ward and Grozzie Ward of Huntington.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at Lavalette Saturday and interment followed there.

TRIO ARRESTED IN FLOYD AFTER POSTOFFICE THEFT

William Frasher, Will Justice and Joel E. Reffet have been arrested and lodged in jail at Prestonsburg and charged with robbing the postoffice at Dock Floyd county, December 2.

Evidence leading to the arrests was gathered by R. V. Kelley, Postoffice Inspector of Ashland, Ky.

All three suspects lived in the vicinity of the Dock postoffice.

BURGESS CAREY WINS HONOR.

Burgess Carey, grandson of Wm. Carey of this place, has the distinction of being a star member of the Lexington High "Blue Devils" basketball team, which on Saturday won the inter-scholastic championship of the United States at Chicago. Burgess sustained an injured neck in a game Friday night but refused to leave the game, and no doubt his sensational playing at guard was responsible for the "Blue Devils" victory.

MRS. MARY WATSON DEAD.

Mrs. Mary Watson of Olive Hill, died April 3 and the funeral services were held Tuesday. She is survived by three children, her parents, five brothers and two sisters.

ENTHUSIASTS URGE ROAD PROJECTS TO COST \$2,000,000

Representatives of Many Counties Appear Before Highway Commission.

Frankfort, Ky., April 10.—Projects, involving the expenditure of more than \$2,000,000 were urged upon the State Highway Commission today by delegates from Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Henry, Christian, Carter, Pike, Floyd, Johnson and Lawrence counties.

With approximately \$500,000 necessary for the annual increment due counties for advancements made under the old State aid law and a similar amount for the maintenance of nearly 400 miles of the primary system taken over by the State, counting obligations in contracts under construction, it is estimated that additional expenditures this year will have to be limited to about \$1,000,000, as the federal aid appropriation now is only \$1,400,000 and 60 per cent of this has to be spent on routes designated as primary by the Federal Bureau of Highways.

Now that the bond market is easier, counties, which had been delayed by inability to sell bonds, are clamoring for federal and State aid, with \$3,137,000 in bonds available in Hopkins, Kenton, Grant, Pike, Crittenden, Caldwell, Garrard, Harlan, Letcher, Menefee, Lawrence, Johnson, Martin and Floyd.

Delegations from Lawrence, Johnson, Floyd and Pike counties are asking for the grading of the Mayo Trail, part of which is under contract. Work is under way in Lawrence toward the Boyd line and local funds are ready for construction from Louisa through Lawrence and Johnson to Floyd. Floyd today offered to turn over to the commission \$100,000 to be spent on the trail in that county, which proposal was accepted.

Pike wants \$54,000, due the State for convict labor, expended on a bridge at the edge of Pikeville and the trail, agreeing to match the State's expenditure. It also wants the road completed to Williamson, W. Va. Both were deferred pending estimates, as was also a proposal from Christian, for the construction of the East and West Highway from Gracey to Hopkinsville.

Carter county, in which it is expected sixteen miles of grading on the Midland Trail will be completed this year, wants the road surfaced from Grayson to the Boyd line, but it is doubtful whether Federal funds will be available, in the opinion of Joseph S. Boggs, State Highway Engineer.

COUSIN SLAYS PIKE KINSMAN

The death of Bill Potter at the hands of his cousin, Adam Potter, again confirmed the old tradition that a Pike circuit court cannot pass without its murder, says the Pike County News. This tradition, however, had already been confirmed by the death of Charlie Ramsey earlier in the term.

The tragedy mentioned above took place at 5 p. m. Friday at Pool Point, between Elkhorn City and W. Breakers. It is claimed by eye witnesses that when the two cousins met, Bill Potter, who was drinking, brought about the difficulty by first striking Adam with his fist and then drawing his pistol and using it menacingly. Adam, it is said, knocked it aside, and then he, himself fired the fatal shot. His victim, pierced with several balls, died within a few minutes.

Adam Potten then surrendered to Sheriff John Roberts and was brought to Pikeville Saturday. Examining trial was waived and he was placed under a \$2000 bond.

Three other men were present at the time of the tragedy, it is said.

FRED. U. SIMPSON DIES IN HUNTINGTON

Frederick Ulen Simpson, 62, for 20 years an employe of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad, died Saturday in the Chesapeake & Ohio hospital in Huntington as a result of complications arising from a long illness. He had been sick for five months.

Mr. Simpson's home was in Ashland and for many years he was regarded as one of the best and most dependable engineers on the local division. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mildred S. Simpson, three daughters, Mildred, 6, Mrs. Harlan Bartram and Mrs. Onie Cox, all of Ashland, and by one son, John Fredrick, age 12; three brothers, Alex and John R. Simpson of Ashland, and Sam Simpson of Russell and five sisters, Mrs. Martha Waugh, Mrs. William Johnson of Ashland, Mrs. Nannie Brown of Irington, O.; Mrs. Frances Weatherholt of Huntington, and Mrs. T. J. Riley of Barboursville, also survive him.

Funeral services were held at two o'clock Tuesday from the Ashland M. E. Church with Rev. John H. Bentley, officiating. Burial in the Ashland cemetery.

MRS. MUNCASTER ILL.

Mrs. T. L. Muncaster, who has been very ill with influenza at her home at Wayland is convalescing. As soon as she is able she will accompany her sister, Mrs. W. W. Mason, to her home in McClure, Va., for a few weeks stay. Mrs. Billy Riffe of this place went to Wayland on Monday and brought two of Mrs. Muncaster's children home with her to remain until their mother returns.