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JEFF DAVIS HIGHWAY NEAR COMPLETION

TRAVEL BETWEEN COVINGTON AND RIPLEY SOON

Asphalt Workers Have Already Reached Corporation Line—Every Culvert and Bridge Constructed of Concrete—It is Thought Contract For Southern End of Highway Will Be Let Soon.

Officials in charge of the work on the Jeff Davis highway north of Covington say that the road will be open for travel between Covington and Ripley within the next few days. The big concrete bridge across town creek is completed, except for some finishing and polishing work to be done. Asphalt workers have nearly reached the corporation line and when they reach the city limits this part of the work will be completed.

Every culvert and bridge on the highway is built of concrete and is constructed below the surface of the road, eliminating bumps and ridges characteristic of dirt roads at such places.

The completion of the road will place Covington and Ripley in close proximity. Thirty or 40 minutes will be sufficient time to make the trip from one county seat to the other, which, heretofore, under old conditions of the crooked and hilly way, consumed an hour and more.

The Republican Congress has been using dilatory tactics with the highway appropriation bill, but at last the politicians are taking a more definite course toward passing the bill, which, according to information from Washington, will pass within the next week or 10 days. Then the contract for work on the section of the highway south of Covington will be let. The people of this county will be glad to see the entire road completed as soon as possible on account of the many benefits which they hope to derive from it. When completed it will connect with other great transcontinental highways, which will put us in touch with all parts of the country.

Roads like the Jeff Davis highway will make us more independent of the railroads, their high rates, labor union strikes and other inconveniences. Truck trains carrying freight can be operated as well as bus lines for passengers.

The officials of the Lee Highway Association passed through a section of Tipton county over the Memphis-to-Bristol highway on Monday of this week, working out a route for the proposed Lee highway. It is likely that this road will follow the Memphis-to-Bristol route through a great portion of Tennessee. This highway as proposed is to run from Washington City to a point in Southern California. It is reported also that work will soon begin on our section of the Memphis-to-Bristol highway, which is welcome news to Tipton countians.

Tourists have reported to us within the past few days that the roads in the states both north and south of us are in bad condition, but everywhere highways are being constructed. This is in line with progress, and while the work seems slow to us, it will continue until the country is a network of good roads.

When the main lines are completed it will not be long before the cross-country roads will be under construction, giving practically every district the benefit of good roads.

DEATH OF G. B. TOWNSEND

Mr. George B. Townsend, aged 62 years, died suddenly about 12 o'clock Tuesday at his home on East Liberty avenue. He had been in very feeble health for a period of 12 months, during which time he was unable to continue the operation of his blacksmith shop, being actively engaged in this business until his illness. Heart failure and other complications caused his death.

Mr. Townsend was born and reared in Tipton county, was a splendid citizen and a man of good character. He was a member of the Methodist church since early manhood, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him.

The funeral was held at the family residence Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. L. D. Hamilton, assisted by Rev. L. J. Sherrill, conducting the services, after which the remains were interred in Mumford cemetery.

Mr. Townsend leaves a wife, one son and three daughters as follows: Mr. Henry Townsend, Mesdames Nettie Cochran, Nora Daugherty and Kate Sauder.

HERE'S A GOOD STORY; NO COMMENT NECESSARY

The monkeys were moved Wednesday from their cage in the park to winter quarters in the old power house. It has been suggested that the old power house is in such condition that it won't stand much "monkey business." They might be trained to read meters, anyway, because it requires only a small amount of intelligence to scribble a few figures and mark down \$3.50 for lights.

—Martin Press and Mail.

—The residence of Mr. H. D. McCaughey on North Maple street caught fire from a defective kitchen flue this morning, but was quickly extinguished by the fire department, which responded to the call promptly. Only a square of the roof was damaged.

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO BE EXAMINED

THOROUGH PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OCTOBER 31

First Time in History of County Such Tests Have Been Made—Supt. Bass To Meet Parents on Same Day—List of Doctors Who Are To Conduct Examination—Children To Be Benefitted.

Monday, October 31, will mark a new departure in the school routine, when every boy and girl in both the high and grammar schools and in the colored school will receive a thorough physical examination of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, heart, lungs and teeth. Prof. W. A. Bass, superintendent of schools, announced that this was the first time in the history of the schools of Tipton county that arrangements had been made for such an examination. The condition of each pupil will be reported on cards mailed to the parents. When there is a defect the card will have on it the suggestions that the family physician be consulted. Follow-up work on the examination will be done by Miss Hawkins, the Red Cross Chapter worker.

Following are the physicians of Covington who have pledged their time to the examination:

White Schools—L. A. Yarbrough, L. J. Lindsey, L. Hill, Jr., B. V. Dickson, H. F. Dickson, H. W. Sale, N. R. Newman, J. F. Myers, G. B. Gillespie, H. K. Templeton, J. J. Boyd, H. M. Pretzman.

Colored Schools—T. H. Price, J. H. Connell, N. H. Keys, W. M. Mason.

On the afternoon of October 31 Prof. Bass will call a meeting of all parents of the city for a discussion of school matters. At this time a nutrition demonstration will be given by Miss Mary Arthur, Director of Nutrition, Southern Division, American Red Cross. This will be particularly helpful for all having delicate children or invalids in the family. A very large gathering is expected, and it is hoped from the examination and nutrition demonstration an awakening of interest in the health of the community will be experienced.

ROOK PARTY FOR BRIDE-ELECT

Miss Lina Hamilton, an attractive bride-elect was the honoree of the Liberty Street Rook Club Friday afternoon, when Mrs. Sterling Ruffin and her sister, Miss Dora Feezor, charmingly entertained at the home of the former on East Liberty avenue.

The spacious living rooms, thrown open to the guests, were decorated with ferns and autumnal flowers. The guests, about 30 in number, enjoyed several games at rook, after which the hostess served a salad course.

Miss Hamilton was attired in grey charmeuse with trimmings of blue and a black picture hat.

PREACHING AT RIALTO SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. L. D. Hamilton, pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, will preach at the Rialto church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This service will take place of the Sunday school at that hour, heretofore conducted each Sunday afternoon under the leadership of Maj. M. A. Walker and others.

Let everyone attend and hear Mr. Hamilton, for he is a strong preacher and ranks among the best in the Methodist Conference. Let's give him a good audience.

—Practically all rural schools of the county will begin the winter term on Monday, October 31.

—Mr. George Morrisett, of this city, who has been quite ill since Sunday, is improving.

—The Randolph school building, which has been under construction for several weeks, is nearing completion and will be ready for use about the first of November.

—Middling cotton on the Memphis market is quoted at 19 cents this morning and cottonseed at 26 per cent. Butterfat is worth 44 cents per pound on the St. Louis and Memphis markets.

—Mrs. M. L. Keathley, of this city, had the misfortune to fall this morning and sustain a broken arm and rib. The accident happened in her back yard, when she stumbled and fell.

—The following marriage licenses have been issued this week in the office of the county clerk: Will Robertson to Alice Cochran, John B. Johnson to Ludie Currie, John Davis to Alberta, Willingham, Louis Burchett to Ida Hines, Johnnie Wilson to Mandy Gilliam.

—At the request of the attorneys for the defendant, the case of the State of Tennessee vs. Earl Trimm was continued until Tuesday of next week, when he will be given a preliminary hearing before Esq. J. E. Walker on a charge of shooting with intent to kill Tim Bond, colored.

—Mr. N. H. Mitchell, of this city, was the victim of an automobile accident in Lauderdale county Tuesday, when the steering gear of the machine failed to function properly, causing the car to run against a bank on the roadside. He received several bad bruises, skin abrasions and a sprained hip.

INTERESTING LOCAL HAPPENINGS TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Alexander Friday, a boy.

—Mrs. C. C. Byrd, of the Wilson's Chapel community, is much better, after a long illness.

—Mr. B. E. Glass purchased 171 acres of land in the 3rd district recently from Mr. W. R. Nabors, the consideration being \$8,000.

—Mr. M. G. Puckett, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Puckett, of this city, has accepted a position in Memphis with Armour & Co., packers.

—The Covington Concert Band was engaged to furnish music for the community fair at Gates last Friday, which was largely attended by the people of Lauderdale county.

—Dr. T. B. Gassaway purchased Saturday at public auction from the estate of General Smith, colored, the storehouse next to the county jail on North Main street, the consideration being \$450.

—Rev. B. S. McLemore, of Bolton will deliver a lecture at Macedonia Friday night, October 21. A box supper will be given immediately after the lecture. The public is invited to attend.

—Mr. Earl Maxwell was in Memphis Tuesday to undergo a physical examination for the purpose of determining the degree of his disability under the provisions of the War Risk Insurance act for compensation.

—A protracted meeting will begin in the Presbyterian church at Stanton Sunday, October 23. Dr. Lowery, of Memphis, will assist the pastor, Rev. J. D. Fleming. A cordial invitation is extended to all who wish to attend.

—Mr. Edwin Goulder, who has been serving as ticket agent for the Illinois Central railroad at Halls, pending the appointment of a regular agent for that place, is now at his regular post of duty at the local offices.

—Mrs. Palmer Smith was the charming hostess of the Married Ladies' Bridge Club Friday afternoon at her home on South Main street. After several interesting games, a delicious salad course was served.

—The Epworth Leaguers of the First Methodist church, accompanied by the pastor, Rev. L. D. Hamilton, found considerable sport Tuesday night in a 'possum hunt near Covington. The party met at the church Tuesday evening and left in trucks for the hunting grounds.

—The residence of Mrs. Lizzie Shelton on South Main street was slightly damaged by fire last Saturday morning and was saved from destruction by the prompt response of the local fire department. The fire started on the roof of the building.

—Mr. W. W. Archer, of the 13th district, sustained a badly injured foot last Thursday afternoon, when he exposed himself to the blade of a mowing machine drawn by a team of mules, the animals starting before he could clear himself from the path of the mower, his foot being caught and cut in several places.

—Mr. R. L. Miller, who was recently appointed cashier of the Illinois Central freight department in Mayfield, Ky, left Sunday evening to assume his duties as such. Mr. Miller will join him there the latter part of this week. He was transferred from the local freight office, where he was serving as clerk.

—Miss Louise Cothran entertained about 25 of her friends Friday afternoon at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cothran, on South Main street, the occasion being her ninth birthday. After the little folks had enjoyed games on the lawn they were invited in the dining room, where cream and cake were served.

—The D. I. Archer Transfer Co., of this city, is operating a bus line between Covington and Ripley, having made their first run Tuesday. The trip will be made on regular schedule time daily, leaving Covington at 12 noon and arriving at Ripley at 1 p. m. The fare each way is \$1.50. If the line proves successful the proprietor, Mr. Archer, proposes to purchase an additional bus for the service.

—About 20 feet of shelving, heavily laden with groceries, in the store of Ellis DeBakey on the north side of the square, unexpectedly fell to the floor Friday morning, crushing two handsome show cases and its contents, besides considerably damaging the groceries resting on the shelves. The weakened condition of the wooden braces holding the shelving to the brick wall was the cause of the accident.

—The members of the North Maple Street Five Hundred Club and other guests were delightfully entertained Friday evening by Mrs. J. M. Jackson at her home on Ripley avenue. The tables, five in number, were arranged in the living room and dining room, which were attractively adorned in ferns, begonias and other potted plants. At the conclusion of the games Mrs. Jackson served a menu of chicken a la king, salad in red peppers, olives, pickles, sweet wafers and hot chocolate.

—Mrs. W. H. Robinson, of Brighton, is reported dangerously ill.

—Mrs. W. J. Morton, of the Oak Grove community, is convalescent, after an extended illness of typhoid fever.

—Mrs. Everett Smith, who is confined in the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, after undergoing an operation last week, is convalescent.

—"Montana Bell's Shows," a Western organization, will give two performances in Covington Friday, October 21. Their exhibit will include fetes characteristic of circuses and western shows.

—A box supper will be given in the schoolhouse at Wilson's Chapel Wednesday night, October 26, for the benefit of the Wilson's Chapel Methodist church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

—The Christian Endeavor Society of the Mt. Carmel Presbyterian church will have a market in V. L. Ogilvie's shoe shop on Friday, November 5. Dressed chickens, cakes, pies, eggs, butter, etc., will be sold.

—John Albert Baird and Son Williams, but colored inmates of the county workhouse, escaped from the workhouse gang in District No. 13 Tuesday afternoon. The gang was engaged in road work near Brigham's store, and the negroes took advantage of an opportune moment to make their getaway. Mr. Ed Dalashmit was in charge of the men.

—The Covington Bakery is now prepared to serve lunches and short orders to the public, having installed this week several new tables in a portion of their building set aside for a restaurant in connection with the bakery business. They also have a conveniently arranged lunch counter. When completed the restaurant will be modern and sanitary in every respect.

—At a meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian Missionary Society at Gainsville on Tuesday afternoon the work of the Red Cross in Tipton county was discussed. The ladies unanimously decided that they would hold all-day meetings once a month to sew for needy children of our own and foreign lands. This is the first production committee to be reorganized in Tipton county. Mrs. W. A. Cothran is chairman.

—Mr. E. W. Holloway, of the Mt. Carmel community, was assaulted, it is charged, with knives in a difficulty with Tom Rosson and Clifton Sawyers, Tuesday morning. The men, it is stated, had a misunderstanding over the settlement of a trade between them. As a result Holloway was slashed across the forehead and the neck by his assailants, according to reports. However, his wounds are not serious.

—Mary Frances, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hunt, of this city, was run down by an automobile Monday afternoon driven by Mrs. Tom Hanna, and sustained a broken bone in the lower left limb. The accident occurred about 5 o'clock on South Main street, where several children were skating. She had on a pair of rollers also, and it is thought, without noticing the approaching car, skated in front of it before it could be stopped.

—Miss Ruby Bringle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lark Bringle, of this city, who has been making her home in Memphis for the past several months, is preparing to leave for Brooklyn, N. Y., at an early date to pursue a post-graduate course in the eye, ear, nose and throat hospital in that city and will specialize in that work upon completion of training. She is a graduate nurse and was engaged by the Lucy Brinkley Hospital while in Memphis.

—News was received here last week of the death of Mr. William B. Holmes, which occurred last Wednesday in Zion City, Ill. He was the son of Rev. James Holmes, brother of the late George D. Holmes and Mrs. Anna W. Pattison. He was born and reared in this county, where he is remembered by many old friends, especially his fellow soldiers of the Civil war. Of his father's family, only one now remains, Capt. James P. Holmes, of Greenville, Texas.

—On Friday, October 14, a committee meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John T. Garner to work out plans for the Junior Red Cross pageant to be held November 11. Mrs. R. H. Green, Mrs. Robert Burnett, Mrs. Garner, Miss Mitchell and Miss Hawkins were present. Characters for the pageant were selected and details planned. Practicing will begin at an early date. On the evening of the pageant the two high school literary societies, recently organized, will hold a debate, and the high school chorus will sing.

—Peach and apple blossoms at this season of the year is a rare thing in Tipton county orchards, as well as being contrary to the nature of these fruit trees. But anyway, it is true that such is the case in the orchard of Mr. E. L. McClain, of the Garland community, and Mr. F. S. Roby, of the Pleasant Grove vicinity. Both of these well known farmers called at this office this week and stated that they have trees in bloom and that they bore fruit in the spring and summer. One is an apple tree and the other a peach tree.

LYCEUM COURSE BEGINS FRIDAY

"WINDSOR GIRLS" TO BE FIRST NUMBER

Course Is Brought to Covington Under Auspices of Local Chautauqua Club—Entertainment in Grammar School Auditorium—Six Numbers in All—Program Will Be Varied.

The people of Covington, generally appreciative of high class, moral and refined entertainment, will have the advantage of an exceptional Lyceum course in the Grammar School auditorium, beginning Friday night, October 21.

The course includes a series of performances of the highest order by musicians, both vocal and instrumental, talented readers, a male quartet, cartoonists and various other fetes in artistry. The program for each presentation is arranged so as to make it attractive.

One of the feature entertainments during the course will be the Windsor girls trio, which will be given Friday night. These girls have made an enviable reputation, because they are, first of all, clever artists in their respective lines, and secondly, their program is brilliant from start to finish.

The appearance of the Windsor girls, with their brilliant numbers, their fine ensemble and solo vocal work and their varied instrumental combinations, will mark a musical event here long to be remembered. It is one of the most popular companies now before the public.

Another company that promises to be a big drawing card here is the Cathedral Male Quartet. The men have rare voices and have had the best of training in singing together. They will divide their program into three parts, rendering standard quartet songs, solos and duets. They also have a splendid collection of old and new patriotic songs of America.

The guarantors of the Lyceum course are confident that it will be a very successful event and are hopeful that the proceeds will more than pay the expenses, in which case the local Chautauqua Club will receive the benefit of the money realized above expenses.

High school students are offering season and single tickets for sale at the following prices: Season tickets for adults, \$2.50; for high school students, \$1.50; for grammar school students, \$1; single admission for adults, 50c; high school students, 35c; grammar school pupils, 25c.

DR. BELL SUCCEDES TO PNEUMONIA

Dr. John T. Bell, a former Tipton countian, who resided near Tabernacle, died Sunday morning at his home in Walnut Ridge, Ark., following an illness of about one week. In 1880 he moved from this county to Arkansas, and at the time of his death he had attained 73 years.

Dr. Bell was well known by the older citizens of this county, having spent his earlier life here. He was a member of the Methodist church and was a most estimable Christian gentleman. The funeral and burial took place in Walnut Ridge, the services being conducted by Rev. Mr. Ellison.

Dr. Bell is survived by four children—two sons and two daughters—and a brother, Mr. S. M. Bell, of this city to mourn his death.

WORLD WAR HEROES TO VISIT MEMPHIS

Four of the allies' most famous leaders on land and sea will be the guests of Memphis early in November, if plans instituted by the American Legion post are carried into effect.

The legion has asked officials of the War Department to route Gen. John J. Pershing, Sir David Beattie, first lord of admiralty; Marshal Ferdinand Foch, supreme commander of allied land forces during the war, and Admiral Sims through Memphis when they leave the convention of the American Legion in Kansas City to attend the reunion of the 30th Division in Nashville.

The Kansas City convention will be held October 30 to November 2, and the Nashville reunion will be held November 4 and 5. Gen. Tyson, commander of the Old Hickory Association, of which 30th Division veterans are members, and Frank Bowen, secretary, also have been asked to use their efforts to have the famous leaders in the great world war brought through Memphis.

If successful in their efforts, the Old Hickory Division and local officials of the American Legion will appoint a guard of honor to meet the four commanders in Kansas City and accompany them to Nashville.

—Lloyd Burlison, son of Mr. John Burlison, of the Burlison neighborhood, is reported dangerously ill at the home of his father.

—Mr. L. H. Rogers returned Sunday evening from Nashville, where he formed a connection with J. B. Colt & Co., manufacturers of car-bide lighting systems. Mr. Rogers will have exclusive rights in Tipton, Lauderdale and Shelby counties to market the product.

HOPE FOR PEACEFUL STRIKE SETTLEMENT

RAILROAD AND UNION HEADS HOLD CONFERENCES

Final Decision May Be Reached in Few Days—Leaders Have Hopes That An Agreement Will Be Effected, Thus Averting Serious Tie-up of Railway Transportation Over the Country.

Chicago, October 19.—Preparation for the various moves through which it is hoped the threatened rail strike will be averted were completed today, and tomorrow the peace efforts will be in full swing.

Toright heads of the unions and of the carriers were silently alert with—figuratively speaking—one eye on the conferences tomorrow between the "big five" rail union leaders and the railroad labor board, and the other meetings of officials of 11 unions which have not yet joined the conductors, engineers, trainmen, firemen and switchmen in a strike order. For both sides were agreed that out of these conferences would come the final decision as to whether a general walkout of rail employees would materialize.

In the conference with the labor board rested the possibility of the "big five" being persuaded to cancel their order for a walkout, while in the meetings of the 11 unions, which actually started today, was to be decided whether these organizations, holding the balance of man power through numbering three-fourths of the nearly 2,000,000 rail workers in their membership, would join the "big five" if they walked out October 30 as planned.

While this conference was looked on as the most important of peace moves, the railroad men tonight professed to see signs of a peaceful settlement of the difficulties in the attitude of B. M. Jewell, head of the 476,000 members of the six railway shop crafts organization, and of J. C. Smock, vice-president of the maintenance-of-way union, which numbers 300,000 men.

The shop craft executive council met today, but took no action other than to call in the conference committee of 100. The committee, while having power to call a strike, also is expected to defer action by calling in the 1,000 general chairmen for a meeting Friday, when the final attitude of these groups probably will be made known.

BRIGHTON PHYSICIAN TO HELP NEEDY YOUTH

G. T. Peel, student in the medical school of the University of Tennessee, has been chosen as candidate for the offer of Dr. W. A. L. McLister, of Brighton, to clothe and support a needy youth through the school to a professional education.

A letter written to Dr. McLister, a well known physician in the Brighton district, by Business Manager Hyman, of the medical school, recommended Peel for the honor and suggested an interview between the youth and his potential benefactor.

It was Peel, a husky youngster, who worked his own way through high school after his father and mother died, whose plight opened the campaign to find jobs for meritorious students who wanted to go to school, but could not afford to do so without working after school hours.

The move to find part-time jobs for the 30 students in the medical, pharmaceutical and dental schools, that it is estimated will have to spend their hours of recreation at work, was envisioned by several offers from Memphis business men.

Less than half of the needy youths have been cared for, however.

ENTERTAINS FOR VISITOR

Mrs. J. H. Flippin entertained on Wednesday afternoon in honor of her niece, Mrs. James Thornton, of Fayetteville, Tenn. The guest list included the members of the Wednesday club and a few friends of the honoree, who will be remembered as Miss Elizabeth Bryant.

Sewing was the diversion, and during the afternoon Miss Lina Hamilton gave several vocal selections, which were beautifully rendered.

After a most enjoyable afternoon, a delicious salad course was served.

SHOWER FOR BRIDE-ELECT

Mesdames Robert Miller and Robert Williams were the charming hostesses on Tuesday afternoon at the home of the latter's mother, Mrs. W. H. Bailey, on South Main street, to honor an attractive bride-elect, Miss Lina Hamilton.

The rooms used for the occasion were attractively decorated in wedding bells and cut flowers, the honoree's chair being prettily decorated in maline bows and a keemie bride. Five hundred was the diversion of the afternoon.

In the doorway of the living room was suspended a wedding bell filled with the pretty linen gifts brought by the guests, about 30 in number. As the honoree passed under this a ribbon was drawn and she was showered with the gifts—a beautiful collection of useful things.

After several interesting games a delicious two-course menu was served.